

Scottish Cabinet roles and responsibilities May 2024 - Existing Built Environment

ROLE titles prior to 8 May 2024	ROLE titles after 8 May 2024	MSP	Responsibilities as most relevant to existing built and historic environment and related strategy
First Minister	First Minister	John Swinney	
Minister for Independence	Minister for Independence		
Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business	Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business	Jamie Hepburn	Freedom of Information; Government statistics
Deputy First Minister AND Cabinet Secretary for Finance / Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy	Deputy First Minister AND Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic	Kate Forbes	National Performance Framework, green industrial strategy (shared), Scottish National Investment Bank, Infrastructure investment - incl. city and region deals.**
	Minister for Employment and Investment	Tom Arthur	Investment and regeneration - cities investment strategy, town centre regeneration and BIDS, regeneration policy and place, retail recovery and policy, Fair Work
Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (Tourism and Enterprise) -various titles across 2023	Minister for Business	Richard Lochhead	Tourism and hospitality, construction, digital economy, freeports; Subsidy Control Regime (previously known as State Aid)
Deputy First Minister AND Cabinet Secretary for Finance (change in role with Kate Forbes return to Govt.)	Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government	Shona Robison	Local Government, Scottish Futures Trust, Budget
Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance	Minister for Public Finance	Ivan McKee	Community wealth and community empowerment, 20 minute neighbourhoods - cross govt delivery, Registers of Scotland, Planning, public bodies policy, property,
Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care	Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care	Neil Grey	NHS Estates
Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	Christina McKelvie	
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	Jenni Minto	
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	Maree Todd	
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	Jenny Gilruth	School infrastructure
Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise	Minister for Children, Young People and (Keeping) the Promise	Natalie Don	
Minister for Higher Education and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	Minister for Higher Education and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	Graeme Day	Developing the Young Workforce, apprenticeships, non advanced vocational skills, higher education and universities, Skills Development Scotland, qualifications and accreditation.
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Just Transition lost)	Màiri McAllan	Cross gov. net zero coordination, climate crisis and environmental protection, sustainable development, just transition fund, Heat and Energy Efficiency Scot agency, decarbonisation of buildings, green skills, green industrial strat (joint), Nature Scot
	Minister for Climate Action	Gillian Martin	Energy policy and strategy, energy consents, hydrogen, industrial decarbonisation, Circular Economy - incl. Bill, Just Transition - planning, delivery and monitoring incl. Just Transition Commission, Heat Networks, Heating and energy transformation, Heat in Buildings Programme
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights	Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights		
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity		
Minister for Transport	Cabinet Secretary for Transport	Fiona Hyslop	Decarbonisation and just transition of transport.
	Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (also reporting to Rural Affairs Cab Sec)	Jim Fairlie	Agriculture, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Canals
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	Mairi Gougeon	Land reform and land use, Agriculture bill, Forestry and Land Scotland, national parks and natural heritage, Scottish Land Commission
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	Angus Robertson	Scottish diaspora, culture policy, National Records of Scotland, creative industries, culture - community engagement - libraries, Creative Scotland, performing arts, Museums Galleries Scotland and cultural collections, major events, Historic Environment Scotland, National performing companies, Unesco - world heritage sites and intangible cultural heritage, Architecture & Design Scotland.
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development	Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development		**
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	Shirley-Anne Somerville	Human rights, third sector, OSCR
Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees	Minister for Equalities (Migration and Refugees)	Kaukab Stewart	
Minister for Housing	Minister for Housing	Paul McLennan	Affordable housing supply programme, Housing to 2040 strategy, cladding remediation, regulation of existing housing systems, new deal for tenants, building standards.
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	Angela Constance	
Minister for Victims and Community Safety	Minister for Victims and Community Safety	Siobhan Brown	

**It has also been announced Kate Forbes will take the 'day-to-day' decisions relating to the National Library, National Museums Scotland, National Galleries Scotland, and the Kings Theatre and Edinburgh Filmhouse. These responsibilities have not been formally updated on the Scottish Government Website. Responsibilities can be found here:

<https://www.gov.scot/about/who-runs-government/cabinet-and-ministers/>