



Guide to UK Policy Shapers and Influencers 2014

UK Government Departments Handbook

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Overview of Departmental Policy Programmes

The below is a summary and link to the major policy areas and programmes across all Government Departments.

Cabinet Office

[Social Mobility](#), [Government efficiency, transparency and accountability](#)

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

[Business and Enterprise](#), [Further Education and Skills](#), [Higher Education](#), [Industrial Strategy](#)
[Science and Innovation](#)

Department for Communities and Local Government

[Housing](#), [UK Economy](#), [Local Government](#), [Planning and Building](#), [Public Safety and Emergencies](#), [Community and society](#)

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

[Creative Industries](#), [Equalities](#), [Historic Environment](#), [Museums and Galleries](#), [Libraries](#)

Department for Education

[A-level Reform](#), [Apprenticeships](#), [Careers Guidance](#), [GCSE Reform](#), [Traineeships](#)

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

[Food and Farming](#), [Natural Environment and Biodiversity](#), [Rural and Countryside](#), [Wildlife and Animal Welfare](#)

Department for International Development

[Climate and Environment](#), [Economic Growth and the Private Sector](#), [Education](#),
[Food and Nutrition](#), [Health](#), [Humanitarian Disaster and Emergencies](#), [Water and Sanitation](#)

Department for Transport

[Climate Change](#), [UK Economy](#), [High Speed Rail](#), [Low Carbon Technologies](#)

Department for Work and Pensions

[Ageing Society](#), [Child Poverty](#), [Disability](#), [The Work Programme](#)

Department of Energy and Climate Change

[Evidence and Analysis to inform Energy and Climate Change Policies](#), [Low Carbon Technologies](#), [Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#), [UK Energy Security](#)

Department of Health

[Innovation in the National Health Service](#), [Modernising Scientific Careers](#), [Public Health](#), [Social Care](#)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

[Climate Change](#), [European Structural and Cohesion Funds](#), [Overseas Trade](#)

Her Majesty's Treasury

[Growth Review](#), [Government Spending](#), [Business and Enterprise](#)

Home Office

[Alcohol and Drugs](#), [Counter Terrorism](#), [Immigration](#)

Ministry of Defence

[Defence Scientific Advisory Council](#), [Defence Science and Technology Laboratory](#)

Ministry of Justice

[Statistics](#)

Scotland Office and Scottish Government

[Education, Training and Skills Strategy](#), [Economic Strategy](#), [Environmental Strategy](#), [Health and Social Care](#)

Wales Office and Welsh Government

[Education, Training and Skills Strategy](#), [Economic Strategy](#), [Environmental Strategy](#), [Health and Social Care](#)

Northern Ireland Office and Northern Ireland Assembly

[Education](#), [Employment and Learning](#), [Enterprise, Trade and Investment](#), [Environment](#), [Health and Social Care](#)

Cabinet Office

The [Cabinet Office](#) is responsible for providing support to the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in the development, coordination and implementation of policy and operations across all government departments. It also works to ensure the Civil Service provides effective and efficient support to Government to help it meet its objectives.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP](#) responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Simon Wright MP](#) (LD)
- [Rt Hon Francis Maude MP](#) - Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General responsible for civil service reform
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Stuart Andrew MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP](#) - Minister of State responsible for programme for government and departmental business plans
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Paul Maynard MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon David Laws MP](#) - Minister of State for the Cabinet Office (joint portfolio with the Department for Education)
- [Greg Clark MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for the Cabinet Office. Also Minister for Cities
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [David Mowat MP](#) (Con)
- [Nick Hurd MP](#) (Con) - Minister for Civil Society responsible for Big Society agenda, charities, volunteering, social enterprise
- [Jo Johnson MP](#) (Con) - Head of Downing Street Policy Unit
- [Rt Hon John Hayes](#) (Con) - Minister without Portfolio
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Mel Stride MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP](#) (Con) - Minister without Portfolio responsible for Justice and Security Bill, developing key trade relationships on Prime Minister's behalf, and contributing to Government policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Ben Wallace MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP](#) (Con) - Minister without Portfolio and Conservative Party Chairman
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Jake Berry MP](#) (Con)

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Richard Heaton](#). The Cabinet Office is supported by [Sir Jeremy Heywood](#), the Cabinet Secretary and [Sir Bob Kerslake](#), Head of the Civil Service. The Cabinet Office's Chief Scientific Adviser and the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser is [Professor Sir Mark Walport](#).

The Cabinet Office works in partnership with the [Privy Council Office](#), which is concerned with the affairs of Chartered Bodies, the 900 or so institutions, charities and companies that are incorporated by Royal Charter.

The [Behavioural Insight Team](#) was established within the Cabinet Office in July 2010 with a remit to finding ways of “*encouraging, enabling and supporting people to make better choices for themselves*” drawing on research in the field of behavioural economics. Recent work includes helping SMEs growth and helping consumers to access their data.

The Cabinet Office coordinates the activities of the [National Security Council](#), including civil contingencies, intelligence, foreign and defence policy and Cyber Security. A Cyber Security [Strategy](#) was published in November 2011. The Cabinet Office is the lead department on the Government’s social mobility policy. It coordinates the report from Alan Milburn the Government’s [Chair of the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission](#). The latest ‘[State of the Nation](#)’ report from the Commission was published in November 2013.

The Cabinet Office is the lead Government Department for key [Big Society](#) programmes.

In 2012 the Cabinet Office appointed Bill Crothers as Government Chief Procurement Officer to oversee all Government management and procurement of goods and services, and improving technology, processes & procurement resources and capabilities. The Chief Procurement Officer is a new position based within the [Efficiency and Reform Group](#) in the Cabinet Office and reports to Stephen Kelly the Chief Operating Officer.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Michael Dugher MP
- Jon Ashworth MP
- Chi Onwurah MP
- Lisa Nandy MP
- Baroness Dianne Hayter
- Lord Stewart Wood - Adviser to Labour leader, Ed Miliband and opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

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Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

The [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#) (BIS) is responsible for further education (jointly with the Department for Education), higher education, science and innovation and skills; and the Government Office for Science.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP](#) (LD) - Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
- [Rt Hon David Willetts MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Universities and Science. Responsibilities include higher education, life sciences, science and research, innovation, technology and the arts, UK Space Agency
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Paul Uppal MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Business and Energy (joint portfolio with the Department for Energy and Climate Change). Responsibilities include low carbon economy, competitiveness and economic growth, regional and local development. He was previously a Minister in the Department for Education and Science from 1990 to 1992.
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Dr Theresa Coffey MP](#) (Con)
- [Lord Livingston](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Trade and Investment. Responsibilities include UK Trade & Investment, Chair of the Council of Business Ambassadors.
- [Matthew Hancock MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Skills and Enterprise (joint portfolio with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) with responsibility in DfE for apprenticeships, careers, further education, 16-19 years.
- Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Nicola Blackwood MP](#) (Con)
- [Jo Swinson MP](#) (LD) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employment Relations and Consumer Affairs. Responsibilities include social enterprise. Also Minister for Women and Equalities with responsibilities for women and growth, women on boards and LGBT strategy. The role is being covered by [Jenny Wilmot MP](#) (LD) while Jo Swinson is on maternity leave.
- [Viscount Younger of Leckie](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for BIS. Responsibilities include all BIS business in the House of Lords, intellectual property, enterprise and regulatory reform, and support for UK Trade & Investment

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Martin Donnelly. He is supported by the Director General of Knowledge & Innovation, [Sir John O'Reilly](#). O'Reilly is supported by Director of Higher Education, Matthew Hilton; Director of Transformation, John Dodds; and Director of the Research Base, Jeremy Clayton. Gila Sacks is the Head of the BIS/DfE Apprenticeship Unit.

Science in BIS

The Department's Chief Scientific Adviser is [Professor John Perkins](#), who reports to the Permanent Secretary. Professor Perkins is supported by Dr Rupert Lewis, the Department's Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser.

Recent speeches and announcements

- 11th September 2013 Vince Cable speech at the [Industrial Strategy Conference](#)
- 5th September 2013 Matthew Hancock speech to the [Ofsted Conference](#)
- 16th July 2013 David Willetts speech at the [UK Space Conference](#)

The Government Office for Science

The Government Office for Science (GO Science) is currently headed by Professor Sir Mark Walport, the Government's Chief Scientific Officer (GCSA). He is supported by Director and Deputy Head of GO Science, Dr Claire Craig. Below her are Elizabeth Surkovic, Director Science in Government (Global Issues); Director Science in Government (Science, Capability and Network units); and Sandy Thomas, Director Foresight. Its Responsibilities include:

- working with departments to assess their performance in managing and using science and engineering, and to support them in introducing improvements
- supporting the independent Council for Science and Technology to provide high level advice to the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Supporting the provision of independent science and engineering advice to government
- Bringing together departmental CSAs to build capacity, share good practice and address cross-cutting issues where science and engineering can add value, for example in counter terrorism
- Undertaking Foresight Projects which bring together leading edge science and engineering with futures techniques to address cross-cutting issues
- advising the Prime Minister and Cabinet directly on issues of global impact such as pandemic flu or those which affect many or all government departments such as energy generation

GO Science operates through a number of formal and informal networks. These include colleagues in other departments and external experts, who are involved in advising Government on or formulating policy with respect to key science and technology issues. The GCSA chairs the Chief Scientific Advisers Committee, made up of all departmental Chief Scientific Advisers, and the BIS Director General for Knowledge and Innovation.

Recent speeches by Professor Sir Mark Walport

- [November 2013 The United Kingdom's Secret Diplomatic Resource: Scientists](#)
- [November 2013 Dramatic rise in UK/India research collaboration](#)
- [November 2013 The Future of Cities](#)
- [October 2013 'Top scientist Sir Mark Walport urges climate change deniers to give in'](#)
- [September 2013 'The science is clear: global warming is real'](#)
- [April 2013 'Lest we forget'](#)

Recent reports

- February 2014 Review of UK/EU Balance of Competencies in Research and Development
- September 2013 [Science Review of HM Treasury](#)
- April 2013 [Chief Scientific Advisers Committee's views on strategic priorities for science and research funding](#)
- March 2013 [Review of Science Advisory Councils](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople:

- Chuka Umuna MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills

- Simon Danczuk MP - Parliamentary Private Secretary to Chuka Umunna
- Liam Byrne MP - Shadow Minister for Higher Education Skills and Science
- Iain Wright MP - Shadow Minister for Competitiveness and Enterprise
- Toby Perkins MP - Shadow Minister for Small Business
- Ian Murray MP - Shadow Minister for Employment Relations, Consumer and Postal Affairs
- Stella Creasy MP
- Lord Stevenson - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Young - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Liddle - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Baroness Hayter - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

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Department for Communities and Local Government

The [Department for Communities and Local Government](#) (DCLG) is responsible for supporting and working with local government to engineer growth in communities and cities, and working with local enterprise partnerships and enterprise zones to help the public sector grow.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP](#) (Con) Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [John Glen MP](#) & [Mike Freer MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Baroness Warsi](#) (Con) Minister of State for Faith and Communities
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Eric Ollerenshaw MP](#) (Con)
- [Brandon Lewis MP](#) (Con) Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Responsibilities include local government and Thames Gateway
- [Stephen Williams MP](#) (LD) Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Responsibilities include climate change and sustainable development
- [Nick Boles MP](#) (Con) Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning. Responsibilities include planning and development, local growth, deregulation
- [Baroness Stowell of Beeston](#) (Con) Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Responsibilities include the European Regional Development Fund.
- [Kris Hopkins MP](#) (Con) Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Responsibilities include housing, local growth, cities and regeneration

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Sir Bob Kirslake](#), also Head of the Civil Service. He is supported by Director General for Strategy David Hill; Director General for Localism Helen Edwards; Director General for Neighbourhoods Peter Schofield; Director General for Troubled Families Louise Casey; and Director General for Financial and Corporate Services Andrew Campbell. The Department's Director of Analysis and Innovation Directorate, and Chief Analyst, Chief Economist and Chief Scientific Advisor is [Stephen Aldridge](#) who was previously the Director of the Strategy Unit at the Cabinet Office.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Hilary Benn MP
- Emma Reynolds MP
- Roberta Blackman-Woods MP
- Lyn Brown MP
- Andy Sawford MP
- Lord (Bill) McKenzie
- Lord (Jeremy) Beecham

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

The [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](#) (DCMS) is responsible for Government policy on the arts, sport, broadcasting and the creative industries, telecommunications and broadband, historic environment, and libraries, museums and galleries.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Maria Miller MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Also Minister for Women and Equalities
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Mary Macleod MP](#) (Con)
- [Ed Vaisy MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries. Responsibilities include broadband, heritage and the built environment, internet and creative industries, Museums and Galleries
- [Helen Grant MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Sport and Equalities (joint portfolio with the Ministry of Justice) responsibilities include for Equality Legislation and the Equality and Human Rights Commission
- [Jo Swinson MP](#) (LD) - Minister for Women and Equalities (Joint portfolio with BIS) responsibilities include for women and growth, women on boards, LGBT strategy

Civil Service

The department's Permanent Secretary is Sue Owen. The position of Chief Scientific Advisor within the Department is currently vacant. Chris Sharrock, the Department's Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser is currently overseeing all matters relating to science within the Department.

The Department works with a number of agencies and public bodies to develop and implement Government policy. The [Science and Research Advisory Committee](#) (SRAC) is a committee of science experts that has been set up to advise DCMS on developments in science and technology and their implications for the Department's policies and priorities. It has not published since June 2012. The SRAC is chaired by Mike Dixon, Director of the National History Museum. The Department is represented on the Committee by its Chief Scientific Advisor, currently Deputy CSA Chris Sharrock.

The Department is responsible for overseeing the management of the [Science Museum Group](#) and for broadband delivery across the UK under the leadership of Chris Townsend.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Harriet Harman MP (Shadow Deputy Prime Minister, Party Chair and Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport)
- Helen Goodman MP
- Clive Efford MP
- Baroness (Maggie) Jones
- Lord (Wilf) Stevenson

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Department for Education

The [Department for Education](#) (DfE) is responsible for all aspects of education up to 16 years including careers, qualifications, assessment, standards, and curriculum. It also has joint responsibility for further education and apprenticeships with BIS.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Michael Gove MP](#) (Con) Secretary of State responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy.
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Ben Gummer MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon David Laws MP](#) (LD) - Minister of State for Schools (joint portfolio with the Cabinet Office). Responsibilities include the Pupil Premium, teachers, Social Mobility Strategy, OFSTED, raising attainment and participation age and financial support for young people. Supported by:
 - Special adviser - Tim Leunig
- [Matthew Hancock MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Skills and Enterprise (joint portfolio with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills) with responsibility in DfE for apprenticeships, careers, further education, 16-19 years
- [Elizabeth Truss MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Childcare. Responsibilities include qualification and curriculum reform, standards, assessment and testing, and Ofqual. Supported by:
- [Edward Timpson MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (children and families). Responsibilities include Children's and young people's services. Supported by:
- [Lord Nash](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (schools). Responsibilities include Academies, Free Schools and University Technical Colleges. Supported by:

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Chris Wormold](#). He is supported by Principal Private Secretary Pamela Dow.

The position of Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department is currently vacant.

Departmental Directors include Tom Jeffery, Director General for Children, Young People and Families Directorate, responsible for policy for young people; and Shona Dunn, Director General for Education Standards who advises on:

- the curriculum, assessment and qualifications
- teaching and the teaching workforce
- school and college accountability
- educational data and statistics
- education and training beyond age 16

The Department is responsible for overseeing a number of agencies and public bodies including [Ofqual](#), [Ofsted](#) and the [Teaching Agency](#).

Recent speeches and announcements

- 16th January 2014 David Laws speech to the [North of England Education Conference](#)

- 8th October 2013 Elizabeth Truss announcement on [new maths qualification](#)
- 3rd October 2013 Matthew Hancock announcement on [new funding for traineeship scheme](#)
- 18th September 2013 Elizabeth Truss speech on [curriculum reform](#)
- 10th September 2013 Matthew Hancock announcement on [need for culture change in careers guidance](#)
- 5th September 2013 Michael Gove speech on the [importance of teaching](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Tristram Hunt MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Education
- Kevin Brennan MP - Shadow Minister for Schools
- Steve McCabe MP
- Rushanara Ali MP
- Lucy Powell MP
- Baroness Hughes
- Baroness Jones

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Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The [Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#) (Defra) is responsible for all aspect of the natural environment, including biodiversity, green economy, sustainable development and animal health.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs leading on EU and international relations on sustainable development and climate change
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [David Burrows MP](#) (Con)
- [George Eustice MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Natural Environment, Water and Rural Affairs. Responsibilities include natural environment and biodiversity, fisheries, marine environment
- [Dan Rogerson MP](#) (LD) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State.
- [Lord de Mauley](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Resource Management, Local Environment and Environmental Science. Responsibilities include the green economy, science, evidence and research, genetically modified organisms, climate change adaptation, and all Defra business in the House of Lords

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Bronwyn Hill. She is supported by Director General, Strategy, International and Bioscience, Nick Joicey; Director General, Policy and Delivery, Peter Unwin; and the Department's Chief Scientific Adviser, [Professor Ian Boyd](#), who was previously Chairman of the Marine Alliance of Science and Technology for Scotland (MASTS) and Chief Executive of SMRU Ltd. He also advises the UK Government about issues concerning marine management and is a Professor in Biology at the University of St Andrews.

Recent speeches and announcements

- 20th November 2013 Owen Paterson spoke at to [Policy Exchange](#)
- 20th June 2013 Owen Paterson speech to [Rothamsted Research](#)

The Department oversees the running of a number of agencies and public bodies including the [Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science](#) (CEFAS) which provides scientific and technical support, consultancy and advice on fisheries' science and management, environmental assessment, aquaculture and fish health; [Forest Research](#); and the [Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency](#). The Department also engages with a number of advisory non-departmental public bodies. The [Science Advisory Council](#) provides expert scientific advice on departmental policy. The Council is chaired by Professor Christopher Gilligan, Head of the School of Biological Science at the University of Cambridge.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Maria Eagle MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Huw Irranca-Davies MP - Shadow Minister for Food & Farming
- Barry Gardiner MP - Shadow Minister for the Natural Environment and Fisheries
- Thomas Docherty MP
- Lord Knight - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

Department for International Development

The [Department for International Development](#) (DfID) is responsible for spending UK aid in overseas countries and territories. Its key issues include education, health, economic growth, governance and conflict, climate and environment, water and sanitation, food and nutrition, and humanitarian disasters and emergencies.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Justine Greening MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for International Development responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Julian Smith MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Alan Duncan MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for International Development
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - Mark Menzies MP (Con)
- [Lynn Featherstone MP](#) (LD) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Mark Lawcock](#). He is supported by Nick Dyer (Director General, Policy and Global Programmes), Richard Calvert (Director General, Finance and Corporate Performance), Joy Hutcheon (Director General, Country Programmes; Moazzam Malik (Director General, Humanitarian, Security, Conflict & International Finance), and Vivienne Cox (lead Non-Executive Director).

Science in DfID

The [Research and Evidence Division](#) (RED) spans three pillars of work: Research, Evidence and Evaluation, Professional Cadres. It is headed by the Department's Chief Scientific Adviser and Director of Research and Evidence Division, [Professor Christopher Whitty](#). He is supported by the Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor Tim Wheeler; Deputy Director, Deputy Head of Research and Coordinator Gail Marzetti; Chief Economist Stefan Dercon; and Nick York Deputy Director and Chief Professional Officer for Evaluation.

The RED is also supported by a number of specialist Chief Professional Officers; Mark Robinson (Governance, Social Development, Conflict & Humanitarian); Jenny Amery (Health and Education); John Barrett (Climate, Environment, Infrastructure & Livelihoods); and Deborah McGurkl (Economics and Private sector).

The [Humanitarian Emergency Response Review](#) (2011) outlined a strategy for investment in humanitarian research and innovation. The Review aims to improve the use of science in both predicting and preparing for disasters, and make humanitarian research and innovation a core part of the Department's research and evidence work.

Shadow Labour Party Spokespeople:

- Jim Murphy MP - Shadow Secretary of State for International Development
- Alison McGovern MP
- Gavin Shaker MP
- Lord Collins - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

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Department for Transport

The [Department for Transport](#) (DfT) is responsible for UK transport policy including encouraging the use of low carbon vehicles and low carbon transport, national aviation policy.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Transport responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretaries - [Iain Stewart MP](#) and [Julian Sturdy MP](#) (both Con)
- [Stephen Hammond MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport. Responsibilities include regulation, London, Crossrail
- [Baroness Susan Kramer](#) (LD) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport. Responsibilities include SMEs and growth, natural environment and climate change, clean fuel and vehicles
- [Robert Goodwill MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Philip Rutman. He was previously Director General, Business and Skills, at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills responsible for industry and enterprise policy. He is supported by Director General, Resources and Strategy Jonathan Moor, Director General High Speed 2 David Prout, Director General, International, Strategy and Environment, Lucy Chadwick; and Director General Domestic Transport, Steve Gooding.

The Department's Chief Scientific Advisor is [Professor Roderick Smith](#). He is supported by the Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser Dr Miles Elsdon.

The Science and Research Unit's role is to support the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) in raising the quality of the Department's use of analysis and research, ensuring that it maintains a strategy for its use of evidence and helping it Board and senior management address scientific, technological engineering and mathematical challenges.

Recent speeches and announcements

- 18th December 2013 Baroness Kramer speech on [Smarter Technology](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Mary Creigh MP
- Lillian Greenwood MP
- Gordon Marsden MP
- Richard Burden MP
- Lord Davies
- Lord Rosser

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Department for Work and Pensions

The [Department for Work and Pensions](#) (DWP) is responsible for welfare and pension policy, and tackling child poverty. It is the Government's biggest public service delivery department.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Andrew Selous MP](#) (Con)
- [Esther McVey MP](#) (Con) - Minister for Employment. Responsibilities include the Work Programme and youth unemployment
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Harriet Baldwin MP](#) (Con)
- [Mike Penning MP](#) (Con) - Minister for Disabled People. Responsibilities include access to work, work choice and child poverty
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Steve Brine MP](#) (Con)
- [Steve Webb MP](#) (LD) - Minister for Pensions
- [Lord Freud](#) (Con) - Minister for Welfare Reform

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Robert Devereux. He is supported by Andy Nelson, IT Director General and Chief Information Officer; Kevin Cunningham, Director General Digital Transformation; and Gill Aitken Director General, Professional Services which brings together the Heads of Profession for the Department.

The Department's Chief Medical Adviser is Dr Bill Gunnyeon.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Rachel Reeves MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- Stephen Timms MP - Shadow Minister for Employment
- Gregg McClymont MP - Shadow Pensions Minister
- Chris Bryant MP
- Kate Green MP
- Baroness Sherlock - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Bradley - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

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Department of Energy and Climate Change

The [Department of Energy and Climate Change](#) (DECC) is responsible for UK energy and climate change policies, including reducing carbon emissions and energy demands, and looking at future energy systems.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Edward Davey MP](#) (LD) Secretary of State responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Stephen Gilbert MP](#) (LD)
- [Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State with responsibilities including the Energy Bill, renewable energy deployment, international energy and nuclear policy
- [Rt Hon Gregory Barker MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State with responsibilities including green jobs and skills, climate science, green investment bank, and the Green Investment Bank
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Laura Sandys MP](#) (Con)
- [Baroness Verma](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibilities including departmental business in the House of Lords

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Stephen Lovegrove](#). The Department's Director General International, Science and Resilience, [Katrina Williams](#). Another notable civil servant is Duncan Millard, Head of Professions for Statistics.

Science in DECC

The Department's Chief Scientific Advisor is [Professor David MacKay](#) who is supported by the Director of Science and Innovation, Paul Hollinshead, Science Director Nafees Meah and Engineering Director Craig Lucas. The Chief Scientific Advisor leads the Science and Innovation Group in DECC, which comprises of scientists, engineers and statisticians who provide scientific advice and technical analysis to policy teams within DECC.

The Department's [Science Advisory Group](#) was established in 2010 and provides Ministers and civil servants with independent science advice and evidence. The Group is chaired by Professor John Shepherd FRS of the University of Southampton. The Department also has responsibility for a number of non-departmental public bodies including the [Commission on Climate Change](#), chaired by Lord Deben and the [Nuclear Decommissioning Authority](#) chaired by Stephen Henwood.

Recent speeches and publications

- February 2013 Ed Davey spoke to the [AVOID symposium](#) at the Royal Society
- 9th September 2013 Ed Davey spoke at the Royal Society on [fracking](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople:

- Caroline Flint MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change
- Tom Greatrex MP
- Jonathan Reynolds MP
- Julie Elliot MP
- Baroness Worthington - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

Department of Health

The [Department of Health](#) (DH) is responsible for all issues of public health, the NHS and social care in England. The Department spends on average £1bn per annum on research, and has recently invested £220m of capital funding for the UK Centre for Medical Research & Innovation.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Health responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretaries - [Tobias Ellwood MP](#) and [Andrew Jones MP](#) (both Con)
- [Norman Lamb MP](#) (LD) - Minister of State. Responsibilities include dementia, older people and mental health services. Also serves as Chief Parliamentary and Political Adviser to the Leader of the Liberal Democrats and Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg
- [Daniel Poulter MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. Responsibility for NHS workforce
- [Jane Ellison MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. Responsibilities include Public Health England, vaccination, NHS Healthcheck, sexual health
- [Lord Howe](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. Responsibilities include for medicines, pharmacy and industry, research and development, and innovation

The Department works with a number of advisory bodies, including the [Ministerial Industry Strategy Group](#). This group is co-chaired by the Secretary of State and CEO of AstraZeneca and Chairman of the British Pharma Group, David Brennan. The group aims to bring together government and the research-based bio-pharmaceutical industry. Members of the group include the Secretary of State for Business; the Minister for Science; and a number of industry figures.

Civil Service

The department's Permanent Secretary is Una O'Brien. She was previously the Department's Director General of Policy and Strategy. She is supported by Director General Public Health, Dr Felicity Harvey and Director General Strategy and External Relations, Charlie Massey. The Department is also supported by six Chief Professional Officers who advise on health and social care issues:

- Chief Medical Officer/Chief Scientific Adviser: Professor Dame Sally Davies
- Chief Scientific Officer: Professor Sue Hill (also head of profession for healthcare science workforce in the NHS and associated bodies)
- Chief Health Professions Officer: Karen Middleton
- Chief Pharmaceutical Officer: Dr Keith Ridge
- Director of Nursing: Christine Beasley
- Chief Dental Officer: Barry Cockcroft

The Department works with a number of agencies and public bodies to develop and implement Government policy. The [Food Standards Agency](#) (FSA) is a non-ministerial department responsible for food safety and food hygiene across the UK. The FSA is led by Chief Executive Catherine Brown. Dr Andrew Wadge CSci is the agency's Chief Scientist. Executive non-departmental bodies include the [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority](#) and the [Human](#)

[Tissue Authority](#). Other bodies include [Health Education England](#), the organisation for health sector education, training and workforce development; and the [National Institute for Clinical Excellence](#), which provides evidence-based guidance on prevention, diagnosis and disease treatment.

Recent speeches and publications

- 20 December 2013 [New public health research partnership to get £47.5 million](#)
- 11th December 2013 Jeremy Hunt opens the [International Dementia Summit](#)
- 13th March 2013 Jeremy Hunt speech on [innovation in the NHS and social care](#)

Shadow Labour Spokesman

- Andy Burnham MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Health
- Liz Kendall MP
- Luciana Berger MP
- Andrew Gwynne MP
- Jamie Reed MP
- Lord Hunt - Opposition Spokesperson for Health in the House of Lords
- Lord Bradley - Opposition Spokesperson for Health in the House of Lords

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The [Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) (FCO) promotes British interests overseas, and supports UK business around the world. It also works with other government departments and international partners to address issues around climate change.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon William Hague MP](#) (Con) responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Keith Simpson MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon David Lidington MP](#) - Minister of State for Europe. Responsibilities include information and technology
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Charlie Elphicke MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State. Responsibilities include Commonwealth, Far East, Latin America
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Richard Graham MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Hugh Robinson MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State.
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Simon Kirby MP](#) (Con)
- [Mark Simmonds MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State. Responsibilities include climate change and international energy
- [Lord Livingston](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Trade and Investment (joint Minister with BIS)
- [Baroness Warsi](#) (Con) - Minister of State. Responsible for all Foreign and Commonwealth Office business in the House of Lords

Civil Servants

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Sir Simon Fraser, previously the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. The Department's Chief Scientific Adviser is [Professor Robin Grimes](#). He succeeded Professor David Clary in February 2013. Professor Grimes is Professor of Materials Physics at Imperial College, London and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics.

The Department works with a number of agencies and public bodies to develop and implement Government policy. [UK Trade & Investment](#) (UKTI) under the leadership of Chief Executive [Crispin Simon](#) is a non-ministerial department working jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to support UK-based businesses expand into international markets as well as encouraging inward investment from overseas companies. The [British Council](#) is a non-executive departmental body responsible for the overseeing UK international education and cultural relations activities. The British Council oversees a number of [science-related programmes](#) designed to promote UK science, engineering and technology across the world.

The Department's [Science and Innovation Network](#) (SIN) is jointly run with BIS to support UK "*economic and social goals through international collaboration in science research and innovation*". SIN was established in 2000 and now includes dedicated staff in 40 embassies and consulates across 25 countries / territories. Priorities include:

- Reporting and advising major UK partners on opportunities and developments in science and Innovation overseas
- Influencing key players overseas on UK aims and priorities in science and innovation
- Supporting overseas visits by ministers and senior officials
- Identifying leading edge capabilities overseas, promoting UK efforts on R&D and breaking down barriers to collaboration
- Hosting and supporting conferences, seminars and workshops

The [2012 SIN Annual Report](#) contains contact details of staff in all 25 countries/territories.

The Department is leading the [Government's Review of the balance of competencies](#) between the UK and European Union. The Review asks Government departments to look in depth at how the EU's competences (the power to act in particular areas conferred on it by the EU Treaties) work in practice.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Douglas Alexander MP - Shadow Foreign Secretary
- John Spellar MP - Shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister
- Ian Lucas MP - Shadow Minister for Africa and the Middle East
- Kerry McCarthy MP - Shadow Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister
- Gareth Thomas MP
- Lord Triesman - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Liddle - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Bach

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Her Majesty's Treasury

The role of [Her Majesty's Treasury](#) (HMT) is the UK's economic and financial ministry. It manages and controls the direction of the economy and public spending. The Treasury is the lead department on the delivery of national infrastructure projects. In October 2012 the Treasury announced an additional £200m for the UK Research Partnership Infrastructure Fund, aimed at leveraging private investment to create a fund of £1bn for capital spending projects for research in higher education.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon George Osborne MP](#) (Con) - Chancellor of the Exchequer responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Rob Wilson MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Danny Alexander MP](#) (LD) - Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Responsibilities include spending reviews and strategic planning, procurement and capital investment
- [Sajid Javid MP](#) (Con) - Financial Secretary to the Treasury
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Marcus Jones MP](#) (Con)
- [David Gauke MP](#) (Con) - Exchequer to the Treasury. Responsibilities include strategic oversight of UK tax system, and corporate and SME taxation.
- [Nicky Morgan MP](#) (Con) - Economic Secretary to the Treasury. Responsibilities include climate change and energy issues, tax credits, charities, voluntary sector and gift aid
- [Lord Deighton](#) (Con) - Commercial Secretary to the Treasury. Responsibilities include delivery of infrastructure projects and supporting wider growth strategy

Civil Service

The department's Permanent Secretary is Sir Nicholas Macpherson. He is supported by two Second Permanent Secretaries, John Kingman and Sharon White, and by a number of Directors including Dave Ramsden, Director General Chief Economic Adviser. Dave Ramsden's team include Andrew Ross, Deputy Director, Government Economic and Social Research.

Appointed in June 2011, the Department's Chief Scientific Adviser is Dr James Richardson. He is also the Department's Director of Fiscal Strategy and Funding. The Department's Enterprise and Growth team is headed by Jeremy Pocklington, Director Enterprise and Growth and Geoffrey Spence, Chief Executive of Infrastructure UK.

Dates of note:

- The [Budget](#) is the annual financial and economic report made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Parliament
- The [Autumn Statement](#) is the annual statement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Parliament providing an update on the Government's plans for the economy
- The [Comprehensive Spending Review](#) allocates multi-year spending resources across all government departments in accordance with the Government's policy priorities. The current Spending Review 'window' began in 2010 and covers all years from 2010-11 to 2014-15.

Recent speeches and announcements

- 26th June 2013 George Osborne's [Spending Round statement](#)
- 5th December 2013 George Osborn delivers [Autumn Statement](#)
- 16th January 2014 George Osborne announces [aerospace technology investment](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Ed Balls MP - Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Chris Leslie MP - Chief Secretary to the Treasury
- Cathy Jamieson MP - Shadow Treasury Minister
- Catherine McKinnell MP - Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury
- Shabana Mahmood MP - Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury
- Lord Eatwell - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Davies - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Davidson - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Adonis

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Home Office

The [Home Office](#) is responsible for all aspects of UK immigration, security and law and order policy.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Theresa May MP](#) (Con) - Home Secretary responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [George Hollingberry MP](#) (Con)
- [Norman Baker MP](#) (LD) - Minister of State for Crime Prevention. Responsibilities include forensic science
- [Mark Harper MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Immigration
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Guy Opperman MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Damien Green MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Policing and Criminal Justice
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [David Rutley MP](#) (Con)
- [James Brokenshire MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Crime and Security. Responsibilities include Home Office Science (include counter-terrorism science and technology industry, space and cyber crime security)
- [Lord Taylor of Holbeach MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary State for Criminal Information. Responsibilities include DNA database and statistics and research

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Mark Sedwill, supported Chief Scientific Adviser [Professor Bernard Silverman](#). He is supported by Director General Immigration Enforcement, Mandie Campbell; Alan Pratt, Director of Science, Engineering and Technology; and David Blunt the Chief Statistician and Head of Profession for Statistics. The post of Director for Social Science and Chief Economist was terminated in 2012. The Home Office's Head of Migration Policy is John Thompson.

The Department works with a number of agencies and public bodies to develop and implement Government policy. The [Home Office Science Group](#) is led by the Department's Chief Scientific Adviser, bringing together the department's scientists, researchers and analysts. Home Office Science comprises of the [Centre for Applied Science and Technology](#), [Home Office Statistics](#), and the [Animal Scientific Procedures Division](#).

The Home Office also uses **Science Advisory Committees** to bring independent and expert advice on how science is used across the Department's remit. There are five Science Advisory Committees each with a different responsibility:

- [Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs](#) (ACMD)
- [Animal Procedures Committee](#) (APC)
- [Forensic Science Advisory Council](#) (FSAC)
- [Home Office Science Advisory Committee](#) (HOSAC)
- [National DNA Database Ethics](#) Group (NDNAD ethics group)

The Home Office also oversees the running of the UK Border Agency which administers UK immigration policy. Within the Border Agency is the [Migration Advisory Committee](#) which advises the Government on migration issues. In 2012 the Committee sought consultation on a review of the Shortage Occupation List, which details where there are not enough resident workers to fill available jobs in particular occupations.

Recent policy announcements

- October 2013 [Immigration Bill](#)

Shadow Labour Spokespeople:

- Yvette Cooper MP - Shadow Secretary of State
- Jack Dromey MP - Shadow Immigration Minister
- David Hanson MP - Shadow Policing Minister
- Diana Johnson MP - Shadow Home Office Minister
- Helen Jones MP
- Steve Reed MP
- Baroness Smith - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords
- Lord Rosser - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

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Ministry of Defence

The [Ministry of Defence](#) (MoD) is responsible for protecting UK interests at home and overseas through strategic intelligence; nuclear deterrence; and maintaining high-tech equipment and support systems.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Phillip Hammond MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Penny Mordaunt MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Mark Francois MP](#) (Con) - Minister of State for the Armed Forces
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Damien Hinds MP](#) (Con)
- [Anna Soubry MP](#) (Con)
- [Dr Andrew Murrison MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for International Security Strategy
- [Philip Dunne MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology
- [Lord Astor of Hever](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and the Lords Spokesman on Defence

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is Jon Thompson. He is supported by Chief Scientific Advisor [Professor Vernon Gibson](#) who oversees the Department's science and technology programme (the Chief Scientific Advisor was elevated to a Director General position upon the recommendation of the 2011 [Defence Reform](#) report) and the Chief of Defence Material, Bernard Grey.

Also supporting the Department are Non-Executive Directors Dr David Allen who has advised a number of companies in energy, science, technology and education sectors; Graham Williams, Chair of the Defence Audit Committee; and lead non-executive Director Gerry Grimstone.

The Department works with a number of agencies and public bodies to develop and implement Government policy. The [Defence Science and Technology Laboratory](#) (DSTL) is an executive agency providing specialist science and technology for the Ministry of Defence and other agencies.

The [Defence Scientific Advisory Council](#), chaired by Professor Ian Poll provides independent advice and analysis to the Secretary of State for Defence on:

- all aspects of the MOD research and development programme, including direction, content, exploitation, balance and changes, and value for money
- the use of science, engineering, technology and analysis (SETA) resources within MOD
- ways of achieving cross-cutting capabilities across all defence lines of development; operational issues
- ad-hoc issues, including broad strategic issues, priorities and policies that could impact the MOD
- emerging external developments, innovation, opportunities and threats to MOD, both national and international

David Delpy, Chief Executive of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council will take over from Professor Poll in April 2014

Other advisory non-departmental public bodies include the [Science Advisory Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal Weapons](#); the Advisory Council on Military Medicine; and the [Nuclear Research Advisory Council](#).

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Vernon Coaker MP - Shadow Secretary of State
- Kevan Jones MP - Shadow Minister for the Armed Forces
- Alison Seabeck MP - Shadow Defence Minister
- Yvonne Fovargue MP
- Gemma Doyle MP
- Lord Rosser - Opposition spokesman in the House of Lords

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Ministry of Justice

The [Ministry of Justice](#) (MoJ) is responsible for the courts, prisons, probation services, and attendance centres in England and Wales.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP](#) (Con) - Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Lee Scott MP](#) (Con)
- [Rt Hon Damian Green MP](#) (Con) Minister of State, Minister for Policing and Criminal Justice (jointly with the Home Office)
- [Jeremy Wright MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Prisons and Rehabilitation
- [Simon Hughes MP](#) (LD) - Minister of State for Justice and Civil Liberties. Responsibilities include freedom of information, data protection and data sharing, equalities, devolution
- [Shailesh Vara MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for the Courts and Legal Aid.

Civil Service

The Department's Permanent Secretary is [Ursula Brennan](#) who sits on the Departmental Board. Also on the Departmental Board is Bill Griffiths who is currently chairman of the Forensic Science Service. The Department's Chief Scientific Adviser is Rebecca Endean.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Sadiq Khan MP - Shadow Justice Secretary
- Stephen Twigg MP
- Andy Slaughter MP
- Jenny Chapman MP
- Dan Jarvis MP
- Lord Beecham - Opposition spokesman in the House of Lords
- Lord Falconer- Opposition spokesman in the House of Lords

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Northern Ireland Office and Northern Ireland Assembly

The [Northern Ireland Office](#) (NIO) is responsible for overseeing Northern Ireland's devolution settlement, represents the UK Government in Northern Ireland and representing Northern Ireland's interests in the UK Government. The department has responsibility for national security in respect of Northern Ireland as well as Human Rights, elections, legacy issues.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Northern Ireland responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Damien Collins MP](#) (Con)
- [Andrew Robathan](#) (Con) - Minister of State for Northern Ireland
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Robin Walker MP](#) (Con)

Civil Service

The Department is run by the Director General, Julian King. The Northern Ireland Office does not employ any scientific advisers. Scientific affairs for the Northern Ireland Assembly are spearheaded by its joint-interim Chief Scientific Advisers [Professor Bernadette Hannigan](#), a Professor of Immunology at the University of Ulster, and Dr Colin Sinclair Mayne, President of the British Society of Animal Science.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Ivan Lewis MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Stephen Pound MP - Shadow Minister for Northern Ireland
- Lord McAvoy - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

Northern Ireland Assembly

The [devolved Government for Northern Ireland](#) is responsible for issues in health, education, language and culture and public services.

Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Department of Education:

- [John O'Dowd MLA](#) - Minister for Education supported by:
 - Permanent Secretary - Paul Sweeney
 - Deputy Secretary - John McGrath
 - Chief Inspector of Education and Training Inspectorate - Noelle Buick

Department for Employment and Learning:

- [Stephen Farry MLA](#) - Minister for Employment and Learning supported by:
 - Director of Skills and Industry Division - June Ingram
 - Director of Further Education Division - Mary Mclvor
 - Director of Higher Education Division - Nuala Kerr
 - Deputy Secretary (Policy) - Catherine Bell

Recent speeches and announcements

- 21st January 2014 [OECD Review: Skills Beyond School](#)
 - 10th January 2014 [Northern Ireland Skills Base: international benchmarking report card](#)
- January 2014 [Review of Apprenticeships interim report](#)

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment:

- [Arlene Foster MLA](#) - Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment supported by:
 - Permanent Secretary - David Sterling

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:

- [Michelle O'Neill MLA](#) - Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development

Department of Environment:

- [Mark Durkan MLA](#) - Minister for the Environment
 - Permanent Secretary - Leo O'Reilly

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Scotland Office and Scottish Government

The [Scotland Office](#) represents Scotland's interests in the UK Government; represents the UK Government in Scotland; ensures the delivery of the devolution settlement; and provides constitutional advice and advice on reserved matters and other Scottish interests across government. The Scottish Office advises on policy issues on reserved matters of home, national security, social, industrial, economic, energy, environmental and transport policy for their actual or potential impact on Scotland.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon Alastair Carmichael](#) (LD) - Secretary of State for Scotland responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
- [Rt Hon David Mundell](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- [Lord Wallace of Tankerness](#) (LD) - HM Advocate General for Scotland & Spokesperson in the House of Lords

Civil Service

The Department's Director is Alun Evans, formerly Head of Strategy at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; and Director General in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. He is supported by Margaret Porteous, Deputy Director of Policy, who was formerly Director, Energy and Advanced Engineering at UK Trade & Industry.

The Scottish Office does not employ any scientific advisers. Scientific affairs for the Scottish Government are spearheaded by [Professor Muffy Calder](#), the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, and also Professor of Computing Science and Dean for Research in the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Glasgow. The Chief Scientific Adviser's role is to champion science as a key economic driver, and ensuring the Scottish Government uses science effectively in all policy-making.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Margaret Curran MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland
- Russell Brown MP - Shadow Scotland Office Minister
- Gordon Banks MP - Shadow Scotland Office Minister
- Lord McAvoy - Opposition Spokesperson in the House of Lords

Scottish Government

The [devolved government for Scotland](#) is responsible for issues of health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

Members of the Scottish Parliament

Education and Lifelong Learning:

- [Michael Russell MSP](#) - Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning. Responsibilities include FE Colleges, FE and HE student support, Scottish Funding Council, reform of school education, educational attainment and international education and benchmarking

- [Dr Alasdair Allan MSP](#) - Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages. Responsibilities include vocational education and qualifications, national qualifications and assessment, policy and development of science strategy, science education in schools, and public engagement in science
- [Angela Constance MSP](#) - Minister for Youth Employment. Responsibilities include Skills Development Scotland, careers services, UK Commission for Employment and Skills, Sector Skills Councils

Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

- [John Swinney MSP](#) - Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth. Responsibilities include the economy and employment
- [Fergus Ewing MSP](#) - Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism. Responsibilities include Energy, Scottish Enterprise, Trade & Inward Investment, Business, Industry and manufacturing

Health and Wellbeing:

- [Alex Neil MSP](#) - Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing. Responsibilities include health professionals, NHS workforce, research and Chief Scientist's Office

Rural Affairs and Environment

- [Richard Lochhead MSP](#) - Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment. Responsibilities include environmental policy, marine planning and policy, marine science policy, Common Agricultural Policy, science and advice for Scottish agriculture
- [Paul Wheelhouse MSP](#) - Minister for Environment and Climate Change. Responsibilities include climate change policy, natural resources and biodiversity

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Wales Office and Welsh Government

The [Wales Office](#) represents Wales's interests in the UK Government; represents the UK Government in Wales; ensures the delivery of the devolution settlement; and provides constitutional advice and advice on reserved matters and other Welsh interests across government.

Ministers

- [Rt Hon David Jones MP](#) (Con) - Secretary of State for Wales responsible for overall departmental strategy and policy
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary - [Daniel Kawczynski MP](#) (Con)
- [Stephen Crabb MP](#) (Con) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales
- [Baroness Randerson](#) (LD) - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales. Responsibilities include all Welsh Office business in the House of Lords

Civil Servants

The Director of the Welsh Office is Glynne Jones. He is supported by Deputy Director, Policy Sian Osborne. The Wales Office does not employ any scientific advisers. Scientific affairs for the Welsh Government are spearheaded by its Chief Scientific Adviser [Professor John Harries](#). A past President of the Royal Meteorological Society, he acts as Head of Profession for science and technology staff in Wales and the Welsh Government.

Shadow Labour Spokespeople

- Owen Smith MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Wales
- Nia Griffith MP - Shadow Wales Minister
- Baroness Morgan- Opposition spokesman in the House of Lords

Welsh Government

The [devolved government for Wales](#) is responsible for issues in health, education, language and culture and public services.

Members of the Welsh Government

Education:

- [Huw Lewis AM](#) - Cabinet Minister for Education and Skills. Responsibilities include FE and HE policy, widening participation in HE, 14-19 curriculum and qualifications and learning pathways
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- [Ken Skates AM](#) - Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology. Responsibilities include sector skills strategies, funding and development; vocational qualifications; apprenticeships; Chwarae Teg

Science:

- [Edwina Hart AM](#) - Cabinet Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science. Responsibilities include science policy, Chief Scientific Adviser's Office, National

Science Academy, innovation, research & development, knowledge transfer and commercialisation, economic sector panels

Environment:

- [Alun Davies AM](#)- Cabinet Minister for Natural Resources and Food. Responsibilities include climate change, water and land resources, biodiversity, energy policy, livestock

Health

- [Lesley Griffiths AM](#) - Cabinet Minister for Health and Social Services. Responsibilities include oversight of medical professions, research and development in health and social care, postgraduate medical education, genetically modified foods

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Current Bills and Legislation going through Parliament

[Decarbonisation Bill](#)

A Bill to provide for the setting of a decarbonisation target for the UK

First reading 3rd December 2013 and expected to have its second reading debate on 28th February 2014.

[Equality and Diversity \(Reform\) Bill 2013-14](#)

A Bill to prohibit the use of affirmative and positive action in recruitment and appointment processes

First reading 24th June 2013 and expected to have its second reading debate on Friday 28th February 2014.

[Immigration Bill](#)

To make provision about immigration law; to limit, or otherwise make provision about, access to services, facilities and employment by reference to immigration status; to make provision about marriage and civil partnership involving certain foreign nationals.

The Bill is currently at the report stage to be presented in the House of Commons on 30th January 2014.

If successful the Bill removes the right of appeal from extension applications made in the UK; will make it easier for the Home Office to deport people; require international students to pay a health charge on immigration application, thought to be £150; and the indefinite retention of biometric data.

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKISA) (among others) believe that if passed into law, the Bill will make the UK a less attractive destination for legitimate international students. UKISA has provided a [briefing document](#) on the Bill.

[Young Apprenticeships Bill](#)

A Bill to provide for young apprenticeships for 14 to 16 year olds

First reading 3rd September 2013 and expected to have its second reading on 28th February 2014.

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Leader of the Opposition's Staff and Support Team

Iain McNicol - Labour Party General Secretary

[Douglas Alexander MP](#) - Chair of election strategy

Spencer Livermore - Campaigns Director

Bob Roberts - Director of communications

Tim Livesey - Chief of Staff

Tom Baldwin - Senior advisor (communications and strategy)

[Lord Stewart Wood](#) - Labour peer, Shadow Minister without Portfolio, adviser to Ed Miliband

[Karen Buck MP](#) - Parliamentary Private Secretary

[Wayne David MP](#) - Parliamentary Private Secretary

[Dave Watts MP](#) - Chair, Parliamentary Labour Party

[Jon Cruddas MP](#) - Chair, Labour Party Policy Review

[Angela Eagle MP](#) - Chair, National Policy Forum

Torsten Henricson-Bell - Director of Policy

Ben Johnson - Head of Policy Development

Miatta Fahnbulleh - Policy Adviser

Ali Moussavi - Policy Adviser

Harvey Redgrave - Home Affairs Policy Adviser

Lisa Forsyth - Policy Adviser

Nirmalee Wanduragala - Political and External Relations Manager

John Wrathmell - Economic Adviser

Tess Lanning - Business Policy Adviser

Tim Horton - Senior Adviser

Joanne Greening - Head of International Policy

Policy Commissions:

[Ed Balls MP](#) - Stability and Prosperity

[Chuka Umunna MP](#) - Work and Business

[Yvette Cooper MP](#) - Stronger, Safer Communities

[Tristram Hunt MP](#) - Education and Children

[Caroline Flint MP](#) - Living Standards and Sustainability

[Andy Burnham MP](#) - Health and Care

[Sadiq Khan MP](#) - Better Politics

[Douglas Alexander MP](#) - Britain's Global Role

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Other relevant agencies and public bodies

A number of agencies and public bodies help to formulate, develop and implement Government policy.

Council for Science and Technology

The [Council for Science and Technology](#) (CST) is an advisory non-departmental public body established in 1993 to replace the Advisory Council on Science and Technology. Its remit is to advise the Prime Minister on strategic issues across Government in science and technology. The Council is co-chaired by the Government Chief Scientific Advisor Sir Mark Walport and Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, President and Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University.

Global Science & Innovation Forum

The [Global Science & Innovation Forum](#) (GSIF) is a vehicle to enable cross-government exchanges of information and ideas concerning science and innovation. It is in place to provide strategic guidance and systematically scan the horizon for new and emerging issues. GSIF members include departmental Chief Scientific Advisors and senior officials, experts and academics from National Academies. It is also charged with the design and implementation of the UK's Global Science and Innovation Strategy for international engagement in science and technology. It is now coordinated by the Government Office for Science.

Higher Education Funding Council for England

The [Higher Education Funding Council for England](#) (HEFCE) is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by BIS. Its main role is to distribute public money to universities and colleges for higher education teaching, research and related activities. HEFCE is led by [Professor Madeline Atkins](#). The [HEFCE Board](#) is chaired by Sir Tim Melville-Ross and includes among its members, Chartered Scientist Dr Suzy Walton and [Science Council Honorary Treasurer Mark Robson](#).

Office for Fair Access

The [Office for Fair Access](#) (OFFA) is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by BIS. Its primary function is to promote fair access for low income and other under-represented groups into higher education. It monitors universities Access Agreements (agreements in which universities and colleges set out their tuition fee limit and the access measures they intend to put in place e.g. outreach work and financial support). OFFA has been headed by Professor Les Ebdon CBE since September 2012. He was previously Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bedfordshire.

Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

[POST](#) is Parliament's in-house science and technology office. Its aim is to provide better information and analysis of public policy issues related to science and technology to Parliamentarians through written briefings, events and seminars, and assisting Parliamentary Select Committees. POST also run a number of fellowship schemes with Research Councils, charities and learned societies for PhD students and post-doctoral researchers in academia and industry. Its current Chairman is Conservative MP Adam Afriyie.

Research Councils

There are seven [Research Councils](#) investing around £3b per annum in research across the natural and social sciences. They are the main public investors of research, receiving annual funding from Parliament via the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. In 2002, the Research Councils UK (RCUK) strategic partnership was launched to enable all Research Councils to work together to enhance the impact and effectiveness of their individual operations. The seven Research Councils are:

The [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#) (AHRC) was established in April 2005, evolving from the Arts and Humanities Research Board, which was founded in 1998. Under Chief Executive Professor Rick Rylance the AHRC supports research across the humanities such as history, English, linguistics, French and other modern languages, philosophy and classics, area and interdisciplinary studies to creative and performing arts such as drama, dance, music, art and design.

The [Biotechnology and Biosciences Research Council](#) (BBSRC) was established in 1994 by incorporation of the former Agricultural and Food Research Council with the biotechnology and biological sciences programmes of the former Science and Engineering Research Council. Under Chief Executive Professor Jackie Hunter the BBSRC focuses on research in the sphere of biosciences and funds research across agriculture, bioenergy, biotechnology, food and drink and pharmaceuticals. The BBSRC also provide strategic funding to [8 institutes](#) include The Babraham Institute, The Institute of Food Research, The Pirbright Institute, and Rothamsted Research.

The [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#) (EPSRC) was established in 1994 following a separation of the research undertaken by the Science and Engineering Research Council. Under Chief Executive David Delpy the EPSRC is the UK's main agency for funding research in engineering and physical sciences, investing around £800m a year in research and postgraduate training into information technology to structural engineering, and mathematics to materials science.

The [Economic and Social Research Council](#) (ESRC) was established in 1982 from the Social Science Research Council. Under Chief Executive Professor Paul Boyle the ESRC invests around £155m per annum supporting over 4,000 researchers and postgraduate students in academic institutions and independent research institutes. Its work includes social diversity, health and wellbeing, and security and conflict.

The [Medical Research Council](#) was established in 1913, and under Chief Executive Sir John Savill it promotes research into all areas of medical and related science. The MRC also leads on global health research in the UK. Supporting almost 6,000 research staff the MRC spent almost £800m on research programmes and grants in 2012/13.

The [Natural Environment Research Council](#) (NERC) was established in 1956 and is the UK's main agency for funding and managing research in the environmental sciences. Under Chief Executive Professor Duncan Wingham NERC receives almost £400m per annum from the government's science budget. NERC science is delivered under seven themes, namely Climate system; Biodiversity; Sustainable use of natural resources; Earth system science; Natural hazards; Environment, pollution and human health; and Technologies.

The [Science and Technology Facilities Council](#) (STFC) was established in 2007 through the merger of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council and the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils. Under Chief Executive Professor John Womersley STFC undertakes research in materials science, space and ground-based astronomy technologies, laser science, microelectronics, wafer scale manufacturing, particle and nuclear physics,

alternative energy production, radio communications and radar. It also funds UK membership of the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) and is the majority shareholder in Diamond Light Source Ltd.

Scientific Advisory Committees and Science Advisory Councils

[Scientific Advisory Committees and Science Advisory Councils](#) provide independent expert advice and guidance to Government on a wide range of science and engineering policy issues. There are around 70 such Committees and Councils across Government, each of them sponsored by a Department or multiple Departments and has a secretariat to support its functions.

The [Code of Practice for Scientific Advisory Committees](#) was reviewed during 2010 and 2011, and a new Code was published in 2011. The Code is intended to provide a 'guidance framework' promotes good practice in the operation of all Scientific Advisory Committees or Councils and their relationship with Government.

Sector Skills Councils

Covering 90% of the UK workforce, the 19 Sector Skills Councils (SSC) are independent, employer-led UK wide organisations licensed through the UKCES to represent the skills and training interests of small to large businesses.

- [Asset Skills](#): responsible for facilities management, housing, property, cleaning and parking.
- [Skills for Care & Development](#): responsible for social care, children, early years and young people's workforces in the UK
- [Institute of the Motor Industry](#): responsible for the Retail Motor Industry
- [Cogent](#): responsible for chemicals, pharmaceuticals, nuclear, oil and gas, petroleum and polymer industries
- [Improve](#): responsible for food and drink manufacturing and associated supply chains
- [Creative SkillSet](#): responsible for TV, film, radio, interactive media, animation, computer games, facilities, photo imaging, publishing, advertising and fashion and textiles
- [Construction skills](#): responsible for the construction industry
- [Lantra](#): responsible for land management and production, animal health and welfare and environmental industries
- [Skills for Health](#): responsible for all UK health employers in the NHS, independent and third sectors
- [Creative & Cultural Skills](#): responsible for craft, cultural heritage, design, literature, music, performing, and visual arts
- [People 1st](#): responsible for hospitality, leisure, passenger transport, travel, tourism and retail
- [Skills for Justice](#): responsible for community justice, courts services, custodial care, fire and rescue, forensic Science, policing and law enforcement and prosecution services
- [e-skills UK](#): responsible for software, internet and web, IT services, telecommunications and business change
- [Semta](#): responsible for science, engineering and manufacturing technologies
- [Skills for Logistics](#): responsible for freight logistics and wholesaling industry
- [Energy & Utility Skills](#): responsible for gas, power, waste management and water industries
- [Skills Active](#): responsible for sport, fitness, outdoors, leisure
- [Financial Skills Partnership](#): responsible for finance, accountancy and financial services
- [Summit Skills](#): responsible for building services engineering

Technology Strategy Board

The [Technology Strategy Board](#) (TSB) is an independent executive Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) jointly supported and funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, other government departments, devolved administrations, and Research Councils. Its primary purpose is to advise the Secretary of State on business research, technology and innovation priorities for the UK, and the allocation of funding necessary to support them.

Overseen by Chief Executive Iain Gray, and with a budget of around £1bn between 2011/12 and 2014/15, the TSB looks across all sectors of the economy to identify priority areas for investment and will also recommend how barriers to the exploitation of new technologies can be removed. It also sponsors 15 sector-specific Knowledge Transfer Networks (KTNs) - business-driven collaborations to encourage new technologies and the sharing of information.

UK Commission for Employment and Skills

The [UK Commission for Employment and Skills](#) (UKCES) is a non-departmental public body which provides strategic leadership on skills and employment issues in the UK. It publishes a range of information on skills gaps, shortages and needs at all levels and in all economic sectors across the UK. The [Commission](#) is chaired by Sir Charlie Mayfield, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership. Commissioners are appointed from across the business, education, voluntary sectors, trade unions and devolved administrations

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Parliamentary Select Committees

Parliamentary Select Committees are formal cross-party groups of MPs which scrutinise Departmental policy decisions, Government legislation, and investigate broader policy issues. Committees conduct inquiries in public through inviting interested parties to submit evidence and by cross-examining expert witnesses. Select Committee reports are normally debated in Parliament after publication. Below are some recent and forthcoming House of Commons Select Committee reports.

The [Science and Technology Committee](#), chaired by [Andrew Miller MP](#) (Lab) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [Work of the Chief Scientific Adviser, Foreign & Commonwealth Office](#): currently taking evidence
- [National Health Screening](#): currently taking written evidence
- [Blood, Tissue and organ screening](#): finished taking written evidence
- [Variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease](#): one-off evidence session
- [Antimicrobial resistance](#): currently taking written evidence
- [Government Horizon Scanning](#): waiting to open oral evidence sessions
- [Women in STEM](#): oral evidence sessions in progress
- [Public understanding of climate](#): oral evidence taken
- [Research and Development funding for UK science and technology](#): written evidence taken
- [Women in scientific careers](#): published February 2014
- [Clinical Trials](#): published September 2013
- [Marine Science](#): published March 2013

The [Education Committee](#), chaired by [Graham Stuart MP](#) (Con) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [Ofsted Annual Report in Education 2012-13](#): to hold a one-off evidence session
- [Academies and Free Schools](#): oral evidence sessions in progress
- [Great teachers - follow up](#): written evidence taken
- [Underachievement in education by white working class children](#): oral evidence ongoing

The [Business, Innovation and Skills Committee](#), chaired by [Andrew Bailey MP](#) (Lab) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [BIS Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13](#): waiting to open oral evidence sessions
- [Adult Literacy and Numeracy](#): currently taking written evidence
- [Open Access](#): report and Government response published November 2013
- [Women in the Workplace](#): report published June 2013
- [Progress on Local Enterprise Partnerships and Regional Growth Fund](#): report published April 2013

The [Energy and Climate Change Committee](#), chaired by [Tim Yeo MP](#) (Con) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [Low Carbon Innovation](#): finished taking written evidence
- [The Work of the Committee on Climate Change](#): oral evidence session held
- [IPCC 5th Assessment Review](#): finished taking written evidence
- [The economics of climate change](#): finished taking written evidence

The [Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee](#), chaired by [Anne McIntosh MP](#) (Con) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [CAP implementation 2014-2020](#): report published, waiting for Government response
- [Food Security](#): oral evidence announced
- [Water](#): oral evidence taken

The **Environmental Audit Committee** has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [Biodiversity offsetting](#): written evidence ongoing
- [Sustainability in Department for BIS](#): written evidence ongoing
- [Protecting the Arctic](#): report and Government response published July 2013

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House of Lords Select Committees investigate activities across the whole range of Government and public policy areas. Committees tend to produce fewer reports that may deal with strategic issues in greater depth. House of Lords Select Committee reports are always the subject of debate and can attract wide interest among the members. Below are some recent and forthcoming House of Lords Select Committee reports.

The [House of Lords Science and Technology Committee](#), chaired by [Lord Krebs](#) (Crossbench) has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [International STEM students](#): currently taking written evidence
- [Waste Opportunities](#): currently taking oral evidence
- [Scientific Infrastructure](#): report published November 2013
- [Regenerative Medicine](#): report published July 2013

The [House of Lords EU Sub-Committee B](#), chaired by [Baroness O’Cathain](#) scrutinises internal market, infrastructure and employment policy of the European Union. IT has undertaken a number of inquiries in the current Parliamentary session:

- [Effectiveness of EU research and innovation proposals](#): report published July 2013
- [Youth Unemployment](#): currently taking oral evidence

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Associate and All Party Parliamentary Groups

Associate and All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) are informal, cross-party groups made up of MPs, Peers and interest groups covering a large number of specialist interests. Although they hold no official power or status APPGs provide Members of both Houses the opportunity to engage with each other and with external stakeholders to address a particular issue, or to foster links with other countries. Below is a list of some of the key APPGs:

[All-Party Parliamentary Group for Social Science and Policy](#)

Chair: Kelvin Hopkins MP (L)

[Associate Parliamentary Group for Skills and Employment](#)

Co-Chairs: Nic Dakin MP (L), Charlotte Leslie MP (C), Fiona Bruce (C)

[All-Party Parliamentary Apprenticeships Group](#)

Chair: Gordon Birtwistle MP (LD)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group for Earth and Environmental Sciences](#)

Chair: Martin Caton MP (L)

[Associate Parliamentary Design and Innovation Group](#)

Co-Chairs: Barry Sheerman MP (L), Gavin Williamson MP (C)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group for Education](#)

Co- Chair: Fabian Hamilton MP (L), Nic Dakin MP (L)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning](#)

Co-Chairs: Simon Kirby MP (C), Stephen Lloyd (LD), Baroness Wall (L)

[Parliamentary and Scientific Committee](#)

Chair: Andrew Miller MP (L)

[All-Party Parliamentary Engineering Group](#)

Chair: Lord Broers MP (Cross Bench)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group on Medical Research](#)

Chair: Lord Turnberg MP (L)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility](#)

Chair: Damian Hinds MP (C)

[All-Party Parliamentary University Group](#)

Chairs: Roberta Blackman-Woods MP (L), Lord Willis of Knaresborough (LD), Lord Philip Norton of Louth (C)

[All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs](#)

Chair: Julia Hilling MP (Lab)

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List of Departmental, Devolved Administration and Public Body Chief Scientific Advisers

Cabinet Office/ Government Chief Scientific Adviser	Sir Mark Walport
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills	Professor John Perkins
Department for Communities and Local Government	Stephen Aldridge (Interim)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	None
Department for Education	Vacant
Department for Food, Environment, Rural Affairs	Professor Ian Boyd
Department for International Development	Professor Christopher Whitty
Department for Health	Professor Dame Sally Davies (Chief Scientific Advisor), Professor Sue Hill (Chief Scientific Officer)
Department for Transport	Professor Roderick Smith
Department for Work and Pensions	Dr Bill Gunnyeon
Department of Energy and Climate Change	Professor David Mackay
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Professor Robin Grimes
Her Majesty's Treasury	Dr James Richardson
Home Office	Professor Bernard Silverman
Ministry of Defence	Professor Vernon Gibson
Ministry of Justice	Rebecca Endean
National Security	Professor Nick Jennings
Northern Ireland Office and Assembly	Professor Bernadette Hannigan
Scottish Government	Professor Muffy Calder
Welsh Assembly	Professor John Harries
Forestry Commission	Professor Peter Freer-Smith
Met Office	Professor Dame Julia Slingo
Health and Safety Executive	Dave Bench (Director of Science, Engineering, Analysis and Chemicals Regulation)

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