

A guide to the Government for BIA members



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This is a briefing for BIA members which reflects the 2024 General Election. It provides a comprehensive rundown of the government departments relevant to innovative life sciences and biotech and the ministers leading them.

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Results of the election

How does the new Parliament look?

Labour won 411 seats in a landslide victory at the 2024 General Election, and now have a working majority in the House of Commons of 180. The election was the first general election victory for Labour since 2005, and ended the Conservatives' fourteen-year tenure as the primary governing party. The Conservatives won 121 seats, down from 365 at the 2019 General Election. The Liberal Democrats have become the third largest party with 72 seats, ahead of Scottish National Party (SNP) with 9 seats.

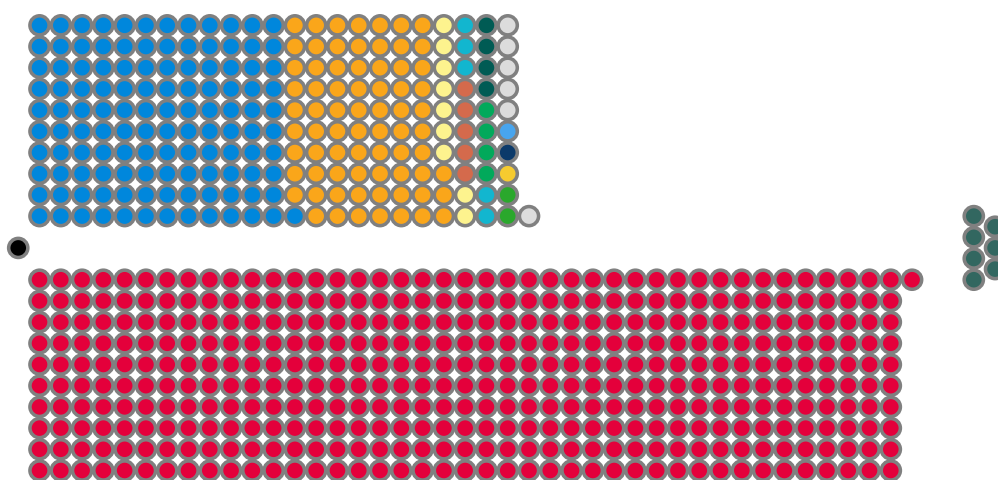


Figure 1: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_the_United_Kingdom#/media/File:House_of_Commons_UK.svg

What are the new Government's priorities?

Prime Minister Keir Starmer has promised to create a [“mission-driven government”](#) with a commitment to deliver on five key missions focussed on economic growth, clean energy, reducing crime, education and the NHS. Labour has also committed to introducing a new industrial strategy with a ‘sectoral approach’, which will involve “working in partnership with industry to seize opportunities and remove barriers to growth.”

The Government has identified life sciences as a priority sector that will play a crucial role in delivering on Labour’s missions to ‘secure the highest sustained growth in the G7’ and ‘build an NHS fit for the future’. Many of Labour’s commitments for life sciences were set out in their [2024 election manifesto](#). Labour also provided a more detailed plan for the life sciences sector in [A Prescription for Growth](#), which was published in January 2024 and [launched with the BIA](#) at the Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst. The plan was developed with input from across the Labour front bench, including Rachel Reeves (HM Treasury), Wes Streeting (Health and Social Care), Peter Kyle (Science, Innovation and Technology) and Jonathan Reynolds (Business and Trade). The plan includes a number of policies that the BIA has advocated for, including around unlocking institutional capital, promoting pro-innovation regulation and reforming the British Business Bank to support innovative sectors. The BIA’s full analysis of A Prescription for Growth is [available here](#).

Key policymakers' profiles

10 Downing Street

Around the PM sits 10 Downing Street, nominally part of the Cabinet Office but with [roughly 300](#) civil servants and special advisers of its own, divided into teams such as the policy unit and comms unit.

Direct access to the PM is difficult, but the advisers and civil servants working in No 10 offer a conduit for getting UK life sciences represented at the highest levels of government.

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP – Prime Minister



Sir Keir Starmer MP became Prime Minister in July 2024 following the general election and is the first Labour PM since 2010. He is credited with moving Labour towards the political centre and reviving its electability, leading the party into election victory.

Starmer has previously undertaken roles such as the Shadow Immigration Minister between 2015 to 2016 and Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union from 2016 to 2020. After former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn resigned following the 2019 election defeat, Starmer was elected as Leader of the Labour Party in 2020.

Throughout his campaign and since becoming PM, it is clear that unlocking growth and delivering stability are at the heart of Starmer's agenda for the UK economy, to [“take the breaks off Britain”](#). Starmer's direction for health policy has drawn on the importance of harnessing advances in [science and technology](#) to transform the NHS, hailing the potential of the life sciences sector and the NHS's vast data resources as key roles in driving innovation.

Before becoming PM, Starmer has been explicit in his support for British life sciences business. Last year, he [met](#) with AstraZeneca's CEO, Pascal Soriot, to discuss how Labour will partner with industry to “turbocharge” Britain's economy. He said the UK life sciences sector is “innovative, productive and contributes billions to the UK economy.”

Outside of politics, the PM has a background in law, qualifying as a barrister in 1987 and becoming a legal advisor to the Northern Ireland Policing Board. In 2008, Starmer was appointed Director of Public Prosecutions and Head of the Crown Prosecution Service, a role he held until 2013. In 2014 he received a knighthood for services to criminal justice. He entered Parliament in 2015 as the Member for Holborn and St Pancras. Many global pharmaceutical companies and UK biotechs are based in his constituency, alongside the Francis Crick Institute and the BIA itself.

Morgan McSweeney – Downing Street Chief of Staff



Morgan McSweeney is the Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer and was formerly Head of Political Strategy at 10 Downing Street. He has been pivotal in shaping Labour's strategy, with reports suggesting he is already planning for a second Labour term in 2029.

McSweeney has been described as Starmer's "most trusted aide" and one of the most influential figures in British politics, particularly within Labour. He played a key role as Campaign Director since 2021, overseeing reforms to Labour's internal structures that sidelined the party's left wing, centralising candidate selection and limiting the influence of Corbyn-aligned members.

Prior to his current role, McSweeney was Director of Labour Together, an organisation he transformed into a strategic force that supported Starmer's 2020 leadership bid. McSweeney also ran Liz Kendall's 2015 leadership campaign and has deep roots in local government, working in Lambeth and on campaigns against the BNP. A long-time Labour member, McSweeney began his political career in 2001 as an intern, rising through the ranks to become a key figure in the party.

Tom Webb - Senior adviser to the PM on health and social care



Tom Webb holds the position of the senior adviser on health and social care in Number 10, making him Starmer's right-hand man on all things health policy. Webb is expected to work closely with Ministers in the Department for Health and Social Care to support Labour's delivery on its promises for the NHS and Starmer on his new mission boards, particularly on Labour's mission to fix and reform the NHS.

Prior to this role, Webb worked as Labour's Director of Policy and Research during Starmer's time as leader of the opposition. The role involved coordinating Labour's domestic policy and supporting Starmer with weekly preparations for Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs). Previously, Webb worked as a civil servant in the Cabinet Office implementation unit between 2014 and 2017.

Cabinet Office

Sitting at the centre of government, the Cabinet Office supports the work of the PM and their Cabinet. It supports cross-government working, promotes efficiency and reform, and takes the lead on critical policy issues.

The BIA's engagement with the Cabinet Office includes:

- *Biological security*
- *National security*

The Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP – Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster



Pat McFadden MP was appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in July 2024. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is a member of the Cabinet Office with oversight of all of the Government's major areas of interest and a remit to enforce standards of government. After the Prime Minister, McFadden is the most senior minister in the Cabinet.

McFadden holds a powerful position within Cabinet, providing him with cross-government oversight on the delivery of the government's priorities and missions. He will likely play a key role in coordinating cross-government initiatives, including in the critical area of national security and resilience, a growing global challenge with implications for the life sciences sector.

Since entering Cabinet, McFadden [said](#) that he will lead a review of the UK's national resilience against risks facing the UK and will chair a Cabinet Committee to oversee this work. This follows the [publication](#) of Baroness Hallet's report on the first module of the [UK COVID-19 Inquiry](#), which confirmed that there were significant flaws in the UK's pandemic preparedness. In his statement, McFadden emphasised that global health security is an essential element of national security.

McFadden has been the MP for Wolverhampton South East since May 2005, and was appointed Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Labour's National Campaign Co-ordinator in September 2023. Previously, McFadden held the roles of Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2021-2023) and Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury (2020-2021). He also served in Tony Blair's Government, including as Minister for Employment Relations and Postal Affairs. Prior to becoming an MP, he worked in several advisory roles for Tony Blair, both in opposition and government, including as the Prime Minister's Political Secretary from 2002 to 2005.

HM Treasury

HM Treasury is arguably the most important department, overseeing public spending across government as well as taxation. HMT monitors day-to-day spending as well as issuing long term guidance through documents like the Green Book.

The BIA's engagement with HM Treasury includes:

- *Unlocking pension funds to invest in the innovative life sciences*
- *Ensuring that the UK's R&D tax credit regime and the broader tax system supports the life sciences sector*
- *Increasing public and private investment in the life sciences*

Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP – Chancellor of the Exchequer



Rachel Reeves MP became the first female Chancellor of the Exchequer following Labour's win in the July 2024 election.

As Chancellor, Reeves is responsible for fiscal and monetary policy with oversight of setting inflation targets and presenting of the annual budget. Delivering economic stability is at the forefront of Reeves' agenda in order to grow the economy and keep taxes and mortgages as low as possible. In her first [speech](#) as Chancellor, Reeves set out the first steps she will take to deliver on her economic growth mission, including introducing a "modern industrial strategy". BIA's CEO Steve Bates was among a small group of business leaders invited to the first speech and had the opportunity to speak with Rachel briefly afterwards.

Reeves and her team were closely involved in the development of Labour's [A Prescription for Growth](#), which sets out the party's plans for the life sciences sector. In her foreword to the document, Reeves highlighted that the life sciences sector "has a huge role to play in Britain's economic future". She formally launched the plan at Labour's Business Conference in February 2024, using her [speech](#) to describe the life science sector as "the very model for successful partnership between government, industry, and higher education."

Reeves has represented Leeds West and Pudsey (formerly Leeds West) since May 2010. During this time, she held roles including Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (2013-2015) and Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2011-2013). Following Keir Starmer's appointment as Labour Leader in April 2020 Reeves was appointed Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and then Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer in May 2021.

Prior to entering Parliament, Reeves worked as an economist for the Bank of England between 2000 and 2006, having read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at the University of Oxford and completed an MSc in economics at the London School of Economics.

The Rt Hon Darren Jones MP – Chief Secretary to the Treasury



Darren Jones became Chief Secretary to the Treasury following Labour's win at the July 2024 general election. In this role, Jones attends cabinet alongside the Chancellor, and is responsible for public expenditure, including spending reviews and capital investment.

Jones has held the seat of Bristol North West seat since 2017 and was appointed Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury in 2023. During this time, he took an interest in BIA's Deep Biotech work, requested a briefing. He rose to prominence as Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee, where he oversaw inquiries into post-pandemic economic growth, decarbonisation, and the

Investment Security Unit, among others.

Jones has experience in technology policy from his stint as a data lawyer. He was Vice Chair of the Data Analytics APPG from 2019 to 2023 specifically focusing on how to build public trust on tech policy. Jones was a founder of the Interparliamentary Forum on Emerging Technologies, a global network of legislators which hosts roundtables on policy and AI.

Lord Livermore – Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Growth Minister)



Lord Livermore became Financial Secretary to the Treasury (FST) following the July 2024 general election. The FST is the Growth Minister, responsible for growth, productivity, investment, industrial strategy and innovation. He will be a key stakeholder for the BIA's ongoing advocacy around unlocking from pension funds to invest in innovative life science companies.

Lord Livermore read Economics in 1996 at London School of Economics before becoming a Senior Advisor to the labour campaigns in 1997, 2001 and 2005. He was a specialist advisor to HM Treasury followed by Chief Strategy Adviser to Gordon Brown as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 2003 to 2007. Lord Livermore was then appointed as Director of Political Strategy for the Prime Minister's Office during 2007 to 2008. He joined the House of Lords in 2015.

Tulip Siddiq MP – Economic Secretary to the Treasury (City Minister)



Tulip Siddiq MP became Economic Secretary to the Treasury (EST) in July 2024 following the general election. The EST is the City Minister, responsible for financial services.

As EST, Siddiq is responsible for all financial services policy, reform and regulation, as well as personal savings and pensions tax, foreign exchange reserves and debt management policy, national savings and investment. Siddiq is the parliamentary deputy on economy issues and supports the Chancellor with her overall responsibility for appointments.

Siddiq has been the MP for Hampstead and Kilburn (formerly Hampstead and Highgate) since 2015. She held a number of roles in opposition, including Shadow City Minister (2021-24) and Shadow Education Minister (2020-2021). She read English Literature at University College London, prior to completing a Master's degree in Politics at Kings College London.

James Murray MP – Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury (Tax Minister)



James Murray MP was appointed Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury following the July 2024 general election. In this role, he is responsible for the UK tax system, meaning he will be an important stakeholder for the BIA's ongoing work on the R&D tax relief regime for innovative life science SMEs.

Murray has been the MP for Ealing North since 2019, and became a Shadow Treasury Minister in October 2020, playing a key role in communicating Labour's economic policy. Prior to entering Parliament, he was Deputy Mayor of London for Housing from 2016 to 2019, and a councillor in Islington from 2006 to 2016. He studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Wadham College, Oxford.

In the late 2000s, Murray was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a rare neurological disease that causes muscle weakness, and he has [spoken in Parliament](#) about the importance of the NHS in diagnosing and treating his condition.

Emma Reynolds MP – Parliamentary Secretary (Pensions Minister)



Emma Reynolds was appointed Parliamentary Secretary and Pensions Minister at HM Treasury and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in July 2024 following the general election. As Pensions Minister, Reynolds is in a key role for the BIA's agenda to unlock pension funds to increase investment in innovative sectors of the UK economy, including life sciences and biotech.

Reynolds has been the MP for Wycombe since 2024, and was previously the MP for Wolverhampton North East from 2010 to 2019. Reynolds held a number of positions in Ed Miliband's shadow cabinet, including as Shadow Housing Minister, Shadow Europe Minister and Shadow Foreign Office Minister.

She was defeated in the 2019 election by the Conservatives' Jane Stevenson, and from 2020-2024 she was Managing Director of Public Affairs, Policy and Research at TheCityUK, the industry body for the financial services industry. During this time, the BIA worked with Reynolds on unlocking pension fund investment through the Life Sciences Scale-Up Taskforce, which TheCityUK were founding members of.

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

The creation of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) in February 2023 gave our sector a seat at the Cabinet table, demonstrating the importance of science and innovation. The Office for Life Sciences, which is BIA's primary point of government engagement, sits within DSIT and is shared with the Department for Health and Social Care.

The BIA's engagement with DSIT includes:

- *Access to finance*
- *The R&D budget, including UKRI and Innovate UK*
- *Skills and talent*
- *Association with Horizon Europe*
- *Strategic technologies, including engineering biology*

The Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP – Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology



Peter Kyle MP was appointed Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology in July 2024. Kyle has overall responsibility for the Department which includes online safety, economic and national security, skills and talent, research bureaucracy, R&D budget, regulation, Horizon Europe and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

Kyle was closely involved in the development and launch of Labour's [Prescription for Growth](#), which sets out the party's plans for the life sciences sector. The plan was launched by Kyle and Wes Streeting at the Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst in January 2023, as part of a visit arranged by the BIA. He and Streeting have stressed their commitment to work together to support

the life sciences sector and took a joint briefing from the Office for Life Sciences leadership just days after taking office.

Kyle has been the MP for Hove and Portslade (formerly Hove) since 2015 and was appointed Shadow Secretary State for Science, Innovation and Technology in September 2023. He also held a number of other positions while in opposition, including Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Shadow Minister for Schools. Prior to entering Parliament, Kyle was Chief Executive of Working for Youth, a charity helping unemployed young people, and prior to that he was Deputy Chief Executive of ACEVO, a membership organisation representing charity leaders.

Lord Vallance of Balham KCB– Minister of State (Minister for Science, Research and Innovation)



Lord Vallance was appointed Minister for Science, Research and Innovation after the July 2024 election. In this role, he holds primary responsibility for life sciences policy in the UK. He is also responsible for UKRI, international science and research (including association with Horizon Europe), the Innovation Strategy, and engineering biology, which was identified as an area of focus for DSIT.

Lord Vallance was previously Government Chief Scientific Adviser (GCSA) from April 2018 to April 2023. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he chaired the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and was instrumental in advising the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers on issues relating to science. Lord Vallance was also heavily involved in the [Vaccine Taskforce](#), a collaboration between government, academia and industry to help rapidly find a vaccine against COVID-19. He was responsible for providing the Taskforce with the clinical leadership needed. BIA CEO Steve Bates worked closely with Vallance as a founding member of the Vaccine Taskforce. [The BIA industry-led vaccine manufacturing taskforce workstream](#) reported directly into Vallance.

Prior to becoming GCSA, Lord Vallance worked at GSK as President for R&D from 2012 until 2017. He joined GSK in 2006 and previously held the role of Senior Vice President, Medicines Discovery and Development. During his period as head of R&D, many new medicines were approved for use worldwide, for diseases ranging from cancer and rare diseases in children, to asthma and HIV. Prior to joining GSK, he was a clinical academic and professor, and led the Division of Medicine at UCL.

Sir Chris Bryant MP - Minister of State (Minister for Data Protection and Telecomms)



Sir Chris Bryant was appointed Minister for Data Protection and Telecomms at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) in July 2024. He also holds the role of Minister for Creative Industries, Arts of Tourism at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

Bryant has been the MP for Rhondda and Ogmore (previously Rhondda) since 2001, and was previously Shadow Minister for the Creative Industries and Digital. From 2020 to 2023, he was Chair of the House of Commons Committees of Standards and Privileges from 2020 to 2023. He also served in Gordon Brown's government, including as Minister for Europe (2009-2010) and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons (2008-2009).

Feryal Clark MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for AI and Digital Government)



Feryal Clark was appointed Minister for AI and Digital Government at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) on 9 July 2024. Her ministerial responsibilities include AI transparency and ethics, AI regulation, AI opportunities and the Intellectual Property Office (IPO).

As the DSIT minister responsible for AI and IP, Clark will be key to the BIA's work in ensuring investment in the UK's health data infrastructure to fully harness AI, as well as upholding the UK's strong pro-innovation approach to IP protection.

Clark has been the Labour MP for Enfield North since December 2019. She held a number of roles while in opposition, including Shadow Minister for Primary Care and Patient Safety (2021-2023) and Shadow Minister for Crime Reduction (2023-2024). Clark studied Bioinformatics at Exeter University.

Baroness Jones of Whitchurch – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for the Future Digital Economy and Online Safety)



Baroness Jones of Whitchurch holds the role of Minister for the Future Digital Economy and Online Safety, shared between DSIT and DBT. In this role, she is responsible for online safety, technology policy and investment, national security and resilience, and the Digital Markets Unit.

Baroness Jones joined the House of Lords in 2006 where she served as Shadow Spokesperson for a number of areas, including Science, Innovation and Technology (2023-2024), during which time BIA met with her to brief her on Deep Biotech. She was also Shadow Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2015-2022), Education (2011-2015) and Culture, Media and Sport (2010-2014). She was previously a trade union official, including as Director of Policy and Public Affairs for UNISON from 1994 to 2006.

Department of Health and Social Care

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is a crucial stakeholder for the BIA, overseeing the NHS and the overall direction of health policy in the UK. The Office for Life Sciences, which is BIA's primary point of government engagement, sits within DHSC and is shared with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

Particular topics of engagement with DHSC include:

- *Supporting the UK's clinical trial infrastructure*
- *Improving patient access to innovative new medicines*
- *Sponsorship of key organisations like the MHRA and NICE*
- *Embedding genomics within the NHS and improving health data access*
- *Pandemic preparedness, including the work of UKHSA*

The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP – Secretary of State for Health and Social Care



Wes Streeting became Health and Social Care Secretary in July 2024 following the general election. He has been the MP for Ilford North since 2015.

Streeting is responsible for delivering Labour's mission to 'Build an NHS fit for the future' and holds the brief for overall financial control and oversight of NHS delivery and performance.

Streeting was involved in the development and launch of Labour's [A Prescription for Growth](#), which sets out the party's plans for the life sciences sector. The plan was launched by Streeting and Peter Kyle at the Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst in January 2023, as part of a visit arranged by the BIA.

In his first statement as Health Secretary, Streeting announced that the ["NHS is broken"](#) and has subsequently appointed former health minister, Professor Lord Ara Darzi, to lead an independent [investigation](#) into the NHS to uncover and address issues to inform the government's 10-year plan for NHS reforms.

Since being in post, Streeting has stressed his [plans](#) to ensure DHSC is a department of economic growth. At a [Tony Blair Institute for Global Change conference](#) on July 9 he said that he will ensure "the NHS works hand in hand with life sciences research institutions and medical technology companies" to "make the UK a life sciences and medical technology powerhouse". He also joined Science Secretary Peter Kyle at a [joint introductory meeting](#) with OLS to discuss collaborative efforts in making Britain a powerhouse for life sciences and medical technology, demonstrating an intention for a close working relationship between DSIT and DHSC which is crucial for BIA members across the life science ecosystem.

As Shadow Health Secretary, Streeting often [spoke about](#) the importance of prevention within the NHS and his anticipated DHSC appointment will likely signal a greater focus on preventative health policy. He has also previously [voiced](#) that the NHS is not "anywhere near the full potential" of partnering with the life sciences industry on clinical trials and adopting new treatments, suggesting that Labour will seek to enhance industry partnerships.

In May 2021, Streeting revealed he had been diagnosed with kidney cancer and would be stepping back from frontline politics while he received treatment for it. He often speaks of his first-hand experience of NHS failings during this time. He was appointed Shadow Health Secretary shortly after this in 2021. Prior to that, Streeting's held other shadow ministerial roles including Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury. He

holds a degree in History from the University of Cambridge and was previously a Labour councillor on Redbridge London Borough Council.

Karin Smyth MP – Minister of State (Minister for Secondary Care)



Karin Smyth MP was appointed as a Minister of State in DHSC following the July 2024 general election. Smyth's portfolio includes general system oversight, NHS workforce challenges, medicines including regulation pricing and supply, NHS data and technology, and sponsorship of NICE, NHS England, and the MHRA.

In her first speech as a minister at a [Health Foundation conference](#), Smyth spoke about the power of AI to get the NHS back on its feet, diagnose illness earlier, treat it faster, and save thousands of lives. Smyth previously served as Labour's Shadow Minister for Health leading on NHS reform, and has focused on building an [NHS fit for the future](#) by ensuring it meets the needs of a changing society and reduces inequalities in health outcomes.

From 2016 to 2017, Smyth was PPS to Keir Starmer during his time as Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. Before entering politics, Smyth worked in several managerial roles within the NHS, focused on improving service delivery and operational efficiency, most recently for the NHS Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group. She was a Non-Executive Director at the Bristol North Primary Care Trust and also contributed to the planning of the new South Bristol Community Hospital. Smyth has been the Member for Bristol South since May 2015 and studied Economics and Social Studies at East Anglia University.

Stephen Kinnock MP- Minister of State (Minister for Social Care)



Stephen Kinnock MP was appointed as Minister for Social Care in July 2024. In addition to social care, Kinnock also holds responsibility for primary care and health and social care integration. Prior to Labour's election victory, he served as Shadow Minister for Immigration since February 2022.

During his parliamentary tenure Kinnock has advocated for maintaining strong relationships with European and international partners and demonstrated interest in areas of economic development, industrial strategy, and Brexit. His recent appointment could signal a stronger move towards aligning with EU policy.

Kinnock's career spans both political and professional fields, including roles in international business and diplomatic affairs. He has previously worked for the World Economic Forum as Head of Europe and Central Asia and as managing director of global leadership and technology exchange at business advisory company Xynteo AS. Kinnock entered Parliament in 2015 as the MP for Aberafan Maesteg. He holds a degree in French and Spanish from the University of Cambridge and

a Master's degree in advanced European studies from the College of Europe. Kinnock joined the Labour Party at the age of 15, a time when his father, Neil Kinnock, was Leader of the Labour Party.

Andrew Gwynne MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Public Health and Prevention)



Andrew Gwynne MP became a Junior Minister at DHSC as part of the July 2024 general election. He was previously Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care, most recently holding the brief for Social Care.

Under Gwynne's new ministerial brief, he will take responsibility for health protection including COVID-19, pandemic preparedness and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), international including World Health Organization (WHO), EU and trade, and major conditions including rare diseases. He also holds sponsorship of UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and Food Standards Agency (FSA).

Since his appointment, Gwynne has [said](#) he will aim to tackle health inequalities, ensuring the adoption of a “laser-like focus on prevention” across the health system to fundamentally improve people's lives. Gwynne's new appointment as Minister for Public Health and Prevention reinforces the governments emphasis and focus on prioritising prevention to tackle current challenges facing the healthcare system.

Gwynne entered Parliament in 2005 and is currently the MP for Gorton and Denton. He has held a number of opposition posts including Shadow Health Minister from 2011 to 2016. He served under Corbyn as Shadow Minister without Portfolio from 2016 to 2017, and was Labour's Party Co-National Campaign Coordinator from 2017 to 2020. In November 2021, he returned to his former role as Shadow Minister for Public Health, and in 2023 was appointed Shadow Minister for Social Care.

Baroness Merron – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health)



Baroness Gillian Merron was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the DHSC in July 2024. In addition to her patient safety, women's health and mental health brief, Merron will be overseeing important policy areas for our sector, including life sciences and innovation (including genomics, medtech and regulation), research (including clinical trials), and sponsorship for the Health Research Authority (HRA).

Merron entered the House of Lords in 2021 following a nomination for a life peerage and held the position of Opposition Whip and Shadow Health Spokesperson from 2021 to 2024. As Shadow Health Spokesperson in the Lords, she has spoken on various topics including cancer services diagnosis, health disparities, NHS workforce, and the role of community pharmacies.

Merron has held various government and opposition posts in both houses. Her first role in government was Assistant Government Whip from 2002 to 2004. She was also Lord Commissioner of the Treasury from 2004 to 2006, and in 2009 she was appointed Minister for Public Health at the Department of Health.

From 1997 to 2010, Merron was the MP for Lincoln. She holds a degree in Management Sciences from Lancaster University Management School and has previous experience of working in local government.

Department for Business and Trade

The Department for Business Trade (DBT) supports business to invest, grow and export. Although DBT no longer takes responsibility for life sciences specifically, the department remains an important stakeholder for the BIA on topics including:

- *Support for UK businesses, particularly innovative SMEs who need support starting and scaling up*
- *Sponsorship of the British Business Bank*
- *Working to increase foreign investment by advertising UK life sciences abroad*
- *Developing trade strategy and negotiating free trade agreements*

The Rt Hon Jonathon Reynolds MP – Secretary of State for Business and Trade



Jonathon Reynolds MP was appointed Secretary of State for Business and Trade and President of the Board of Trade on 5 July 2024.

As Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Reynolds is responsible for overall delivery and strategy, cross government business and engagement, public appointments, FTA negotiations, mandates and decisions, WTO, G7 and G20 ministerial meetings and overseas network. Reynolds has been central to Labour's work in developing a new industrial strategy, which at the core of the government's growth agenda. Speaking at the [ABPI Conference in 2023](#), Reynolds said that "a serious, consistent, and committed industrial strategy is the best way to grow the UK as a global life sciences hub." Reynolds has also

committed to supporting UK SMEs, as set out in [Labour's Plan for Small Business](#), which he [launched](#) in November 2023.

Reynolds has been the MP for Stalybridge and Hyde since 2010, and held multiple positions in opposition, including Shadow Secretary of State for Business and Trade (2021-2024), Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (2020-2021) and Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury (2016-2020). He was also Chair of the Science and Technology Committee between 2010 and 2012. Before entering Parliament, he was a council in Tameside Council and as a political assistant to the previous Stalybridge and Hyde MP James Purnell.

The Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP – Minister of State (Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security)



Douglas Alexander MP was appointed Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security at the Department for Business and Trade in July 2024. He was elected as the MP for Lothian East in 2024 and was previously the MP for Paisley and Renfrewshire South (formerly Paisley South) between 1997 and 2015.

As the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, Alexander will be overseeing border and trade rules and negotiations for UK free trade agreements. He also holds responsibility for UK-EU trade and cooperation agreement implementation, Mutual Recognition Agreements, the Windsor Framework, investor treaties and disputes, investor screening, WTO, G7, G20, OECD and Common wealth, trade remedies, tariffs and disputes, and global supply chains.

Alexander served in the the Tony Blair and Gordon Brown governments, and held positions including Secretary of State for International Development (2007-2010), Secretary of State for Transport (2006-2007), Minister for Europe (2005-2006) and Minister for Trade (2004-2005).

Sarah Jones MP – Minister of State (Minister for Industry)



Sarah Jones MP holds the position as Minister of State (Minister for Industry) for the Department for Business and Trade as well as the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).

Jones' responsibilities for DBT include advanced manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, defence, consumer goods, chemicals and plastics. Her responsibilities for the DESNZ include Office for Clean Energy Jobs, green finance, green jobs and skills and green growth sectors. Jones will be a key minister for the BIA's Deep Biotech members using engineering biology to develop innovations which can mitigate threats to global sustainability.

Jones has been the MP for Croydon West since 2017 and held a number of positions in opposition, including Shadow Minister for Industry and Decarbonisation, Shadow Policing Minister and Shadow Housing Minister.

Gareth Thomas MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports)



Gareth Thomas MP was appointed as Minister for Services, Small Businesses and Exports at the Department for Business and Trade in July 2024. His responsibilities include small businesses, scale-ups, access to finance, export strategy, outward direct investment UK Export Finance and trade envoys.

Thomas has been the MP for Harrow West since 1997. He served in the government of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, including as Minister for Trade, Investment and Consumer Affairs (2008-2010). He also held shadow ministerial positions, including as Shadow Minister for International Trade (2020-2024), Shadow Minister for Europe (2013-2014) and Shadow Minister for Higher Education and Science (2010-2011).

Justin Madders MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets)



Justin Madders MP was appointed Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets for the Department of Business and Trade in July 2024.

Madders' responsibilities include competition policy, corporate governance and subsidy control. He is also responsible for public bodies including Companies House, the Competition and Markets Authority, the Financial Reporting Council and the Regulatory Policy Committee.

Madders has been the MP for Ellesmere Port and Bromborough (previously Ellesmere Port and Neston) since 2015. He held a number of roles in opposition, including Shadow Minister for Business and Levelling Up (2023-2024), Shadow Minister for Employment Rights and the Labour Market (2021-2023) and Shadow Minister for Secondary Care, Workforce and Patient Health (2020-2021). Before entering politics, Madders worked as a solicitor, specialising in employment law.

Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

The BIA's engagement with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office includes:

- *UK-EU relations*
- *National and biological security*

The Rt Hon David Lammy MP – Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs



David Lammy MP became Foreign Secretary following the July 2024 general election. Lammy takes responsibility for all FCDO business, including foreign policy and the National Security Council. In an [early statement after taking office](#), he highlighted pharmaceuticals as an area of opportunity for an improved relationship with the EU, saying “post-pandemic, we are very aware of our capability in health, in pharmaceuticals and in higher education. So there, I think we are talking about things that Europe wants to talk to us about.”

Over his parliamentary career, Lammy has held a number of ministerial positions including within the New Labour government, as the youngest Minister in the Department of Health under Tony Blair, before returning to the backbench until 2020. He was later appointed Shadow Foreign Secretary in 2021.

As Shadow Foreign Secretary, Lammy sought to cement Labour's position as being strongly internationalist, in favour of NATO and ready to stand with allies against international actors such as Russia, China and Iran. Lammy has been the Labour MP for Tottenham since 2000. He studied law at the School of Oriental and African Studies Law School and was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales in 1994.

Home Office

The BIA's engagement with the Home Office includes:

- *Immigration and visas for skilled workers*
- *Regulation of animal research (responsible minister not known at time of publication)*
- *National and biological security*

The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP – Secretary of State for the Home Department



Yvette Cooper MP was appointed Home Secretary in July 2024. Her role includes overall responsibility for Home Office business, as well as oversight of the Security Services.

Cooper has been the MP for Pontefract, Castleford and Knottingley since 1997. She served in the governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, including as Minister for Housing and Planning (2005-2008), Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2008-2009) and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (2009-2010). While in opposition, she was elected Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee in October 2016, and held this role until she was appointed Shadow Home Secretary in Starmer's shadow cabinet in November 2021.

Cooper read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at the University of Oxford and completed a Master's in Economics at the London School of Economics. Before entering Parliament, she was the chief economics correspondent at the Independent. She is married to former Chancellor Ed Balls.

Seema Malhotra MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Migration and Citizenship)



Seema Malhotra MP was appointed Minister for Migration and Citizenship at the Home Office in July 2024. Her responsibilities include Immigration Rules and visa policy.

The BIA engages with the Home Office on immigration to ensure that life science companies can attract the talent they need in order to grow.

Malhotra entered Parliament in 2011, representing Feltham and Heston. Her previous shadow ministerial roles include a stint as Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (2021-2023) and Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury (2015-2016). Prior to entering Parliament, she worked as a management consultant.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

With more and more BIA companies working within the emerging bioeconomy, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has become an increasingly important stakeholder.

The BIA's engagement with Defra includes:

- *Access and benefit sharing of genetic resources (including the Nagoya Protocol)*
- *Genetic technologies and agritech*

The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs



Steve Reed OBE MP was appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 5 July 2024. He has overall responsibility for the Department and is specifically responsible for economic growth.

In opposition, Reed has been a Shadow Minister almost continuously since 2013. He has served in the Home Office, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and the Department for Education. He was the Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2020-2021), Justice (2021-2023), and Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2023-2024).

His career began in educational publishing, and he held the position of branch secretary of his trade union. Reed entered politics through local government, serving as Leader of Lambeth Council for over six years before he was elected to Parliament in 2012. In 2013, he was awarded an OBE for his services to local government.

Daniel Zeichner MP – Minister of State (Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs)



Daniel Zeichner MP was appointed Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on Monday 8 July. His responsibilities include food security and agricultural science and innovation.

As the MP for Cambridge, a life sciences cluster, Zeichner has been a prominent champion for our sector in Parliament. He previously held the role of Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Life Sciences, to which BIA provides the secretariat. He has engaged with the BIA on a range of topics, including the voluntary scheme for branded medicines and the Genetic Technology Act.

Zeichner entered Parliament in 2015, and held roles in opposition including Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2020-2024), and Shadow Minister for Transport (2015-2017). Before becoming an MP, Zeichner worked for the trade union UNISON and was a Labour councillor.

Emma Hardy MP - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding)



Emma Hardy MP was appointed Minister for Water and Flooding after the 2024 general election. Her responsibilities include chemicals, REACH, pesticides, Net Zero, climate change and adaptation. She is also the lead for the Environment Agency.

In opposition Hardy held roles including PPS to Keir Starmer as Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Shadow Minister for Education (Further Education and Universities) (2020-2021), and Shadow Minister for Flooding, Oceans and Coastal Communities (2023-2024).

Beginning her career as a teacher, she moved into politics through her involvement with the National Union of Teachers. She served as Hessle town councillor from 2015 to 2017 and was elected as the MP for Kingston upon Hull West and Haltemprice in 2017.

Baroness Hayman of Ullock - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lords Minister)



Baroness Hayman was appointed as Lords Minister at Defra in July 2024. In this role, Hayman has responsibility for biosecurity and plant health, and is the lead for the Animal and Plant Health Agency.

Hayman was the MP for Workington from 2015 to 2019. During that time, she served as Opposition Whip (2015-2016), Shadow Minister for Flooding and Coastal Communities (2016-2017), and Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2017 – 2019). She lost her seat in the 2019 general election and was raised to the peerage as Baroness Hayman of Ullock in 2020. In the Lords, Hayman has held various roles including Opposition Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

As the BIA's Deep Biotech membership grows, engagement with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) will be vital. We aim to engage with the Department on matters including:

- *Science and innovation for climate and energy*
- *Net Zero Strategy and investment*
- *Green industries and transition*

Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP – Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero



Ed Miliband MP was appointed Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on 5 July 2024. Elected as the MP for Doncaster North in May 2005, Miliband has had a long and varied political career, most notably serving as Leader of the Opposition from 2010 to 2015. He led the Labour Party through the 2015 General Election, which they lost to David Cameron's Conservative Party.

Miliband first served as Minister for the Cabinet Office in 2007, followed by his role as Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change from 2008 to 2010. During this period, he was instrumental in introducing the world-leading Climate Change Act 2008, legislating for an 80% reduction in UK emissions by 2050, surpassing the initially proposed 60 percent target.

In the Shadow Cabinet, Miliband held several key positions, including Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero (2021-2024) and Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (2020-2021). As Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, he championed accelerated climate action, advocating for a Green New Deal to invest in green industries and ensure a just transition.

Kerry McCarthy MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Climate)



Kerry McCarthy MP was appointed Minister for Climate at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero in July 2024. Her role includes responsibility for science and innovation for climate strategy, meaning she will be a key minister for the BIA's members working in the Deep Biotech space.

Kerry has been the MP for Bristol East since 2005, and held several posts while in opposition, including Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Net Zero (2022-2024), Shadow Minister for Transport (2020-2021) and Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2015-2016). Before entering politics, Kerry worked as a lawyer.

The Rt Hon Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE – Minister of State (Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero)



Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE was appointed Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero in July 2024. He is responsible for all departmental business in the House of Lords.

Lord Hunt was awarded a peerage in 1997, having been the first chief executive of the NHS Confederation from 1996 to 1997, and director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts (NAHAT) from its formation in 1990. He held a number of ministerial roles in the governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, including in the Department of Health, Department of Work and Pensions, and Department of Energy and Climate Change. Lord Hunt also held several posts while in opposition, including as Shadow Spokesperson

of Health from 2012 to 2017. He has a keen interest in life sciences and has engaged regularly with the BIA on a number of topics of importance to our sector.

Department for Education

The BIA's engagement with the Department for Education (DfE) includes:

- *Apprenticeships in the life sciences, including through reform of the apprenticeship levy*
- *Attracting and developing talent to support of growth of the life sciences sector*

The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP - Secretary of State for Education



Bridget Phillipson MP was appointed Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities in July 2024. Her responsibilities include apprenticeships and skills, higher education, and further education.

Since her appointment, Phillipson announced the launch of [Skills England](#) to bring together the fractured skills landscape and create a shared national ambition to boost the nation's skills. She has also appointed Richard Pennycook CBE, lead non-executive director at the DfE, as the interim Chair.

In 2023, Phillipson was selected by Starmer to lead Labour's mission on breaking down the barriers to opportunity. The mission included reforming the childcare and education systems, build young people's life skills, and expand high quality education, employment, and training routes by 2035.

Between 2020 to 2021 she also served as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Phillipson entered Parliament in 2010, representing Houghton and Sunderland South. Prior to entering Parliament she worked in local government and at a domestic abuse charity.

The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith – Minister of State (Minister for Skills)



Baroness Jacqui Smith became the Minister for Skills in the Department for Education in July 2024. Smith is a member of the House of Lords and was formerly the MP for Redditch between 1997 to 2010.

In her role, Smith is responsible for a number of areas with implications for the life science sector and its skill gaps, particularly apprenticeships including the growth and skills levy, and higher technical education.

Smith will also oversee the newly launched [Skills England](#), a new body that will bring together key partners to identify current and future skills gaps with the aim of meeting the skills needs of the next decade and providing strategic oversight of the post-16 skills system aligned to the government's Industrial Strategy. Smith has [said](#) that Skills England will help to "promote growth and opportunity".

Smith served in the governments of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, including as Home Secretary (2007-2009), Chief Whip (2006-2007) and Minister for Schools (2005-2006). Outside of Parliament, she has worked as a broadcaster and political commentator, and in 2021 she was appointed as chair both Barts Health NHS Trust and Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

The BIA's engagement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government includes:

- *Improving the supply of laboratory space for scaling UK life science companies*

The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP – Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government



Angel Rayner MP was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government following Labour's victory at the July 2024 general election.

Within her role as Secretary of State for Housing, Rayner is expected to oversee Labour's commitment to reform national planning policy to "ensure the planning system meets the needs of a modern economy", including by making it easier to build laboratories, as detailed in Labour's [2024 election manifesto](#).

Rayner has been the MP for Ashton-under-Lyne since 2015 and was elected Shadow Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in April 2020. Before entering Parliament, she was a trade union official at Unison.

Summary of Ministers, parliamentary aides, and advisors relevant to the life science sector

Department	Position	Holder	Relevant responsibility
Number 10	Prime Minister	The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP	
	Downing Street Chief of Staff	Morgan McSweeney	Senior aide to the Prime Minister
	Deputy Chief of Staff/ Political Director at 10 Downing Street	Vidhya Alakeson	
	PPS to the Prime Minister	Ninjeri Pandit	
	Head of Policy & Briefing Unit	Stuart Ingham	Adviser to the Prime Minister on overall government policy
	Director of Party Relations in No. 10 Political Team	Henna Shah	
	Director of Political Strategy	Paul Ovenden	
	Special Adviser at 10 Downing Street: Economics	Mr Ravinder Athwal	Shaping the UK's economic policy and advising on growth strategies
	Special Adviser at 10 Downing street: Health	Tom Webb	Adviser to the PM on health, key role in the coordination of domestic policy
Cabinet Office	Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	The Rt Hon Pat McFadden MP	Supporting delivery of Government's priorities; oversight of all Cabinet Office policy; national security, resilience and civil contingencies, including COBR; resilience policy; state threats; National Security and Investment Act
	PPS to the Cabinet Office	Torsten Bell MP, Satvir Kaur MP	
	Parliamentary Secretary	Abena Oppong-Asare MP, Georgia Gould MP	

	Paymaster General and Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations	The Rt Hon Nick Thomas–Symonds MP	EU policy and relations; Inquiries policy; Constitution and House of Lords reform; legislation.
HM Treasury (HMT)	Chancellor of the Exchequer	The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves MP	Fiscal policy, monetary policy, inflation targets, ministerial arrangements, Treasury's response to COVID -19
	PPS to the Ministerial Team, HM Treasury	Alistair Strathern MP, Imogen Walker MP	
	Special Advisor to the Chancellor	Katie Martin, Ben Nunn, Rhodri Morgan	
	Chief Secretary to the Treasury (CST)	Rt Hon Darren Jones MP	Tax credits; spending reviews; public sector pay and pensions; procurement; capital investment; spending issues related to trade; skills; state pensions.
	Special Advisor to the CST	Felicity Slater	
	Financial Secretary to the Treasury (FST)	Lord Livermore	Growth, Productivity, Investment, Industrial Strategy, Energy, Climate and Net Zero transition, Innovation and Digital
	Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury (XST)	James Murray MP	UK Tax system, HMRC, Tax administration policy, input to investment zones and Freports focusing on tax and customs elements, EU Law and Brexit opportunities
	Economic Secretary to the Treasury (EST)	Tulip Siddiq MP	Financial services policy, pensions tax, dept management, investment, competitiveness and growth of the financial services sector
	Parliamentary Secretary and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Pensions)	Emma Reynolds MP	Private pensions; State Pension; pensioner benefits; Social Fund; Net Zero; arm's-length bodies: Money and Pensions Service, National Employment Savings Trust, The Pensions Ombudsman, Pension Protection Fund and The Pensions Regulator; HM Treasury responsibilities

Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)	Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology	The Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP	Overall responsibility for DSIT, including skills and talent, regulation, research bureaucracy, the overall R&D budget, UKRI, and ARIA.
	Special Advisor to the Science Secretary	Nicola Bartlett, Darren Murphy, Eleanor Salter	
	PPS to DSIT	Callum Anderson MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Science, Research and Innovation)	Lord Vallance	Life sciences, international science and research, domestic science and research ecosystem, Horizon Europe, , R&D quantum, engineering biology, regulation of innovation, ARIA, UKRI, Government Office for Technology Transfer (GOTT),Regulatory Innovation Office.
	Minister of State (Minister for Data Protection and Telecoms)	Sir Chris Bryant MP	Digital infrastructure and telecoms; building Digital UK (BDUK); Data protection (including Data Bill); information Commissioner's Office (ICO).
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for the Future Digital Economy and Online Safety)	Baroness Jones of Whitchurch	Online safety; digital Markets Unit; tech policy and market facing technology, including skills; National Data Library; economic security; technology investment; national security and resilience.
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for AI and Digital Government)	Feryal Clark MP	AI Safety Institute; AI transparency and ethics; AI regulation; AI opportunities; Large scale compute review; Cybersecurity; Digital public services; Digital Centre of Government; Digital identity policy; Copyright Tribunal; Intellectual Property Office (IPO); Corporate Minister
Health and Social Care (DHSC)	Secretary of State for Health and Social Care	The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special Adviser to the Health Secretary	Will Prescott, Kirsty O'Brien, Matt Goddin, Sarah Harrison	
	PPS to DHSC	Dr Zubir Ahmed MP, Ashley Dalton MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Secondary Care)	Karin Smyth MP	NHS workforce; NHS data and technology; medicines: medicines regulation, pricing and supply, prescribing; supply

			threats and disruption; sponsorship of: NHS England, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.
	Minister of State (Minister for Social Care)	Stephen Kinnock MP	Adult social care; health and social care integration; dementia; primary care: general practice, pharmacy, eye care, dentistry; community health
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Public Health and Prevention)	Andrew Gwynne MP	Health protection: COVID-19, environmental health, infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance; health inequalities; international: World Health Organization and international engagement, EU and trade; major and long-term conditions: cancer prevention and strategy, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, rare diseases, long-term conditions, screening; sponsorship of: UKHSA, FSA
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Patient Safety, Mental Health and Women's Health)	Baroness Merron	Patient voice and patient experience;; research: clinical trials, COVID-19 vaccine licensing, National Institute for Health and Care Research; life sciences and innovation: medtech and regulation, genomics; women's health; maternity services; sponsorship of: HRA
Business and Trade (DBT)	Secretary of State for Business and Trade	The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP	Overall responsibility for the department, including WTO, G7 and G20 meetings.
	Special Advisor to the Business Secretary	Finn McGoldrick, Jack Glynn, Sophia Kewell	
	PPS to DBT	Preet Kaur Gill MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security)	The Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP	Trade strategy; free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations; UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) Implementation; Mutual Recognition Agreements; Windsor Framework; World Trade Organization (WTO), G7, G20, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Commonwealth; global supply chains; economic security.

	Minister of State (Minister for Industry)	Sarah Jones MP	Advanced manufacturing, consumer goods, chemicals and plastics, construction
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets)	Justin Madders MP	Employment rights, regulation, consumer protection, competition policy, subsidy control, corporate governance, Smart Data and audits
	Minister of State (Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports)	Gareth Thomas MP	Small businesses; scale-ups; access to finance; export strategy; outward direct investment; trade envoys.
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Legislation)	Baroness Jones of Whitchurch	Tech policy, market facing technology and skills, national data library, international strategy, economic security, technology diffusion and investment, national security and resilience
Education (DfE)	Secretary of State for Education	The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special Advisor to the Education Secretary	Owain Mumford, Tim Waters, Vicky Salt, Rosy Roche	
	PPS to DfE	Emma Foody MP, Alan Strickland MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Skills)	The Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith	Skills England; technical qualifications including T Levels; higher technical education (levels 4 and 5); apprenticeships including the growth and skills levy; access to higher education
	Minister of State (Minister for School Standards)	Catherine McKinnell MP	
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families)	Janet Daby MP	
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Early Education)	Stephen Morgan MP	
Home Office	Secretary of State for the Home Department	The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP	Overall responsibility of the department

	Special Advisor to the Home Secretary and Chief of Staff	Amy Richards, Natasha Collett, Damian McBride, Jess Leigh, Callum Tipple	
	PPS to the Home Office	Jade Botterill MP, Louise Jones MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Security)	Dan Jarvis MBE MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Police, Fire and Crime Prevention)	The Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Border Security and Asylum)	Dame Angela Eagle DBE MP	
	Minister of State (Lords Minister)	The Rt Hon Sir David Hanson	
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Migration and Citizenship)	Seema Malhotra MP	Immigration rules and visa policy
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls)	Jess Phillips MP	
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs	The Rt Hon David Lammy MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special Advisor to Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs	Will Heilpern	
	PPS to FCDO	Alan Gemmell MP; Jessica Toale MP	
	Minister of State	Anneliese Dodds MP	
	Minister of State	Stephen Doughty MP	
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State	Catherine West MP	
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State	Lord Collins of Highbury	

	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State	Hamish Falconer MP	
	Parliamentary Under Secretary of State	Baroness Chapman of Darlington	
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	The Rt Hon Steve Reed MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special advisors to the Secretary of State	Jamie Williams, Louis Carserides, Eleanor Salter (Shared with DESNZ)	
	PPS to Defra	Kanishka Narayan MP	
	Minister of State (Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs)	Daniel Zeichner MP	Agri-science and innovation
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding)	Emma Hardy MP	Environmental regulation (including chemicals, contaminated land and Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)); pesticides; Net Zero, climate change and adaptation; lead for Environment Agency
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Nature)	Mary Creagh MP	Circular economy
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lords Minister)	Baroness Hayman of Ullock	Biosecurity and plant health; borders; Northern Ireland – Windsor Framework; animal welfare; lead for Veterinary Medicines Directorate; lead for Animal and Plant Health Agency
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)	Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero	The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special advisors to the Secretary of State	Jonty Leibowitz, Tobias Garnett, Eleanor Salter (Shared with Defra)	
	PPS to DESNZ	Katie White MP, Chris McDonald MP	
	Minister of State for Industry (Shared with DBT)	Sarah Jones MP	Green finance, green jobs and skills, green growth sectors

	Minister of State (Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero)	The Rt Hon Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE	All departmental business in the House of Lords
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Climate)	Kerry McCarthy MP	International climate and energy policy; international climate finance; carbon budgets; Net Zero strategy; trade, Net Zero investment and supply chains; science and innovation for climate and energy
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Energy Consumers)	Miatta Fahnbulleh MP	Public sector decarbonisation
	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Energy)	Michael Shanks MP	Biomass; energy security, resilience and preparedness
Housing, Communities and Local Government	Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government	The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP	Overall responsibility of the department
	Special advisors to the Secretary of State	Nick Parrot, Issy Bull, Alex Jones, Kate Robson	
	PPS to Deputy Prime Minister, and Housing, Communities and Local Government	Navendu Mishra MP, Harpreet Uppal MP	