



## SPICe Fact Sheet

### Duilleagan Fiosrachaidh SPICe

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# Cumulative list of Ministers and Law Officers: Session 6

The Scottish Government is made up of Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers, who are MSPs chosen by the First Minister. It also includes 2 Law Officers (the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for Scotland) who do not need to be MSPs.

This Fact Sheet provides a list of all Scottish Ministers and Law Officers, by cabinet, from the beginning of Session 6.

### Abbreviations used:

SNP	Scottish National Party
QC	Queen's Counsel
KC	King's Counsel

## First Cabinet

(19 May 2021 – to date)

### First Minister

Nicola Sturgeon (SNP) (18 May 2021 – to date)

**Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery** (also covering the Finance and Economy portfolio from 16 July 2022 due to Kate Forbes's maternity leave)

John Swinney (SNP) (18 May 2021 – to date)

### Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Shirley-Anne Somerville (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Humza Yousaf (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy

Kate Forbes (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

Currently on maternity leave from 16 July 2022 (portfolio being covered by John Swinney MSP)

### **Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans**

Keith Brown (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands**

Mairi Gougeon (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture**

Angus Robertson (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport**

Michael Matheson (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government**

Shona Robison (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Drugs Policy**

Angela Constance (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Parliamentary Business**

George Adam (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work**

Richard Lochhead (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise**

Ivan McKee (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth**

Tom Arthur (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport**

Maree Todd (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care**

Kevin Stewart (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Children and Young People**

Clare Haughey (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training**

Jamie Hepburn (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Environment and Land Reform**

Mairi McAllan (SNP) (20 May 2021 – to date)

Job title changed from Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform on 31 August 2021.

### **Minister for Transport**

Graeme Dey (SNP) (19 May 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Jenny Gilruth (SNP) (24 January 2022 - to date)

### **Minister for Community Safety**

Ash Regan (SNP) (19 May 2021 – 27 October 2022)

Name changed from Ash Denham to Ash Regan on 13 October 2021.  
Elena Whitham (SNP) (3 November 2022 – to date)

### **Minister for Equalities and Older People**

Christina McKelvie (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Social Security and Local Government**

Ben MacPherson (SNP) (19 May 2021 – to date)

### **Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine**

Jenny Gilruth (SNP) (19 May 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Neil Gray (SNP) (25 January 2022- to date)

Job title changed from Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development on 11 March 2022.

### **Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights**

Patrick Harvie (Green) (31 August 2021- to date)

### **Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity**

Lorna Slater (Green) (31 August 2021- to date)

## **Law Officers**

### **Lord Advocate**

James Wolffe QC (1 June 2016 – 17 June 2021)

Dorothy Bain KC (17 June 2021- to date) Ruth Charteris KC (17 June 2021 – to date)

### **Solicitor General**

Alison Di Rollo (1 June 2016 – 17 June 2021)

Ruth Charteris KC (17 June 2021 – to date)

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