

MINISTERS, LAW OFFICERS AND MINISTERIAL PARLIAMENTARY AIDES, BY CABINET: SESSION 2

This Fact sheet provides a list of all of the Scottish Ministers, Law Officers and Ministerial Parliamentary Aides by Cabinet, during Session 2 from 21 May 2003 to 17 May 2007.

Ministers and Law Officers continue to serve in post during dissolution. Consequently, the first Session 2 cabinet was appointed on 21 May 2003 and continued until the appointment of the new cabinet in Session 3. For information on Session 1 appointments please refer to the fact sheet *Ministers, Law Officers and Ministerial Parliamentary Aides by Cabinet: Session 1*.

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. At present the Scottish Executive consists 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:

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| LD | Member of the Scottish Liberal Democrats |
| Lab | Member of the Scottish Labour Party |
| ⊙ | denotes a cabinet member |

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First Cabinet: 21 May 2003 – 4 October 2004

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉ (appointed 15 May 2003)	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Rt Hon Jim Wallace MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Peter Peacock MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Euan Robson MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Frank McAveety MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Services ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Services	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Minister for Communities ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Mary Mulligan MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Colin Boyd QC
Solicitor General for Scotland	Mrs Elish Angiolini

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides

Aide to	MSP	Party
First Minister (appointed 20 May 2003)	Marilyn Livingstone MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate (appointed 8 May 2003)	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

Second Cabinet: 4 October 2004 – 27 June 2005

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Rt Hon Jim Wallace MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Peter Peacock MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Euan Robson MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (appointed 6 October 2004)	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉ (appointed 6 October 2004)	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Lewis MacDonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities ☉	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities (appointed 6 October 2004)	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Colin Boyd QC ¹
Solicitor General for Scotland	Mrs Elish Angiolini

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides Aide to

	MSP	Party
First Minister	Marilyn Livingstone MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

¹ On 14 June 2006, Mr Colin Boyd QC was appointed to the House of Lords and adopted the title 'The Rt Hon The Lord Boyd of Duncansby'.

Third Cabinet: 27 June 2005 – 04 October 2006

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Peter Peacock MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (appointed 29 June 2005)	Robert Brown MSP	LD
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (appointed 29 June 2005)	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business (appointed 29 June 2005)	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport and Telecommunications ☉ (appointed 29 June 2005)	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Minister for Transport ☉ (remit changed on 5 June 2006)		

Law Officers

Post

Lord Advocate ☉
Solicitor General for Scotland

Law Officer

Rt Hon Lord Colin Boyd QC
Mrs Elish Angiolini

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides

Aide to

First Minister
Lord Advocate

MSP

Marilyn Livingstone MSP
Paul Martin MSP

Party

Lab
Lab

Fourth Cabinet: 05 October 2006 – 15 November 2006

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉ (Resigned 14 November 2006)	Peter Peacock MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Robert Brown MSP	LD
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Tavish Scott MSP	LD

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC ²
Solicitor General for Scotland	John Beckett QC

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides

Aide to	MSP	Party
First Minister	Marilyn Livingstone MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

² On 14 November 2006 Mrs Elish Angiolini QC was appointed to the Privy Council and was granted the title The Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC

Fifth Cabinet 16 November 2006 – 9 January 2007

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Robert Brown MSP	LD
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities (Resigned 21 December 2006)	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Des McNulty MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Tavish Scott MSP	LD
Law Officers		
Post	Law Officer	
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC	
Solicitor General for Scotland	John Beckett QC	
Ministerial Parliamentary Aides		
Aide to	MSP	Party
First Minister	Marilyn Livingstone MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

Sixth Cabinet 11 January 2007 – 19 February 2007

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Robert Brown MSP	LD
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Sarah Boyack MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Des McNulty MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Tavish Scott MSP	LD

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC
Solicitor General for Scotland	John Beckett QC

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides

Aide to	MSP	Party
First Minister	Marilyn Livingstone MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

Seventh Cabinet 19 February 2007 – 17 May 2007

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ☉ (until 16 May 2007)	Rt Hon Jack McConnell MSP	Lab
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning ☉	Nicol Stephen MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Allan Wilson MSP	Lab
Minister for Justice ☉	Cathy Jamieson MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Justice	Johann Lamont MSP	Lab
Minister for Health and Community Care ☉	Andy Kerr MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	Lewis Macdonald MSP	Lab
Minister for Education and Young People ☉	Hugh Henry MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	Robert Brown MSP	LD
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform ☉	Tom McCabe MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for the Environment and Rural Development ☉	Ross Finnie MSP	LD
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	Sarah Boyack MSP	Lab
Minister for Communities	Rhona Brankin MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Communities	Des McNulty MSP	Lab
Minister for Parliamentary Business ☉	Margaret Curran MSP	Lab
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	George Lyon MSP	LD
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport ☉	Patricia Ferguson MSP	Lab
Minister for Transport ☉	Tavish Scott MSP	LD

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate ☉	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC
Solicitor General for Scotland	John Beckett QC

Ministerial Parliamentary Aides (until 02 April 2007)

Aide to	MSP	Party
First Minister	Ken Macintosh MSP	Lab
Lord Advocate	Paul Martin MSP	Lab

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