

MINISTERS, LAW OFFICERS AND MINISTERIAL PARLIAMENTARY AIDES BY CABINET: SESSION 1

Scottish Parliament Fact sheet

MSPs: Historical
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This Fact sheet provides a list of all of the Scottish Ministers, Law Officers and Ministerial Parliamentary Aides during Session 1, from 12 May 1999 until the appointment of new Ministers in the second parliamentary session.

Ministers and Law Officers continue to serve in post during dissolution. The first Session 2 cabinet was appointed on 21st May 2003.

A Minister is a member of the government. The Scottish Executive is the government in Scotland for devolved matters and is responsible for formulating and implementing policy in these areas. The Scottish Executive is formed from the party or parties holding a majority of seats in the Parliament. During Session 1 the Scottish Executive consisted of a coalition of Labour and Liberal Democrat MSPs.

The senior Ministers in the Scottish government are known as 'members of the Scottish Executive' or 'the Scottish Ministers' and together they form the Scottish 'Cabinet'. They are assisted by junior Scottish Ministers. With the exception of the Scottish Law Officers, all Ministers must be MSPs.

This fact sheet also provides a list of the Law Officers. The Scottish Law Officers listed advise the Scottish Executive on legal matters and represent its interests in court.

The final section lists Ministerial Parliamentary Aides (MPAs). MPAs are MSPs appointed by the First Minister on the recommendation of Ministers whom they assist in discharging their duties. MPAs are unpaid and are not part of the Executive. Their role and the arrangements for their appointment are set out in paragraphs 4.6-4.13 of the [Scottish Ministerial Code](#).

Abbreviations used:

Lab	Scottish Labour
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
⊖	Denotes a cabinet post



The Scottish
Parliament

First Cabinet: 19 May 1999 - 12 June 1999

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉ (began 13 May 1999)	Rt Hon Donald Dewar	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Chief Whip and Government Business Manager ☉	Tom McCabe	Lab
Deputy Business Manager and Liberal Democrat Whip	Iain Smith	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice (with particular responsibility for Land Reform)	Angus MacKay	Lab
Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Henry McLeish	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Nicol Stephen	LD
Deputy Minister for Highlands and Islands and Gaelic	Alasdair Morrison	Lab
Minister for Finance ☉	Jack McConnell	Lab
Minister for Children and Education ☉	Sam Galbraith	Lab
Deputy Minister for Children and Education	Peter Peacock	Lab
Deputy Minister for Culture and Sport	Rhona Brankin	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Susan Deacon	Lab
Deputy Minister for Community Care	Iain Gray	Lab
Minister for Rural Affairs ☉	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs (with particular responsibility for Fisheries)	John Home Robertson	Lab
Minister for Social Inclusion, Local Government and Housing ☉	Wendy Alexander	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Inclusion, Equality and the Voluntary Sector	Jackie Baillie	Lab
Deputy Minister for Local Government	Frank McAveety	Lab
Minister for Transport and the Environment ☉	Sarah Boyack	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉ (appointed 20 May 1999)	Rt Hon Lord Hardie QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland (appointed 20 May 1999)	Colin Boyd QC	

Second Cabinet: 12 June 1999 - 1 November 2000

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☹ (died 11 October 2000)	Rt Hon Donald Dewar	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☹	Jim Wallace	LD
Minister for Parliament ☹	Tom McCabe	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliament	Iain Smith	LD
Minister for Justice ☹	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice (with particular responsibility for Land Reform)	Angus MacKay	Lab
Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☹	Henry McLeish	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Nicol Stephen	LD
Deputy Minister for Highlands and Islands and Gaelic	Alasdair Morrison	Lab
Minister for Finance ☹	Jack McConnell	Lab
Minister for Children and Education ☹	Sam Galbraith	Lab
Deputy Minister for Children and Education	Peter Peacock	Lab
Deputy Minister for Culture and Sport	Rhona Brankin	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☹	Susan Deacon	Lab
Deputy Minister for Community Care	Iain Gray	Lab
Minister for Rural Affairs ☹	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs (with particular responsibility for Fisheries)	John Home Robertson	Lab
Minister for Communities ☹	Wendy Alexander	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Inclusion, Equality and the Voluntary Sector	Jackie Baillie	Lab
Deputy Minister for Local Government	Frank McAveety	Lab
Minister for Transport and the Environment ☹	Sarah Boyack	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☹	Rt Hon Lord Hardie QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	Colin Boyd QC	

Third Cabinet: 1 November 2000 - 28 November 2001

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉ (began 26 October 2000)	Henry McLeish	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Minister for Parliament ☉	Tom McCabe	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliament (until 9 March 2001)	Tavish Scott	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice	Iain Gray	Lab
Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Wendy Alexander	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning and Gaelic	Alasdair Morrison	Lab
Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs ☉ (until 22 November 2001)	Jack McConnell	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs	Nicol Stephen	LD
Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture ☉ (until 20 March 2001)	Sam Galbraith	Lab
Deputy Minister for Sport and Culture (changed to Sport, the Arts and Culture 8 March 2001)	Allan Wilson	Lab
Minister for Finance and Local Government ☉	Angus MacKay	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Local Government	Peter Peacock	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Susan Deacon	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Malcolm Chisholm	Lab
Minister for Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Rural Development	Rhona Brankin	Lab
Minister for Social Justice ☉	Jackie Baillie	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Justice	Margaret Curran	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Sarah Boyack	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉	Colin Boyd QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	Neil Davidson QC	

Fourth Cabinet: 28 November 2001- 9 May 2002

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉ (began 22 November 2001)	Jack McConnell	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Patricia Ferguson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	Euan Robson	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice	Dr. Richard Simpson	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Cathy Jamieson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Nicol Stephen	LD
Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning ☉(resigned 3 May 2002)	Wendy Alexander	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning	Lewis Macdonald	Lab
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Mike Watson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Dr. Elaine Murray	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services ☉	Andy Kerr	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Services	Peter Peacock	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Malcolm Chisholm	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Hugh Henry	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Mary Mulligan	Lab
Minister for Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development	Allan Wilson	Lab
Minister for Social Justice ☉	Iain Gray	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Justice	Margaret Curran	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉	Colin Boyd QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	Elish Angiolini	

Fifth Cabinet: 9 May 2002- 28 November 2002

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Jack McConnell	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Patricia Ferguson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	Euan Robson	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice (until 26 November 2002)	Dr. Richard Simpson	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Cathy Jamieson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Nicol Stephen	LD
Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning ☉	Iain Gray	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning	Lewis Macdonald	Lab
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Mike Watson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Dr. Elaine Murray	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services ☉	Andy Kerr	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Services	Peter Peacock	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Malcolm Chisholm	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Frank McAveety	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Mary Mulligan	Lab
Minister for Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development	Allan Wilson	Lab
Minister for Social Justice ☉	Margaret Curran	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Justice (until 26 November 2002)	Hugh Henry	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉	Colin Boyd QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	Elish Angiolini	

Sixth Cabinet: 28 November 2002- 21 May 2003


Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Jack McConnell	Lab
Deputy First Minister ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Patricia Ferguson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	Euan Robson	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Jim Wallace	LD
Deputy Minister for Justice	Hugh Henry	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Cathy Jamieson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Nicol Stephen	LD
Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning ☉	Iain Gray	Lab
Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning	Lewis Macdonald	Lab
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Mike Watson	Lab
Deputy Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Dr. Elaine Murray	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services ☉	Andy Kerr	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Services	Peter Peacock	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Malcolm Chisholm	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Frank McAveety	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Mary Mulligan	Lab
Minister for Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie	LD
Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development	Allan Wilson	Lab
Minister for Social Justice ☉	Margaret Curran	Lab
Deputy Minister for Social Justice	Des McNulty	Lab
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉	Colin Boyd QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	Elish Angiolini	

MINISTERIAL PARLIAMENTARY AIDES

Aide to	MSP	Date	Party
Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning	Scott Barrie	13 June 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Social Justice	Rhoda Grant	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Janis Hughes	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care	Dr. Sylvia Jackson	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People	Kenneth Macintosh	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services	Paul Martin	13 June 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services	Frank McAveety	26 February 2002- 13 June 2002	Lab
First Minister	Michael McMahon	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab
Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning	Elaine Thomson	26 February 2002- 03 May 2002	Lab
Lord Advocate and Solicitor General	Karen Whitefield	26 February 2002- 31 March 2003	Lab

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