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Cumulative list of Ministers and Law Officers: Session 7

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 7.

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Party	Abbreviation
Reform UK	Reform
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	Con
Scottish Green Party	Green
Scottish Labour	Lab
Scottish Liberal Democrats	LD
Scottish National Party	SNP
No Party Affiliation	NPA
KC	King's Counsel

First Cabinet

(20 May 2026 – to date)

First Minister

John Swinney (SNP) (appointed 19 May 2026)

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Jenny Gilruth (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

Ivan McKee (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care

Angela Constance (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic

Màiri McAllan (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Neil Gray (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing

Shirley-Anne Somerville (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs

Gillian Martin (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport

Stephen Flynn (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy

Stephen Gethins (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans

Jamie Hepburn (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Public Finance

Hannah Mary Goodlad (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Victims and Community Safety

Kirsten Oswald (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Community Care

Alison Thewliss (SNP) (appointed 21 May 2026)

Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs

Maree Todd (SNP)

Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands

Jim Fairlie (SNP)

Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise

Siobhian Brown (SNP)

Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education

Ben Macpherson (SNP)

Minister for Equalities and International Development

Simita Kumar (SNP)

Minister for Business and Fair Work

Tom Arthur (SNP)

Law Officers

Lord Advocate

Ruth Charteris KC (appointed 17 June 2026)

Rt Hon Dorothy Bain KC (until 17 June 2026)

Solicitor General

Brian (BJ) Gill KC (appointed 17 June 2026)

Ruth Charteris KC (until 17 June 2026)

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