

RSB Policy Briefing:

Ministerial Responsibilities as of August 2016

A selection of Ministerial portfolios relevant to RSB members

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Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

[The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP](#) (Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)

- developing and delivering a comprehensive industrial strategy and leading the government's relationship with business
- ensuring that the country has secure energy supplies that are reliable, affordable and clean
- ensuring the UK remains at the leading edge of science, research and innovation
- tackling climate change

BEIS and Department for Education

[Jo Johnson MP](#) (Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation)

- higher education
- science and research
 - life sciences
 - agri-tech industrial strategy
- innovation
 - space

Department for Education

[The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP](#) (Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities)

Including:

- teachers' pay
- the school curriculum
- school improvement
- the establishment of academies and free schools

[Nick Gibb MP](#) (Minister of State for Schools)

Including:

- teachers and school leaders
- curriculum, assessment and qualifications (including links with Ofqual)

Home Office

[Ben Wallace MP](#) (Minister of State for Security)

Including:

- animal testing

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Department of Health

[Nicola Blackwood MP](#) (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Innovation)

Including:

- data and technology
- cyber security
- research and development
- fertility and embryology
- life sciences innovation
- genomics
- antimicrobial resistance

[Lord Prior of Brampton](#) (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health)

Including:

- leaving the EU
- medicines & industry
- cancer drugs fund
- uptake of new drugs and medical technologies
- life sciences industry

Department for Environment and Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

[George Eustace MP](#) (Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food)

Including:

- food and farming, including CAP (Common Agricultural Policy), apprenticeships, exports, and bovine TB (tuberculosis) policy
- fisheries
- better regulation
- science and innovation

[Thérèse Coffey MP](#) (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment and Rural Life Opportunities)

Including:

- natural environment, including biodiversity, the marine environment, and international wildlife trafficking
- air quality
- floods, water and waterways

[Lord Gardiner of Kimble](#) (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity)

Including:

- biosecurity strategy, including endemic and exotic plant and animal disease, and Kew Gardens
- animal health and welfare

Ministry of Defence

[Harriett Baldwin MP](#) (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Defence Procurement)

Including:

- innovation
- science and technology including Dstl