



## Peers in the Cabinet since 1970

### Parliamentary Information List

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Government	Office	Dates
<b>Conservative Government 1970-1974</b>		
Lord Carrington (H)	Secretary of State for Defence	20/06/1970 - 08/01/1974
	Secretary of State for Energy	08/01/1974 - 04/03/1974
Lord Hailsham (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	20/06/1970 - 04/03/1974
Earl Jellicoe (H)	Lord Privy Seal	20/06/1970 - 05/06/1973
Lord Windlesham (H)	Lord Privy Seal	05/06/1973 - 04/03/1974
<b>Labour Government 1974-1979</b>		
Lord Elwyn Jones (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	05/03/1974 - 04/05/1979
Lord Shepherd (H)	Lord Privy Seal	07/03/1974 - 10/09/1976
Lord Peart (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	10/09/1976 - 04/05/1979
<b>Conservative Government 1979-1983</b>		
Lord Carrington (H)	Foreign Secretary	05/05/1979 - 06/04/1982
Lord Hailsham (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	05/05/1979 - 13/06/1987
Lord Soames (CrL)	Lord President of the Council	05/05/1979 - 14/09/1981
Lady Young (CrL)	Duchy of Lancaster	27/10/1981 - 06/04/1982
	Lord Privy Seal	06/04/1982 - 11/06/1983
Lord Cockfield (CrL)	Secretary of State for Trade	06/04/1982 - 12/06/1983
<b>Conservative Government 1983-1987</b>		
Lord Cockfield (CrL)	Duchy of Lancaster	11/06/1983 - 11/09/1984
Lord Hailsham (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	05/05/1979 - 13/06/1987
Viscount Whitelaw (CrH)	Lord President of the Council	11/06/1983 - 10/01/1988
Earl Of Gowrie (H)	Duchy of Lancaster	11/09/1984 - 02/09/1985
Lord Young Of Graffham (CrL)	Minister Without Portfolio	11/09/1984 - 03/09/1985
	Secretary of State for Employment	02/09/1985 - 13/6/1987
<b>Conservative Government 1987-1992</b>		
Lord Havers (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	13/06/1987 - 26/10/1987
Lord Young Of Graffham (CrL)	Secretary of State for Trade	13/06/1987 - 24/07/1989
Lord Mackay Of Clashfern (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	26/10/1987 - 10/04/1992
Lord Belstead (H)	Lord Privy Seal	10/01/1988 - 28/11/1990
Lord Waddington (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	28/11/1990 - 10/04/1992
<b>Conservative Government 1992-1997</b>		
Lord Mackay Of Clashfern (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	26/10/1987 - 02/05/1997
Lord Wakeham (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	10/04/1992 - 20/07/1994
Viscount Cranbourne (H)	Lord Privy Seal	20/07/1994 - 02/05/1997
<b>Labour Government 1997- 2001</b>		
Lord Irvine of Lairg (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	02/05/1997 - 23/06/2001
Lord Richard (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	03/05/1997 - 27/07/1998
Baroness Jay of Paddington (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	27/07/1998 - 23/06/2001
<b>Labour Government 2001-2005</b>		
Lord Irvine of Lairg (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	23/06/2001 - 29/11/2003
Lord Williams of Mostyn (CrL)	Lord Privy Seal	23/06/2001 - 20/09/2003
Lord Falconer of Thoroton (CrL)	Lord Chancellor	29/11/2003 - 21/05/2005
	Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs	29/11/2003 - 21/05/2005
Baroness Amos (CrL)	Lord President of the Council	29/11/2003 - 21/05/2005
<i>Also attended Cabinet meetings:</i>		
Lord Grocott (CrL)	Lords Chief Whip	29/11/2003 - 21/05/2005

**Labour Government 2005-2010**

Lord Falconer of Thoroton (CrL)	Lord Chancellor Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Secretary of State Ministry of Justice	21/05/2005 - 08/05/2007 21/05/2005 - 08/05/2007 09/05/2007 - 28/06/2007
Baroness Amos (CrL)	Lord President of the Council	21/05/2005 - 28/06/2007
Baroness Ashton of Upholland (CrL)	Leader of the House of Lords Lord President of the Council	28/06/2007 - 11/05/2010 28/06/2007 - 11/05/2010
Lord Mandelson (CrL)	Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform	03/10/2008 - 11/05/2010
Baroness Royall of Blaisdon (CrL)	Minister for the Cabinet Office Minister for the Olympics Paymaster General	09/06/2009 - 11/05/2010 09/06/2009 - 11/05/2010 09/06/2009 - 11/05/2010
Lord Adonis (CrL)	Minister for London Secretary of State for Transport	09/06/2009 - 11/05/2010 09/06/2009 - 11/05/2010
<i>Also attended Cabinet meetings:</i>		
Lord Grocott (CrL)	Lords Chief Whip	21/05/2005 - 25/01/2008
Lord Goldsmith (CrL)	Attorney General	21/05/2005 - 28/06/2007
Baroness Royall of Blaisdon (CrL)	Lords Chief Whip	25/01/2008 - 11/05/2010
Baroness Scotland of Asthal (CrL)	Attorney General	28/06/2007 - 11/05/2010
Lord Malloch-Brown (CrL)	Minister for Africa, Asia and the UN	28/06/2007 - 11/05/2010
Lord Drayson (CrL)	Minister for Science	03/10/2008 - 11/05/2010

**Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition Government 2010-date**

Lord Strathclyde (H)	Leader of the House of Lords, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	12/05/2010 - 07/01/2013
Baroness Warsi (CrL)	Minister without Portfolio (Minister of State) (unpaid)	12/05/2010 - 04/09/2012
Lord Hill of Oarford CBE (CrL)	Leader of the House of Lords, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	07/01/2013 - present
<i>Also attends Cabinet meetings:</i>		
Baroness Warsi (CrL)	Senior Minister of State, jointly DCLG and FCO	06/09/2012 - present

Note: CrL = Created Life Peer, CrH = Created Hereditary Peer, H = Hereditary Peer

Sources: Dod's Parliamentary Companion; Cabinet Office List of Ministerial Responsibilities