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Key Ministerial & Shadow Ministerial Appointments

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Overview

This briefing outlines ministers and shadow ministers for the departments of most relevance to the work of PCCs.

Government Ministers

Home Office

Home Secretary – Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP



Constituency: Pontefract, Castleford & Knottingley
Force area: West Yorkshire

Responsibilities

- Overarching responsibility for the department
- Cabinet
- National Security Council (NSC)
- Public appointments
- Oversight of the Security Service

Background

- First elected to Parliament in 1997
- Held junior ministerial roles in Housing, HM Treasury, Work & Pensions between 1999-2005
- Shadow Home Secretary from 2011-2015, then again from 2021-2024
- Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC) from 2016-2021

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Minister for Policing, Fire & Crime Prevention – Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson MP



Constituency: Kingston upon Hull North & Cottingham
Force area: Humberside

Responsibilities

- Policing standards and governance
- Neighbourhood policing
- Fire policy and operations
- Public order, major events, and civil contingencies
- Criminal justice system
- Young Futures
- Safer Streets

Background

- First elected in 2005
- Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC) from 2021-24

Minister for Security – Dan Jarvis MP



Constituency: Barnsley North
Force area: South Yorkshire

Responsibilities

- Counter terrorism
- State threats
- Cyber security and crime
- Serious organised crime and NCA oversight
- Anti-corruption
- Economic crime

Background

- First elected in 2011
- Shadow Justice Minister from 2013-2015
- Shadow Security Minister from 2023-2024

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Minister for Safeguarding and VAWG – Jess Phillips MP



Constituency: Birmingham Yardley
Force area: West Midlands

Responsibilities

- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO)
- Safeguarding and child sexual abuse
- Violent crime and domestic abuse
- Modern slavery and spiking

Background

- First elected in 2015
- Member of the Women & Equalities Select Committee from 2015-19
- Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence & Safeguarding from 2020-2023

Minister for Border Security & Asylum – Dame Angela Eagle MP



Constituency: Wallasey
Force area: Merseyside

Responsibilities

- Border Security Command and enforcement
- Asylum arrivals, policy and accommodation
- Returns and removals
- Organised immigration crime and FNO's
- National Referral Mechanism

Background

- First elected in 1992
- Served as a Home Office Minister from 2001-02

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Minister for Migration and Citizenship – Seema Malhotra MP



Constituency: Feltham & Heston
Force area: MOPAC

Responsibilities

- Legal migration policy, immigration rules and visa policy
- Windrush Compensation Scheme
- Future Borders and Immigration System
- HM Passport Office and General Register Office
- Safe and legal routes and resettlement

Background

- First elected in 2011
- Served as Shadow Home Office Minister from May – September 2015.
- Member of the Justice Select Committee from 2012-2013.

Lords Minister – Rt Hon Lord Hanson



Responsibilities

- Fraud
- Lords Home Office business
- Departmental finance
- Public appointments and sponsorship
- Overseas Territories
- Inquiries
- Union and devolution

Background

- Labour MP for Delyn from 1992-2019
- Justice Minister from 2007-2009
- Crime and Policing Minister from 2009-2010

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Ministry of Justice

The current ministerial structure for the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is as follows:

Lord Chancellor & Justice Secretary – Shabana Mahmood MP



Constituency: Birmingham Ladywood
Force area: West Midlands

Responsibilities

- Oversight of all portfolios & MoJ strategy
- MoJ support for the Union
- Resourcing of the department
- Judicial policy including pay & pensions
- Corporate services

Background

- First elected in 2010
- Shadow Justice Secretary from 2023-2024
- Shadow Home Affairs Minister from 2010-2011

Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending – Lord Timpson



Responsibilities

- Prison capacity and related prisons policy
- HMPPS administration and probation policy
- Prisoner Escort Contracts
- Parole policy and reducing reoffending
- Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) schemes
- Electronic Monitoring (EM)
- Home Detention Curfew (HDC)
- Offender Cohorts, health and drugs

Background

- Chief Executive of the Timpson Group from 2002-2024

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Minister for Courts and Legal Services – Heidi Alexander MP



Constituency: Swindon South
Force area: Wiltshire

Responsibilities

- Criminal Courts and Criminal Court recovery
- Court Reform (including artificial intelligence, modernisation, and digital reform)
- His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service administration
- Legal Aid and Legal Aid Agency administration
- Legal Services
- Criminal Cases Review Commission administration
- Civil Justice
- Modern Justice System: Legal Support; Dispute Resolution
- Tribunals Policy (incl. fees)
- Irregular Migration
- Probate
- Miscarriages of Justice
- Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation
- Office for the Public Guardian administration
- Mental Capacity
- Secondary Legislation
- Press/ Communications
- MoJ Mission lead for Kickstart economic growth

Background

- Labour MP for Lewisham East from 2010-2018
- Elected Labour MP for Swindon South in 2024

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Minister for Victims and VAWG – Alex Davies-Jones



Constituency: Pontypridd
Force area: South Wales

Responsibilities

- VAWG & Criminal Law incl. Child Sexual Abuse
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority
- Rape and Serious Sexual Offences
- Victims and Witnesses inc. Victims' Commissioner, Hillsborough
- Commons Family Minister
- Cross-cutting corporate portfolio (incl. Ministerial Disability Champion Meetings, Diversity & Inclusion, Covid-19 Inquiry, Public Appointments, Senior Civil Service HR)

Background

- First elected in 2019
- Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding from 2023-2024
- Member of the Women and Equalities Select Committee from 2020-2022

Lords Minister – Lord Ponsonby



Responsibilities

- Lords Justice business
- Constitution and Crown Dependencies
- International Criminal Justice, overseas territories, EU and human rights

Background

- Opposition Justice Spokesperson from 2021-2024

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Minister for Sentencing and Youth Justice – Sir Nic Dakin MP



Constituency: Scunthorpe
Force area: Humberside

Responsibilities

- Sentencing
- Youth Justice
- Youth Hubs
- Commons Prisons, Probation and Parole
- Transparency
- MoJ Mission lead for Breakdown barriers to opportunity

Background

- First elected as an MP in 2010, serving until 2019 before being re-elected in 2024.
- Served as Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons from May – September 2015.

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Attorney General's Office

The current ministerial structure for the Attorney General's Office (AGO) is as follows:

Attorney General – Rt Hon Lord Hermer KC



Responsibilities

- Overall responsibility for the Department & superintended departments (CPS, HMCPS)
- Non-statutory oversight of the Services Prosecuting Authority & government prosecuting departments
- Government's principal legal adviser

Background

- Appointed a life peerage in 2024
- Former human rights barrister
- Appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in 2019

Solicitor General – Sarah Sackman MP



Constituency: Finchley & Golders Green
Force area: MOPAC

Responsibilities

- Deputising for the Attorney General & responsible for such matters as the Attorney General delegates to her
- Providing support to the Attorney General in the superintendence of departments

Background

- Elected in 2024
- Former planning law barrister

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Shadow Ministers

Home Office, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Office

Shadow Home Secretary – Rt Hon James Cleverly MP



Constituency: Braintree

Force area: Essex

Responsibilities

Scrutinising government policy in relation to:

- The wider work of the Home Office
- National Security Council (NSC)
- Public appointments
- Oversight of the Security Service

Background

- First elected in 2015
- Home Secretary from 2023-2024
- Former Co-Chair & Deputy Chair of the Conservative Party

Shadow Policing Minister – Matt Vickers MP



Constituency: Stockton West

Force area: Durham

Responsibilities

- Scrutiny in relation to policing standards and governance, neighbourhood policing and fire policy and operations
- Oversight of responses to major disturbances

Background

- First elected in 2010
- Member of both the Home Affairs & Justice Select Committees from March-June 2022

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Shadow Security Minister – Tom Tugendhat MP



Constituency: Tonbridge
Force area: Kent

Responsibilities

Oversight of the Security Minister’s work on:

- Counter terrorism
- State threats
- Cyber security and crime
- Serious organised crime and NCA oversight
- Anti-corruption
- Economic crime

Background

- First elected in 2015
- Security Minister from 2022-2024

Shadow Justice Secretary – Rt Hon Edward Argar MP



Constituency: Melton & Syston
Force area: Leicestershire

Responsibilities

- Scrutinising MoJ strategy and departmental sourcing
- Overseeing judicial policy including pay & pensions and corporate services

Background

- First elected in 2010
- Prisons Minister from 2023-2024
- Minister for Victims from 2022-2023
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice from 2018-2019.

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Shadow Justice Minister – Gareth Bacon MP



Constituency: Orpington
Force area: MOPAC

Responsibilities

- Scrutinising government policy in relation to courts, sentencing and victims

Background

- First elected in 2019
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Sentencing from 2023-2024

Shadow Attorney General – Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Wright MP



Constituency: Kenilworth & Southam
Force area: Warwickshire

Responsibilities

- Scrutinising the work of the government's principal legal adviser
- Probe the work of the department & superintended departments (CPS, HMCPs)

Background

- First elected in 2010
- Attorney General from 2014-2018
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Prisons & Rehabilitation from 2012-2014

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Shadow Solicitor General – Alberto Costa MP



Constituency: South Leicestershire
Force area: Leicestershire

Responsibilities

- Deputising for the Shadow Attorney General
- Providing support in scrutinising superintended departments

Background

- First elected in 2015
- Member of the Justice Select Committee from 2015-2017

Opposition Spokespeople

Liberal Democrats

Alistair Carmichael MP – Spokesperson for Home Affairs & Justice

Plaid Cymru

Liz Saville Roberts MP – Westminster Leader & Spokesperson for Home Affairs and Justice

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