

Appendix C

Women MPs who have held Ministerial office

Entries appear at date of first holding Government office, not at subsequent holdings of Government office, e.g. all entries for Ann Taylor will be at 1977 not 1997.

Date first appointed Name and offices held

- 1924 Rt Hon Margaret BONDFIELD
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour 1924
* Minister of Labour 1929-31
First woman Cabinet Minister
- 1924 Duchess of ATHOLL
Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Education 1924-29
- 1929 Miss Arabella Susan LAWRENCE
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health 1929-31
- 1939 Rt Hon Florence HORSBURGH, CBE
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health 1939-45
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food 1945
* Minister of Education 1951-54
(First woman to move the Address in reply to the King's Speech)
- 1940 Rt Hon Ellen WILKINSON
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions 1940
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Security 1940-45
* Minister of Education 1945-47
- 1945 Mrs Jennie ADAMSON
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions 1945-46
- 1945 Mrs Thelma CAZALET-KEIR
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education 1945
- 1945 Rt Hon Edith SUMMERSKILL
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food 1945-50
Minister for National Insurance 1950-51
- 1950 Rt Hon Margaret HERBISON
Under-Secretary, Scottish Office 1950-51
Minister of Pensions & National Insurance 1964-66
Minister of Social Security 1966-67

Date first appointed Name and offices held

- 1951 Miss Patricia HORNSBY-SMITH
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health 1951-57
Under-Secretary of State, Home Office 1957-59
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance 1959-61
- 1955 Miss Edith PITT, OBE
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance 1955-57
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health 1959-62
- 1959 Miss Mervyn PIKE
Assistant Postmaster-General 1959-1963
Under-Secretary, Home Office 1963-64
- 1961 Rt Hon Margaret THATCHER
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Pensions & National Insurance 1961-64
* Secretary of State for Education & Science 1970-74
* First woman Prime Minister, May 1979 - November 1990
- 1962 Rt Hon Lady TWEEDSMUIR (later Baroness, June 1970)
Under-Secretary, Scottish Office 1962-64
Minister of State, Scottish Office 1970-72
Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office 1972-74
- 1964 Rt Hon Barbara CASTLE
* Minister of Overseas Development 1964-65
* Minister of Transport 1965-68
* Secretary of State for Employment & Productivity 1968-70
* Secretary of State for Social Services 1974-76
- 1964 Rt Hon Dame Judith HART, DBE
Under-Secretary, Scottish Office 1964-66
Minister of State, Commonwealth Relations Office 1966-67
Minister of Social Security 1967-68
* Paymaster-General 1968-69
Minister of Overseas Development 1969-1970; 1974-75; 1977-79
- 1964 Rt Hon Alice BACON, CBE
Minister of State, Home Office 1964-67
Minister of State, Department of Education & Science 1967-70

Date first appointed Name and offices held

1964 Rt Hon Jennie LEE

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Public Building & Works 1964-65
Under Secretary, Department of Education & Science 1965-67
Minister of State, Department of Education & Science 1967-70

1964 Mrs Harriet SLATER

Junior Lord of the HM Treasury (Whip) 1964-66
(First woman Whip)

1964 Mrs Eirene WHITE

Under-Secretary, Colonial Office 1964-66
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs 1966-67
Minister of State for Wales 1967-70

1966 Rt Hon Shirley WILLIAMS

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Labour 1966-67
Minister of State, Department of Education & Science 1967-69
Minister of State, Home Office 1969-70
* Secretary of State for Prices & Consumer Protection 1974-76
Paymaster General 1976-79
* Secretary of State for Education & Science 1976-79

1967 Mrs Gwyneth DUNWOODY

Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Trade, 1967-70

1969 Miss Joan LESTOR

Under-Secretary, Department of Education & Science 1969-70 and 1975-76
Under-Secretary, Foreign & Commonwealth Office 1974-75

1972 Dame Peggy FENNER, DBE

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food 1972-74 and 1981-86

1974 Dr Hon Shirley SUMMERSKILL

Under-Secretary, Home Office 1974-79

1974 Rt Hon Betty BOOTHROYD [Baroness Boothroyd of Sandwell, 2001-]

Assistant Government Whip 1974-75;
(Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (Deputy Speaker) 1987-92);
(Speaker of House of Commons 1992-2000)
(First woman Speaker)

Date first appointed Name and offices held

1976 Miss Margaret JACKSON

Assistant Government Whip 1975-76
Under-Secretary, Department of Education & Science 1976-79
(Mrs BECKETT - June 1983 election)

Rt Hon Margaret BECKETT

- * President of the Board of Trade and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry 1997-98
- * President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons 1998 – 2001
- * Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2001-2006
- * Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs 2006 -2007
- * Minister for Housing and Planning, Department for Communities and Local Government 2008-2009

1977 Rt Hon Ann TAYLOR

Assistant Government Whip 1977-79
* President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons 1997-1998
* Chief Whip 1998 – 2001
(First woman Chief Whip)

1979 Rt Hon Lynda CHALKER [Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 1992]

Under-Secretary, Department of Health & Social Security 1979-82
Under-Secretary, Department of Transport 1982-83
Minister of State, Department of Transport 1983-86
Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office 1986-97
(Minister for Overseas Development 1989-97)

1979 Rt Hon Sally OPPENHEIM

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Department of Trade 1979-82

1985 Rt Hon Angela RUMBOLD CBE

Under-Secretary, Department of the Environment 1985-86
Minister of State, Department of Education & Science 1986-92

1986 Mrs Edwina CURRIE

Under-Secretary, Department of Health & Social Security 1986-88

1987 Mrs Marion ROE

Under-Secretary, Department of the Environment 1987-88

1988 Rt Hon Virginia BOTTOMLEY JP

Under-Secretary, Department of the Environment 1988-89
Minister of State, Department of Health 1989-92
* Secretary of State for Health 1992-95
* Secretary of State for National Heritage 1995-97

Date first appointed Name and offices held

1989 Rt Hon Gillian SHEPHARD JP

Under-Secretary, Department of Social Security 1989-1990

Minister of State, HM Treasury 1990-92

* Secretary of State for Employment 1992-93

* Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food 1993-94

* Secretary of State for Education 1994-95

* Secretary of State for Education & Employment 1995-97

1990 Rt Hon Ann WIDDECOMBE

Under-Secretary, Department of Social Security 1990-93

Under-Secretary, Department of Employment 1993-94

Minister of State, Department of Employment 1994-95

Minister of State, Home Office 1995-97

1994 Mrs Angela BROWNING

Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food 1994-97

1995 Mrs Cheryl GILLAN (Con)

Under-Secretary, Department for Education & Employment 1995-97

* Secretary of State for Wales 2010-

1995 Mrs Angela KNIGHT

Economic Secretary, HM Treasury 1995-97

1996 Mrs Jacqui LAIT

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 1996-97

1997 Janet ANDERSON

Her Majesty's Household, Vice-Chamberlain, Whip 1997-1998

Under-Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport 1998-2001

1997 Rt Hon Hilary ARMSTRONG

Minister of State, Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions 1997-2001

* Chief Whip 2001- 2006

* Minister of State, Cabinet Office 2006 -2007

* Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 2006-2007

1997 Angela EAGLE

Under Secretary, Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions 1997-1998

Under Secretary, Department for Social Security 1998-2001

Parliamentary Secretary, Home Office 2001-2002

Exchequer Secretary 2007-2009

Minister of State Department of Work and Pensions 2009-2010

Date first appointed Name and offices held

1997 Rt Hon Harriet HARMAN

- * Secretary of State for Social Security and Minister for Women 1997-1998
- Solicitor-General 2001 - 2005
- Minister of State for the Department for Constitutional Affairs 2005 -2007
- * Leader of the House of Commons and Lord Privy Seal 2007-2010
- Minister for Women and Equality 2007-2010

1997 Ms Glenda JACKSON, CBE

Under Secretary, Department for Environment, Transport and the Regions (Minister for Transport in London) 1997-1999

1997 Rt Hon Tessa JOWELL

- Minister for Public Health, Department for Health 1997-1999
- Minister of State, Department for Education and Employment 1999-2001
- * Secretary of State, Culture, Media and Sport 2001-2007
- * Minister for the Olympics 2007-2010
- * Paymaster General 2007-2010
- * Minister for the Cabinet Office 2009-2010
- * Minister for London 2009-2010

1997 Rt Hon Jane KENNEDY

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 1997-
Under Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department 1999-2001
Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office 2001-2004
Minister of State, Work and Pensions 2004- 2005
Minister of State, Department of Health 2005-2006
Financial Secretary to the HM Treasury 2007-2008
Minister of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(Minister for Farming and the Environment) 2008-2010

1997 Rt Hon Helen LIDDELL

- Economic Secretary, HM Treasury 1997-1998
- Minister of State, Scottish Office 1998-1999
- Minister of State, Department for Environment, Transport & the Regions 1999-1999
- Minister of State, Department for Trade and Industry 1999 - 2001
- * Secretary of State for Scotland 2001 - 2003

1997 Rt Hon Ms Estelle MORRIS

- Under Secretary, Department for Education and Employment 1997-1998
- Minister of State, Department for Education and Employment 1998-2001
- * Secretary of State for Department for Education and Skills 2001-2002
- Minister of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport 2003- 2005

Date first appointed Name and offices held

1997 Rt Hon Dr Marjorie MOWLAM

- * Secretary of State for Northern Ireland 1997-1999
- * Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1999-2001

1997 Ms Bridget PRENTICE

- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 1997-1998
- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2003- 2005
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Constitutional Affairs 2005-2009
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Ministry of Justice 2009-

1997 Rt Hon Dawn PRIMAROLO

- Financial Secretary, HM Treasury 1997-1999
- Paymaster General, HM Treasury 1999-2007
- Minister of State for Public Health 2007-2009
- Minister of State, Department of Children Schools and Families 2009-2010

1997 Rt Hon Joyce QUIN

- Minister of State, Home Office 1997-1998
- Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office 1998-1999
- Minister of State, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food 1999-2001

1997 Mrs Barbara ROCHE

- Under Secretary, Department for Trade and Industry 1997-1999
- Financial Secretary, HM Treasury 1999-1999
- Minister of State, Home Office 1999-2001
- Minister of State, Cabinet Office 2001-2002
- Minister of State, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister 2002-2003

1997 Joan RUDDOCK

- Under Secretary for Women, Department for Social Security 1997-1998
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2007--2008
- Minister of State Department of Energy and Climate Change 2008-2010

1997 Rt Hon Clare SHORT

- * Secretary of State, Department for International Development 1997-2003

1998 Rt Hon Ms Patricia HEWITT

Economic Secretary, HM Treasury 1998-1999

Minister of State, Department for Trade and Industry 1999-2001

* Secretary of State, Department for Trade and Industry 2001- 2005

* Secretary of State, Department of Health 2005 -2007

1998 Rt Hon Margaret HODGE MBE

Under Secretary, Department for Education and Employment 1998-2001

* Minister of State, Department for Education and Skills 2001- 2005

Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions 2005 - 2006

Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry 2006 -2007

Minister of State, Culture, Media and Sport 2007-2008

1998 Miss Kate HOEY

Under Secretary, Home Office 1998-1999

Under Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport 1999-2001

1998 Rt Hon Anne McGUIRE

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 1998-2001

Whip, HM Treasury 2001-2002

Parliamentary Secretary, Scotland Office 2002

Minister of State, Scotland Office 2002-2003

Lords Commissioner, HM Treasury 2001

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Constitutional Affairs
2003-2005

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions 2005-2008

1999 Dr Lynda CLARK, QC

Advocate General for Scotland 1999-2003

1999 Rt Hon Yvette COOPER

Parliamentary Secretary, Department of Health (Minister for Public Health) 1999-2002

Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department 2002-2003

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister 2003-2005

Minister of State, Communities and Local Government 2006-2008

* Chief Secretary to the HM Treasury 2008-2009

* Secretary of State for Work and Pensions 2009-2010

1999 Rt Hon Beverley HUGHES

Under Secretary, Department for the Environment, Transport & the Regions 1999-2001
Parliamentary Secretary, Home Office 2001-2002
Minister of State, Home Office 2002-2004
Minister of State, Department for Education and Skills 2005-2007
Department for Children, Schools and Families 2007-2009
Minister for the North-West 2007-2009

1999 Miss Melanie JOHNSON

Economic Secretary, HM Treasury 1999-2001
Parliamentary Secretary, Department for Trade and Industry 2001-2003
Minister of State, Department of Health 2003-2005

1999 Rt Hon Jacqui SMITH

Under Secretary, Department for Education & Employment 1999-2001
Minister of State, Department for Health 2001-2003
Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry 2003-2005
Minister of State, Department for Education and Skills 2005-2006
* Parliamentary Secretary to the HM Treasury (Chief Whip) 2006-2007
* Secretary of State for the Home Office 2007-2009

1999 Ms Gisela STUART

Under Secretary, Department for Health 1999-2001

2001 Rt Hon Hazel BLEARS

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Health 2001-2003
Minister of State, Home Office 2003-2006
* Minister without Portfolio and Party Chair, 2006-2007
* Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government 2007-2009

2001 Maria EAGLE

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Works and Pensions 2001-2005
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Education and Skills 2005-2006
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Northern Ireland Office 2006-2007
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Justice 2007-2009
Minister of State, Ministry of Justice - (jointly with the Government Equalities Office) 2009-2010

2001 Ms Sally KEEBLE

Parliamentary Secretary, Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions 2001-2002
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for International Development
2002-2003

2001 Rt Hon Ruth KELLY

- Economic Secretary, HM Treasury 2001-2002
- Financial Secretary, HM Treasury 2002- 2004
- * Minister of State, Cabinet Office 2004-2004
- * Secretary of State, Education and Skills 2004-2006
- * Secretary of State, Communities and Local Government 2006-2007
- * Minister for Women 2006-2007
- * Secretary of State for Transport 2007-2008

2001 Angela SMITH

- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2001-2003
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office 2002-2006
- Minister of State, Communities and Local Government 2006-2007
- Minister of State, Cabinet Office 2009-2010

2001 Rt Hon Rosie WINTERTON

- Parliamentary Secretary, Department of the Lord Chancellor 2001-2003
- Minister of State, Department of Health 2003-2007
- Minister of State, Department of Transport 2007-2008
- Minister of State, Department Work & Pensions 2008-2009
- Minister for Yorkshire and Humber 2008-2010
- Minister of State, Business Innovation and Skills - (jointly with the Department for Communities and Local Government) 2009-2010

2002 Rt Hon Joan RYAN

- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2002-2003
- Lord Commissioner, HM Treasury 2003-2006
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office 2006-2007

2002 Charlotte ATKINS

- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2002-
- Parliamentary Under Secretary, Transport 2004-2005

2002 Gillian MERRON

- Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2002-2004
- Lord commissioner, HM Treasury 2004-2006
- Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department for Transport 2006-2007
- Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet Office 2007-2008
- Minister for the East Midlands 2007-2008
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for International Development 2008 (jointly with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office)2008-2009
- Minister of State, Department of Health 2009-2010

2003 Rt Hon Caroline FLINT

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Home Office 2003-2006

Minster of State, Department of Health 2006-2007

Minister of State, Department of Work and pensions 2007-2008

Minister for Yorkshire and Humber 2007-2008

* Minister for Housing and Planning (attending Cabinet), Department for Communities and Local Government Minister of State 2008

Minister of State (Europe), Foreign and Commonwealth Office 2008-2009

2003 Fiona MACTAGGART

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Home Office 2003-2006

2003 Margaret MORAN

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2003-2005

2005 Meg MUNN

Parliamentary Under Secretary, Department for Trade and Industry 2005-2006

Minister of State, Communities and Local Government 2006-2007

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office 2007-2008

2005 Clare WARD

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2005-2006

Lord commissioner, HM Treasury 2006-2008

Vice Chamberlain, HM Household 2008-2009

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice 2009-2010

2006 Vera BAIRD

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Constitutional Affairs 2006-2007

Solicitor General 2007-2010

2006 Liz BLACKMAN

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2006-2007

Government Whip 2007-2008

2006 Diana Johnson

Chief Secretary to the HM Treasury 2006-2007

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2007-2009

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department Children Schools and Families 2009-2010

2007 Barbara FOLLETT

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Work and Pensions 2007
Minister for the East of England 2007-2010
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions 2007
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Government Equalities Office 2008-2009
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Culture, Media & Sport 2008-2009
Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government 2009-2010
Minister for the East of England 2007-2010

2007 Helen GOODMAN

Parliamentary Secretary, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons 2007-2008
Assistant Whip, HM Treasury 2008-2009
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Department for Work & Pensions 2009-2010

2007 Meg HILLIER

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office 2007-2010

2007 Siobhain McDONAGH

Assistant Government Whip 2007-2008

2007 Alison SEABECK

Assistant Government Whip 2007-2008

2007 Kitty USSHER

Economic Secretary to the HM Treasury 2007-2008
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions 2008-2009
Exchequer Secretary, HM Treasury Kitty Ussher MP 2009

2009 Sarah McCARTHY-FRY

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department of Communities and Local Government 2009
Exchequer Secretary 2009-2010

2009 Ann KEEN

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health 2009-2010

2009 Barbara KEELEY

Parliamentary Secretary, Office of the leader of the House of Commons 2009-2010

2009 Ann McKECHIN

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scotland Office 2009-2010

2009 Helen JONES

Government Whip (Vice Chamberlain of HM Household) 2009-2010

2009 Dawn BUTLER

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury & Parliamentary Secretary Cabinet Office 2009-

2009 Lyn BROWN

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2009-2010

2009 Sharon HODGSON

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2009-2010

2009 Mary CREAGH

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2009-2010

2009 Kerry McCARTHY

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2009-2010

2010 Rt Hon Theresa MAY (Con)

* Secretary of State for the Home Department and Minister for Women and Equalities 2010-

2010 Rt Hon Caroline SPELMAN (Con)

* Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2010-

2010 Justine GREENING (Con)

Economic Secretary 2010-

2010 Lynne FEATHERSTONE (LD)

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Home Office 2010-

2010 Maria MILLER (Con)

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department for Energy and Climate Change 2010-

2010 Anne MILTON (Con)

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Health 2010-

2010 Sarah TEATHER (LD)

Minister of State, Department for Education 2010-

2010 Theresa VILLIERS (Con)

Minister of State, Department for Transport 2010-

2010 Angela WATKINSON (Con)

Government Whip, HM treasury 2010-

2010 Chloe SMITH (Con)

Assistant Government Whip, HM Treasury 2010-

Notes:

- * Cabinet post. This list shows the twenty eight women Members of the House of Commons who have held posts in the Cabinet:

There are currently 4 women Members of the Coalition Cabinet:

Rt Hon Theresa May MP (Con)
Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP (Con)
Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP (Con)
Rt Hon Baroness Warsi (Con)

Women Peers who have attended Cabinet:

1982-83 – Baroness Young, was a member of the Cabinet as Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords

1998 – 2001 – Baroness Jay of Paddington became a Cabinet Minister as Leader of the Lords and Minister for Women

2003-2004 – Baroness Amos became a Cabinet Minister as Secretary of State for International Development

2004-2007 – Baroness Amos also served as Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council

2007-2008 – Baroness Ashton became a Cabinet Minister as Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council

2008-2009 – Rt Hon Baroness Royall of Blaisdon became a Cabinet Minister as Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council

2009 – 2010 – Rt Hon Baroness Royall of Blaisdon also served as Leader of the House of Lords and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

2010 – Baroness Warsi attends Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio (Minister of State) (Unpaid)