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## Party Spokespersons

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This fact sheet provides a list of the current opposition party spokespersons.

Spokespersons are people chosen by their parties to act as a representative on a specified area of policy. Parties can choose how these spokespersons are referred to.

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## Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party <sup>1</sup>	Ruth Davidson
Chief Whip and Business Manager Spokesperson for the Low Carbon Economy	Maurice Golden
Interim Leader and Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Europe and External Affairs <sup>2</sup>	Jackson Carlaw
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Finance	Murdo Fraser
Spokesperson for Transport and Infrastructure	Jamie Greene
Spokesperson for Taxation	Bill Bowman
Spokesperson for Financial Sustainability	Tom Mason
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work	Dean Lockhart
Spokesperson for Business, Innovation and Energy Deputy Business Manager	Alexander Burnett
Spokesperson for Jobs, Employability and Training	Jamie Halcro Johnston
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport	Miles Briggs
Spokesperson for Mental Health, Public Health and Equalities	Annie Wells
Spokesperson for Health Education, Lifestyle and Sport	Brian Whittle
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	Liz Smith
Spokesperson for Further Education, Higher Education and Science	Oliver Mundell
Spokesperson for Childcare and Early Years	Michelle Ballantyne
2021 Policy Coordinator Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change, the Environment and Land Reform	Donald Cameron
Spokesperson for Biodiversity, Animal Welfare and the Digital Economy	Finlay Carson
Spokesperson for Rural Affairs	Edward Mountain
Spokesperson for Farming	John Scott
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Communities, Social Security, and Equalities	Adam Tomkins
Spokesperson for Welfare Reform	Jeremy Balfour
Spokesperson for Housing and Communities	Graham Simpson
Spokesperson for Local Government	Alexander Stewart
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Liam Kerr
Spokesperson for Legal Affairs	Gordon Lindhurst
Spokesperson for Community Safety and Veterans Affairs	Maurice Corry
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Tourism	Rachael Hamilton

<sup>1</sup> On maternity leave from 22 October 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Usually Deputy Leader. Currently Interim Leader as Ruth Davidson MSP is on maternity leave.

Spokesperson for Tourism and Small Business	Alison Harris
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### **Scottish Labour Party**

Leader of the Scottish Labour Party, also leading on the economy brief	Richard Leonard
Deputy Leader and Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland	Lesley Laird*
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs	Claire Baker
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform	Claudia Beamish
Business Manager, Party Liaison, Constitutional Relations	Neil Findlay
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy	Rhoda Grant
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	Iain Gray
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Justice	Daniel Johnson
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Finance	James Kelly
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport	Monica Lennon
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Equalities, Housing and Social Security	Pauline McNeil
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for the Eradication of Poverty and Inequality	Elaine Smith
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Connectivity and Transport	Colin Smyth
Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government	Alex Rowley
Shadow Minister for Education, Skills, Health, Sport and Equalities	Mary Fee
Shadow Minister for Energy	Lewis Macdonald
Shadow Minister for Health	David Stewart

### **Scottish Green Party**

Co-convenor of the Scottish Greens Spokesperson for: Finance, Economy, Fair Work; Equalities	Patrick Harvie
Spokesperson for: Justice; Transport, Tourism; Rural & Island Communities	John Finnie
Spokesperson for: International Development & External Affairs; Education & Skills; Culture & Media	Ross Greer
Spokesperson for: Health & Sport; Social Security; Children & Young People	Alison Johnstone
Spokesperson for: Climate, Energy, Environment; Food & Farming	Mark Ruskell
Spokesperson for: Communities (including Housing); Land Reform; Local Government	Andy Wightman

## Scottish Liberal Democrats

Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Finance Spokesperson	Willie Rennie
Chair of the 2017 Local Election Campaign	Katy Gordon*
Spokesperson for the Economy	Carolyn Caddick*
Spokesperson for Education and Sport	Tavish Scott
Spokesperson for Children and Young People	Sheila Thomson*
Spokesperson for Culture	Eileen McCartin*
Spokesperson for Health	Alex Cole-Hamilton
Spokesperson for Social Care	Karen Clark*
Spokesperson for Social Security	Caron Lindsay*
Spokesperson for Justice and Energy	Liam McArthur
Spokesperson for the Environment	Christine Jardine*
Spokesperson for Rural Affairs and Business Manager	Mike Rumbles

\* These party spokespeople are not MSPs.

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