



# The Truss Cabinet



**PRIME MINISTER**

*Liz Truss*



**CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER**

*Kwasi Kwarteng*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH & DEVELOPMENT**

*James Cleverly*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT**

*Suella Braverman*



**DEFENCE SECRETARY**

*Ben Wallace*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AND DEPUTY PM**

*Therese Coffey*



**CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER & MINISTER FOR EQUALITIES**

*Nadhim Zahawi*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES**

*Simon Clarke*



**LORD CHANCELLOR & SEC. OF STATE FOR JUSTICE**

*Brandon Lewis*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR BUSINESS, ENERGY & INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY**

*Jacob Rees-Mogg*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

*Kemi Badenoch*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR WORK & PENSIONS**

*Chloe Smith*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**

*Kit Malthouse*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS**

*Ranil Jayawardena*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**

*Anne-Marie Trevelyan*



**SEC. OF STATE FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA & SPORT**

*Michelle Donelan*





**SEC. OF STATE  
FOR NORTHERN  
IRELAND**

*Chris Heaton-Harris*



**SEC. OF STATE  
FOR SCOTLAND**

*Alister Jack*



**SEC. OF STATE  
FOR WALES**

*Robert Buckland*



**LEADER OF THE  
HOUSE OF  
LORDS & LORD  
PRIVY SEAL**

*Lord True*



**CHAIR OF THE  
CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY**

*Jake Berry*



**CHIEF WHIP**

*Wendy Morton*



**CHIEF  
SECRETARY TO  
THE TREASURY**

*Chris Philp*



**MINISTER OF  
STATE FOR THE  
CABINET  
OFFICE**

*Edward Argar*



**LEADER OF THE  
HOUSE OF  
COMMONS &  
LORD  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE COUNCIL**

*Penny Mordaunt*



**ATTORNEY  
GENERAL**

*Michael Ellis*



**COP26  
PRESIDENT**

*Alok Sharma MP*

# What we know about the new...



## **CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER**

Kwasi Kwarteng

Kwarteng is a long-term ideological Truss ally and neighbour. He has been dubbed a free marketeer, Thatcherite and a staunch believer in low taxation. He will likely reside over a Treasury which will implement fewer regulations for businesses and a programme of lower taxation. From his first day, the issue which will dominate his agenda will be the energy and cost of living crisis. Kwarteng has long believed that the UK economy can stand a period of looser fiscal policy and stated in a piece he wrote for the FT that there will be greater borrowing over the coming months to help people through the winter.



## **FOREIGN SECRETARY**

James Cleverly

Much like Kwasi Kwarteng, and his new boss, Liz Truss, Cleverly is part of the 'Greenwich set', a group of Greenwich-based Conservative MPs who believe in a small state, neoliberal form of governing. Cleverly formerly served in the Foreign Office with Truss, as a Minister for State, so he will come to his brief informed and with recent experience of the department. He will put this experience to use over the coming months as he turns his attention to Ukraine and, as a serving lieutenant colonel in the Royal Artillery, he will be eager to continue the relationship with Volodymyr Zelenskyy which Boris Johnson cherished.



## **HOME SECRETARY**

Suella Braverman

Braverman sits to right of the parliamentary Conservative Party and is known for her passionate campaign against "woke rubbish", publicly supporting the British Empire, and backing the withdrawal of the UK from the European Convention of Human Rights. In her new role, she is expected to expand the much-criticised strategy of deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda after she said the European Court's decision was 'unacceptable'. We can expect her to be a staunch Home Secretary whose focus during her time in office will be to tackle illegal immigration, particularly Channel crossings, something which many argue that her predecessor Priti Patel failed to do.



## **CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER & MINISTER FOR EQUALITIES**

Nadhim Zahawi

Nadhim Zahawi has become known as a Minister who is capable of delivery, through his role as the vaccines minister during the COVID pandemic, which makes his placement into what is constitutionally the second highest ranking Minister in the Cabinet Office unsurprising. Zahawi stood for leadership of the party himself during this election and vowed to steady the ship by reviving low-tax Thatcherism. We can therefore expect him to get behind Truss's vision and work hard behind the scenes to ensure it is delivered.

# What we know about the new...



## **BUSINESS SECRETARY**

*Jacob Rees-Mogg*

Another loyal Truss supporter, Rees-Mogg has been placed in a crucial role by the new PM during the energy and cost-of-living crisis. Rees-Mogg will be the core cabinet member as secretary of state for business and energy, with responsibility for meeting the UK's legally binding target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It is a goal he has previously described as "a long way off" and "a huge regulatory cost". His scepticism may be a reflection of Truss's own views when it comes to the green agenda, making it unlikely that it will be at the forefront of her priorities, as it was with the previous administration.



## **SEC. OF STATE FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES**

*Simon Clarke*

Coming from a North Eastern constituency, Clarke is in a unique position to understand what levelling up actually means to the Red Wall and deliver on the promises made during the General Election in 2019. Particularly as the next General Election approaches and the Government will be held accountable for their delivery (or lack there of) of these. Given that this is closely linked to the cost-of-living and energy crisis, with poorer areas being acutely impacted, his previous role as Chief Secretary to the Treasury will be important as he understands the fiscal levers available to deliver his agenda.



## **HEALTH SECRETARY AND DEPUTY PM**

*Therese Coffey*

Coffey has been Truss' strongest backer, having been the Chair of her leadership campaign which leads to no surprise that she is placed into not only a pivotal post-pandemic role, but also as the Deputy PM. Particularly as in her previous role as Work and Pensions Secretary, Coffey was known for her skills in executing the role efficiently and without any controversies. This will be useful given the NHS waitlists and funding issues that she will now be looking to solve. Coffey is very close to the PM, both personally and ideologically, so will help shape the direction that the government will now go in.



## **TRADE SECRETARY**

*Kemi Badenoch*

It is no surprise to see Kemi Badenoch placed in the PM's Cabinet, given the support that she received from MPs and members alike during the earlier stages of the leadership election. She is a strong member of the right wing of the Conservative Party, known for her 'war on wokery'. Given that the PM and Badenoch are not always aligned politically, it will be interesting to see how she shapes her Department's agenda and if it aligns with Truss's priorities. This is her first Cabinet position.

# What we know about the new...



## **SEC. OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**

*Kit Malthouse*

Malthouse has previously been a DWP Minister and Crime and Policing minister, but served more recently as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He has been a close ally of the former PM as he was an adviser during Boris Johnson's tenure as Mayor of London. Malthouse came under criticism for telling schools to stay open as he was responsible for coordinating the Government's response to the extreme heatwave in July and there for it will be interesting to see how he will shape the education system going forward.



## **DEFENCE SECRETARY**

*Ben Wallace*

Wallace and Truss have been consistent allies given that he occupied the role of Defence Secretary during her time leading the Foreign Office. Wallace has proven himself to be one of the most popular and efficient Cabinet members in the previous administration, particularly as a result of the strong and stable role he has been playing during the war in Ukraine, which is most likely why Truss has kept him in his position. He will be of importance to the country's defence going forward as the PM has pledged to increase defence spending to 3% of GDP amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.



## **SEC. OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS**

*Ranil Jayawardena*

Having been a Minister in the Department for International Trade whilst Truss was Secretary of State, Jayawardena has a strong established working relationship with the PM. Despite having a low-profile in comparison to his Cabinet colleagues, he has been a vocal supporter of Truss. His views on the environment have been in accordance with the previous administration, taking the issue of climate change seriously, wanting animal welfare to remain high on the agenda, and pushing for new green technology to ensure energy security and move away from foreign sources.



## **SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURE MEDIA & SPORT**

*Michelle Donelan*

Donelan, who has previously served as the Minister for higher education and as Education Secretary will be taking on a large brief at DCMS such as inheriting the Online Harms Bill, reviewing the BBC license fee, and considering privatising Channel 4. Her tenure as the WWE marketing manager prior to being elected may be of use in this role, giving her an understanding of the industry. Given Truss's pledge to protect children and free speech at the same time though the Bill, Donelan will have to ensure she delivers this. She is seen as a rising star in the Conservative Party.

# What we know about the new...



## **LORD CHANCELLOR & SEC. OF STATE FOR JUSTICE**

*Brandon Lewis*

Despite originally supporting Nadhim Zahawi, Brandon Lewis quickly chose to support Truss which has translate into his biggest promotion to date, having previously served in junior Ministerial roles and as the Party Chair and Northern Ireland Secretary. Whilst in Northern Ireland, he was seen as a figure of stability during a tricky period of political unsteadiness over Brexit, and is therefore seen as being able to perform well in difficult circumstances. He would be well placed to take over from Dominic Raab given prior to being elected he was a barrister.



## **SEC. OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS**

*Chloe Smith*

As the most recent Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work at the Department for Work and Pensions, Smith is well placed to step up to become the Secretary of State. Smith has labelled herself as a 'progressive Conservative' as she is a long standing member of the internal Party pressure group, the Tory Reform Group, which is to the left of the Party and campaigned for Remain in 2016. She represents the more centrist part of Truss's Cabinet.



## **SEC. OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**

*Anne-Marie Trevelyan*

Whilst Trevelyan originally supported Tom Tugendhat for the Party leadership, she has since been a vocal advocate to Truss as PM. Following on from a successful stint in the Department for International Trade, Trevelyan now faces a difficult brief of transport, following a summer of rail strikes that are likely to continue into the autumn. She is an outspoken Eurosceptic, that was a member of the ERG, a right-wing leaning Conservative parliamentary pressure group, with views quite similar to Truss herself, so it will be likely that the two will align together on the shape that the agenda for transport will take.



## **CHIEF WHIP**

*Wendy Morton*

Morton has made history by becoming the first ever female Conservative Chief Whip, overseeing the party parliamentary discipline. Given that, alongside Therese Coffey, Morton is one of Truss's closest confidants, it is easily understandable why she would be placed in a role that requires a high degree of trust. Given the issues the previous administration faced around sleaze and the way it was conducted, it is hoped that Morton will help change this, and operate with integrity and accountability as Chief Whip.