

What you need to know about Scotland's new Cabinet and Ministers



Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, revealed her new Cabinet and Ministers on 18 May 2016.

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Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities

Angela Constance has been appointed Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities. As well as housing, homelessness and welfare, her remit covers a wide range of policy areas central to the housing sector:

Welfare policy, Community empowerment, Devolution to Communities and Reform of Local Government, Equalities, Religious and faith organisations, Protection and development of Social and Human Rights, Third sector and social economy, Democratic renewal, Local government, Housing, Homelessness, Community planning, Planning, Business improvement districts, Town centres, Building standards, Social security, Implementation of new powers, Measures against poverty, Disabilities, Older people.

Her previous Cabinet positions include Training, Youth and Women's Employment; and Education. Angela Constance showed support for the housing sector in the run up to the elections by signing up to our [Agenda for Change](#) and stating:

"I am pleased to support CIH Scotland's Agenda for Change as housing is the number one issue in the Almond Valley constituency."

A summary of Angela's recent Parliamentary activity is available [here](#).

Minister for Local Government and Housing

Within this portfolio, Kevin Stewart has been appointed the Minister for Local Government and Housing. Kevin has been a Member of Parliament since 2011 and has previously served as the convener of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee and a member of the Welfare Reform Committee. Kevin also pledged support for our Agenda for Change.

Before his election to Parliament, Kevin served as a local councillor and as Depute Leader of Aberdeen City Council.

A summary of Kevin's recent Parliamentary activity is available [here](#).

Minister for Social Security

The reshuffle also created the Scottish Government's first dedicated Minister for Social Security, Jeane Freeman, elected for the first time earlier this month. Before embarking on her political career, Jeane established Apex Scotland, a criminal justice employment organisation. She has also worked with the Parole Board for Scotland and the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland.

Between 2001 and 2005 she served as a senior political advisor to First Minister Jack McConnell working on the Scottish Budget, the legislative programme, relations with the UK Government and in the Finance, Health and Justice portfolios.

A summary of Jeane's recent Parliamentary activity is available [here](#).