

Ministerial Roles in the New Government

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Association of Local Councils

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

- Elizabeth Truss MP – Secretary of State
- George Eustice MP – Minister of State
- Rory Stewart MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.

The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP



- Elizabeth Truss MP was appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 15 July 2014. She was elected as the Conservative MP for south west Norfolk in 2010.
 - The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Specific responsibilities include:
- EU and international relations
 - Emergencies
 - Departmental administration

George Eustice MP



- George Eustice was appointed Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on 11 May 2015. He was elected as the Conservative MP for Camborne and Redruth in 2010.
- Minister of State for Farming, Food and the Marine Environment
Responsibilities include:
 - Food and farming
 - Animal health and welfare
 - Marine and fisheries
 - Science and innovation
 - Better regulation
 - Lead responsibility for the Rural Payments Agency, FERA, Cefas and the Animal and Plant Health Agency
 - Deputy for the Secretary of State on Agriculture and Fisheries Council

Rory Stewart MP



- Rory Stewart was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in May 2015. He was elected the Conservative MP for Penrith and The Border in May 2010.
 - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs
- Responsibilities include:
- Natural environment
 - Floods and water
 - Resource and environmental management
 - Rural affairs
 - Lead responsibility for the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Forestry Commission
 - Deputy for the Secretary of State on Environment Council

Department for Communities and Local Government

- Greg Clark MP – Secretary of State
- Mark Francois MP – Minister of State
- Brandon Lewis MP – Minister of State
- Marcus Jones MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- James Wharton MP – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Baroness Williams of Trafford – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP



- The Rt Hon Greg Clark was appointed Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 11 May 2015. Previously Greg was appointed Minister of State on 7 October 2013 and Minister for Universities and Science on 15 July 2014. He was elected Conservative MP for Royal Tunbridge Wells in 2005.
- The Secretary of State is responsible for the overall strategic direction of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

Main areas of responsibility include:

- Overall leadership of the department
- Troubled Families

The Rt Hon Mark Francois MP



- Mark Francois was appointed Minister of State for Communities and Local Government in May 2015. He was elected the Conservative MP for Rayleigh and Wickford in 2010.
- **Minister of State for Communities and Resilience**

The minister is responsible for:

- Coastal communities and Thames Gateway
- Fire and resilience
- Departmental finance and corporate issues
- Overview of local government policy and finance
- Deregulation
- Lead minister on the Devolution Bill
- Minister for Portsmouth

Brandon Lewis MP



- Brandon Lewis was appointed Minister of State for Housing and Planning at the Department for Communities and Local Government on 15 July 2014. He was elected Conservative MP for Great Yarmouth in 2010.

- **Minister of State for Housing and Planning**

The minister is responsible for:

- Housing (including Ebbsfleet)
- Planning policy
- Neighbourhood planning
- Lead minister on the Housing Bill
- Planning casework

Marcus Jones MP



- Marcus Jones was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government) in May 2015. He was elected Conservative MP for Nuneaton in 2010.
- **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government)**
 - Local government policy, including adult social care and children's services
 - Local government finance
 - Homelessness
 - Community rights, including community pubs
 - High streets, town centres and markets
 - Welfare reform
 - Supporting minister on the Housing Bill
 - Planning casework

James Wharton MP



- James Wharton MP was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government with responsibility for the Northern Powerhouse. He was elected Conservative MP for Stockton South in 2010.
- **Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Minister for Local Growth and the Northern Powerhouse**

The minister is responsible for:

- Northern Powerhouse, supporting the Secretary of State on City Deals
- European Regional Development Fund
- Enterprise Zones & Local Enterprise Partnerships
- building regulations
- supporting minister on the Devolution Bill
- planning casework

Baroness Williams of Trafford



- Baroness Williams was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government in May 2015. She is a Conservative member of the House of Lords.
- **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**

The Baroness is responsible for:

- Departmental business in the House of Lords
- Local government finance and policy
- Integration and faith
- HS2
- Travellers
- Supporting the Secretary of State on City Deals and Troubled Families
- Women and equalities, including race equality (supporting the Department for Education in the Lords)