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
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