



SPICe Fact Sheet

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Current Ministers and Law Officers

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 lists all current Scottish Ministers and Law Officers.

Abbreviations used:

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

First Minister

Nicola Sturgeon (SNP)

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)

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Shirley-Anne Somerville (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Humza Yousaf (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy

Kate Forbes (SNP)

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

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Keith Brown (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands

Mairi Gougeon (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

Angus Robertson (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Michael Matheson (SNP)

Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

Shona Robison (SNP)

Minister for Drugs Policy

Angela Constance (SNP)

Minister for Parliamentary Business

George Adam (SNP)

Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (also working alongside the Net Zero Secretary)

Richard Lochhead (SNP)

Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise

Ivan McKee (SNP)

Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth

Tom Arthur (SNP)

Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport

Maree Todd (SNP)

Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care

Kevin Stewart (SNP)

Minister for Children and Young People

Clare Haughey (SNP)

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

Jamie Hepburn (SNP)

Minister for Environment and Land Reform (also working alongside the Rural Affairs Secretary)

Mairi McAllan (SNP)

Minister for Transport

Jenny Gilruth (SNP)

Minister for Community Safety

Elena Whitham (SNP)

Minister for Equalities and Older People

Christina McKelvie (SNP)

Minister for Social Security and Local Government

Ben MacPherson (SNP)

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

Neil Gray (SNP)

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

Patrick Harvie (Green)

Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

Lorna Slater (Green)

Lord Advocate

Dorothy Bain KC

Solicitor General for Scotland

Ruth Charteris KC

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