

Scottish Parliament Fact sheet

Scottish Ministers, Law Officers and Parliamentary Liaison Officers by Cabinet: Session 3

16 December 2010

MSPs: Historical Series

This Fact sheet provides a list of all of the Scottish Ministers and Parliamentary Liaison Officer by Cabinet, during Session 3 from 17 May 2007 – 22 March 2011

This fact sheet provides a list of Ministers and Law Officers. The Scotland Act, 1998 refers to them as Scottish Ministers, junior Scottish Ministers and Law Officers. The current government calls them Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Law Officers.

In addition to the First Minister there are five Cabinet Secretaries and 10 Ministers. Together they make up the Scottish Executive, the government in Scotland. The government is responsible for devolved matters and formulating and implementing policy in these areas.

There are also two Law Officers who advise the government on legal matters and represent its interests in court.

The final section lists Parliamentary Liaison Officers (PLO) (formerly Ministerial Parliamentary Aides). PLOs are MSPs appointed by the First Minister on the recommendation of Ministers whom they assist in discharging their duties. PLOs are unpaid and are not part of the Scottish Government.

Abbreviations used:

SNP	Scottish National Party
QC	Queen's Counsel



First Cabinet: 17 May 2007 – 10 February 2009

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister ¹	Rt Hon Alex Salmond	SNP
Minister for Parliamentary Business	Bruce Crawford	SNP
Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture	Linda Fabiani	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney	SNP
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	Jim Mather	SNP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	Stewart Stevenson	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Fiona Hyslop	SNP
Minister for Schools and Skills	Maureen Watt	SNP
Minister for Children and Early Years	Adam Ingram	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Nicola Sturgeon	SNP
Minister for Public Health	Shona Robison	SNP
Minister for Communities and Sport	Stewart Maxwell	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill	SNP
Minister for Community Safety	Fergus Ewing	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead	SNP
Minister for Environment ²	Michael Russell	SNP

Law Officers

Post	Law Officer
Lord Advocate	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC
Solicitor General for Scotland (appointed 24 May 2007)	Frank Mulholland QC

Parliamentary Liaison Officers

Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the	MSP	Party
Office of the First Minister	Aileen Campbell	SNP
	Keith Brown	SNP
	Dr Alasdair Allan	SNP
	Christopher Harvie	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Stuart McMillan	SNP
	Ian McKee	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Christina McKelvie	SNP

¹ Elected First Minister on 16 May 2007

² Deputised for the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment at Cabinet Meetings from 28 April to 11 May 2008 to cover paternity leave

Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the	MSP	Party
	Bob Doris	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs	Rob Gibson Jamie Hepburn	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Nigel Don Angela Constance	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	Joe FitzPatrick Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP SNP

Second Cabinet: 10 February 2009 – 1 December 2009

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister	Rt Hon Alex Salmond	SNP
Minister for Parliamentary Business	Bruce Crawford	SNP
Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution ³	Michael Russell	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Nicola Sturgeon	SNP
Minister for Public Health and Sport	Shona Robison	SNP
Minister for Housing and Communities (from 12 February 2009)	Alex Neil	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney	SNP
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	Jim Mather	SNP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	Stewart Stevenson	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Fiona Hyslop	SNP
Minister for Schools and Skills (from 12 February 2009)	Keith Brown	SNP
Minister for Children and Early Years	Adam Ingram	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill	SNP
Minister for Community Safety	Fergus Ewing	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead	SNP
Minister for the Environment	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP

Law Officers

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Lord Advocate	Rt Hon Elish Angiolini QC
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Parliamentary Liaison Officers

Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the	MSP	Party
Office of the First Minister	Aileen Campbell Keith Brown Dr Alasdair Allan Christopher Harvie	SNP SNP SNP SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Stuart McMillan Ian McKee	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Christina McKelvie Bob Doris	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs	Rob Gibson Jamie Hepburn	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Nigel Don Angela Constance	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	Joe FitzPatrick Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP SNP

Third Cabinet: 1 December 2009 – 18 January 2010

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister	Rt Hon Alex Salmond	SNP
Minister for Parliamentary Business	Bruce Crawford	SNP
Minister for Culture and External Affairs	Fiona Hyslop	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Nicola Sturgeon	SNP
Minister for Public Health and Sport	Shona Robison	SNP
Minister for Housing and Communities	Alex Neil	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney	SNP
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	Jim Mather	SNP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	Stewart Stevenson	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Michael Russell	SNP
Minister for Schools and Skills	Keith Brown	SNP
Minister for Children and Early Years	Adam Ingram	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill	SNP
Minister for Community Safety	Fergus Ewing	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead	SNP
Minister for the Environment	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP

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Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Christina McKelvie Bob Doris	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs	Rob Gibson Jamie Hepburn	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Nigel Don Angela Constance	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	Joe FitzPatrick Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP SNP

Fourth Cabinet: 18 January 2010-11 December 2010

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister	Rt Hon Alex Salmond	SNP
Minister for Parliamentary Business	Bruce Crawford	SNP
Minister for Culture and External Affairs	Fiona Hyslop	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Nicola Sturgeon	SNP
Minister for Public Health and Sport	Shona Robison	SNP
Minister for Housing and Communities	Alex Neil	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney	SNP
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	Jim Mather	SNP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	Stewart Stevenson	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Michael Russell	SNP
Minister for Children and Early Years	Adam Ingram	SNP
Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning	Keith Brown	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill	SNP

Post	Minister	Party
Minister for Community Safety	Fergus Ewing	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead	SNP
Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (from 12 December 2010)	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP

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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Stuart McMillan Ian McKee	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Christina McKelvie Bob Doris	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs	Rob Gibson Jamie Hepburn	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Nigel Don Angela Constance	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	Joe FitzPatrick Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP SNP

Fifth Cabinet: 12 December 2010 – 25 May 2011

Post	Minister	Party
First Minister	Rt Hon Alex Salmond	SNP
Minister for Parliamentary Business	Bruce Crawford	SNP
Minister for Culture and External Affairs	Fiona Hyslop	SNP
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Nicola Sturgeon	SNP
Minister for Public Health and Sport	Shona Robison	SNP
Minister for Housing and Communities	Alex Neil	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	John Swinney	SNP

Post	Minister	Party
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	Jim Mather	SNP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure	Stewart Stevenson	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Michael Russell	SNP
Minister for Children and Early Years	Adam Ingram	SNP
Minister for Skills and Lifelong Learning	Angela Constance	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Kenny MacAskill	SNP
Minister for Community Safety	Fergus Ewing	SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	Richard Lochhead	SNP
Minister for the Environment and Climate Change	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP

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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	Stuart McMillan Ian McKee	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	Christina McKelvie Bob Doris	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs	Rob Gibson Jamie Hepburn	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Nigel Don Angela Constance	SNP SNP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	Joe FitzPatrick Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP SNP

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