

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

FIRST MINISTER

DEPUTY MINISTER AND CHIEF WHIP

- Exercise of functions by the Welsh Government
- Policy development and the co-ordination of policy
- Inter-Governmental Relations including JMC
- International Relations*
- Wales in Europe*
- Wales and Africa Programme*
- Welsh Government International Offices*
- Developing links with the Welsh Diaspora*
- The Legislative Programme
- The Ministerial Code
- Civil Contingencies including chair of the Resilience Forum
- Openness in Government including Fol
- Oversight of the Welsh Government's relationship with the WAO
- Constitutional Affairs
- Justice Policy and the Justice Commission
- Tribunals
- Public Appointments
- Government Chief Whip
- Well Being of Future Generations Act and liaison with the Future Generations Commissioner*
- Equality and Human Rights*
- Co-ordination of issues relating to Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, Asylum-seekers, refugees and community cohesion*
- Anti-slavery, domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence*
- The Voluntary Sector and Volunteering*
- Youth Justice*
- Community Safety*
- Relations with the Police and Crime Commissioners, Police and other Criminal Justice Agencies, civil contingencies, resilience and counter-terrorism issues
- Relations with UK Government in respect of Prisons and the Probation Service
- Advice and Advocacy Services*

**The Deputy Minister will answer tabled questions on these items at a scheduled OQ session in plenary*

MINISTER FOR ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

DEPUTY MINISTER FOR ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT

- Minister for North Wales and Chair of the Standing Committee for Cabinet on North Wales
- Support and advice to assist the establishment, growth or development of business
- Support for Inward Investment
- Entrepreneurship, enterprise and business information
- Development Bank of Wales
- Community Bank
- Economic Advisory Panels
- Council for Economic Development and Social Partnership Strategy Group
- Promotion of Wales as a location for Business and Investment
- Cardiff, North Wales and Swansea Bay City Deals
- Simplification and integration of business skills and business development services;
- Co-ordination of cross-cutting measures to promote prosperity and tackle poverty
- Management of Welsh Government owned property assets relating to economic development
- Transport for Wales
- Transport policy
- Roads, including construction, improvement and maintenance of motorways and trunk roads
- Rail services through the Wales and Borders franchise
- Ports policy
- Careers Policy and the sponsorship of Careers Choices Dewis Gyrfa (CCDG)
- Apprenticeship policy and delivery
- Youth and adult employability policy and delivery, including Jobs Growth Wales, Essential Skills for Working Adults and the Skills Gateway
- Work based learning providers
- Sector skills including strategies, and development funds Wales Employment and Skills Board
- Workforce skills development, including the Wales Union Learning Fund core funding for Wales, TUC education and learning services
- European programmes relating to skills and employment, except the EU Structural Funds
- Regional Skills Partnership
- National Occupational Standards
- Maintaining a modern regulatory framework that supports responsible business practices, growth and competitiveness.
- Foundational economy
- Better Jobs Closer to Home
- Living Wage
- Social Enterprise and the social economy
- Co-operative economy
- Cross Government Digital Policy & Strategy
- Digital connectivity infrastructure, including Public Sector Broadband Aggregation, fast broadband and mobile

- Business Exploitation of Digital Infrastructure and AI
- Active travel
- Road safety; safer routes to schools; transport for children and young people; regulation of pedestrian crossings and on-street parking
- The Valleys Taskforce and Programme
- The Tech Valleys Project
- Strategic Communications

MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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- Public health: Covid-19 response, screening and vaccination
- Oversight of NHS delivery and performance
- Delivery of new outcome measures
- Delivery Plans
- Scrutiny of NHS performance against three-year plans
- Oversight of escalation procedures
- Charges for NHS services
- Receipt of, response to and direction of reports from HIW
- Oversight of the Welsh Government's relationship with the WAO regarding activities relating to the NHS
- Medical workforce training and development with the exception of years 1-5 of University Education for Doctors
- Health innovation and Digital
- Children's and young people's rights and entitlements, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Children's Commissioner for Wales
- Early Years and Childcare
- Flying Start Initiative for children 0-3
- Families First and play policies
- Adoption and fostering services
- Safeguarding
- Children and young people's advocacy, including complaints, representations and advocacy under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
- Information sharing under the Children Act 2004
- Cafcass Cymru
- Policy and oversight of the provision of all social services activities of Local Authorities in Wales, including the issue of statutory guidance
- Oversight of Social Care Wales
- Regulation of residential, domiciliary, adult placements, foster care, under 8's care provision and private healthcare
- Inspection of, and reporting on, the provision of social services by Local Authorities (via Care Inspectorate Wales), including joint reviews of social services and responding to reports
- Relationships with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

DEPUTY MINISTER FOR CULTURE, SPORT AND TOURISM

- Mental health services
- Dementia
- Autism
- Health impact of problem gambling
- Substance misuse
- Armed Forces and Veterans' Health
- Health improvement and wellbeing services
- The activities of the Food Standards Agency in Wales, including food safety
- Genetically-modified food (but not the cultivation of genetically-modified crops)
- Obesity strategy
- Patient experience, involvement and the citizen's voice
- Research and development in health and social care
- The Welsh Language: policy oversight and coordination, Ministerial functions emanating from the Welsh Language Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Commissioner
- Major Events
- Culture, creativity and the arts, including Creative Wales
- Sponsorship and remit of the Arts Council of Wales
- Broadcasting Policy
- Tourism in and to Wales, including the marketing and promotion of Wales as a tourist destination through Visit Wales and regulation of the tourism industry
- Hospitality
- The historic environment in Wales
- Cadw
- National Botanic Garden of Wales
- National Museums and Galleries of Wales
- National Library of Wales
- Development of a National Archive for Wales
- Non-devolved cultural property legislation and tax relief schemes
- Oversight of the distribution of Lottery funding within Wales
- Elite Sports
- Community sport, physical activity and active recreation in Wales, including sponsorship of the Sports Council for Wales

MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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- The housing and housing-related activities of Local Authorities and housing associations, including housing management and the allocation of social and affordable housing
- Supply and quality of market, social and affordable housing
- Homelessness and housing advice
- Matters relating to housing provided by the private rented sector, including regulation of registered social landlords
- Aids and adaptations, including Disabled Facilities Grants and Physical Adaptation Grants
- The provision of housing-related support (but not the payment of Housing Benefit)
- The regulation of commercial tenancies let by Local Authorities
- Regeneration, including Strategic Regeneration Areas; legacy regeneration; and provision of sites and premises, derelict land and environmental improvements relating to regeneration
- Structural, democratic, financial and constitutional reform of Local Authorities, including co-ordination of regional delivery models and their coherence with Local Government Reform
- The Local Government Partnership Council
- Local Government constitutional matters, scrutiny arrangements, cabinets, elected mayors, the role of councillors, their diversity, conduct and remuneration
- Local Government electoral arrangements, sponsorship of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales and the timing of Local Authority elections
- Local Government finance policy and the un-hypothecated funding of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Commissioners through the Local Government revenue and capital settlements
- Financial governance, financing and accounting relating to Local Government
- Local Government workforce matters
- Social Partnership
- Fair Work
- Workforce Partnership Council
- Coordination of measures to mitigate Child Poverty
- Oversight of audit, inspection and regulation as they relate to public services, including the organisational arrangements for Health Inspectorate Wales and the Care Inspectorate Wales
- Digital Inclusion
- Lead responsibility for monitoring Post Office and Royal Mail matters in Wales
- Fire and Rescue Services including community fire safety
- Lead on policy in relation to the Armed Forces in Wales and Veterans
- National Infrastructure Commission
- Oversight and implementation of the Planning Acts and all aspects of planning policy and the determination of called-in planning applications and appeals
- Planning gain – Section 106 Agreements contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Developments of National Significance: determination of planning applications and connected consents

- Building Regulations
- Wales Spatial Plan and the National Development Framework
- Welfare Reform
- Financial inclusion, including credit unions

MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND TREFNYDD

- The Welsh Treasury
- The Welsh Revenue Authority
- Provision of strategic direction and management of the resources of the Welsh Government
- Taxation policy
- Local taxation policy, including Council Tax, non-domestic rates, council tax reduction and the Sponsorship of the Valuation Office Agency and the Valuation Tribunal Service
- Budget monitoring and management
- Strategic Investment
- Invest to Save
- Financial accounting and audit
- In year budget monitoring and management
- Value for money and effectiveness
- Operation and development of the devolved funding settlement and the Statement of Funding policy
- National Procurement Service and Value Wales
- Acquisition, maintenance and disposal of property and other assets
- Co-ordination of National Statistics and the Census
- Management of Government Business in the Senedd in line with Standing Orders
- Delivery of the weekly Business Statement
- Represent the Government in Business Committee
- Liaison with other Parties on the Government's Legislative Programme (but not individual Bills which remain the responsibility of the lead Minister)

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

- School governance, organisation, and admissions
- School standards, improvement and pupil attainment, including National Categorisation
- Estyn work programme remit
- Funding of schools
- Curriculum and assessment up to and including A levels
- Welsh medium and bilingual education
- Foundation Phase
- Additional learning needs, including needs of pupils with severe, complex and/or specific learning difficulties, disabled pupils, able and talented pupils;
- Support for people with Dyslexia
- Safeguarding and inclusion in schools, including internet safety
- Complaints against Local Education Authorities and school governing bodies
- Delivery and management of 21st Century Schools and education programme
- Sponsorship of Qualifications Wales
- Education workforce training and development, including initial teacher training
- Teachers' Pay and Conditions
- Further Education
- FE student support: Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG FE)
- Youth-work policy
- Adult community learning
- Credit and Qualifications Framework including vocational, key and essential skills qualifications
- Prisoner Learning
- Higher Education policy, strategy and funding
- Medical Education (except for post graduate training)
- Science: development of science policy, including day to day liaison with the Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales and the National Science Academy
- Life Sciences
- Research and Innovation, including research and development, knowledge transfer and commercialisation; maximising research and innovation incomes; and Research Centres of Excellence
- Development, retention and attraction of higher level research students for Wales

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- The Rural Development Programme
- Common Agricultural Policy Direct Payments and responsibility for cross-compliance
- Agriculture sector development, including wages and skills
- Developing agri-food sector, associated supply chains, promotion and marketing of food and drink from Wales
- Animal health and welfare
- Bovine TB Eradication Plan
- Policy on livestock, artificial insemination, poultry, companion animals, equines, and bees
- Livestock identification and movement policy
- Holding Registration Policy
- Inland, coastal and sea fisheries: policy regulation and enforcement, including Common Fisheries Policy and the management of fishery harbours
- Marine and fresh water planning, biodiversity, conservation and licensing
- The power to require provision of information about crop prices
- Best and Most Versatile Land policy, mineral site restoration advice and Agricultural Land Classification and implementation of the EIA (Agriculture) Regulations
- Energy policy including small-medium scale energy production, domestic energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of fuel poverty
- Climate change, emission reduction targets and carbon budgets
- Natural Resources Management, including oversight and implementation of the Environment (Wales) Act and Natural Resources Wales
- Cross-cutting measures of mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change, including water; land drainage; flood and coastal risk; and control of marine and air pollution
- Water
- Forestry policy and legislation, including re-stocking, tree health and forest reproductive material
- Biodiversity policy, including implementation of the Nature Recovery Plan
- The protection and management of wildlife, including control of pests, injurious weeds and vermin and the regulation of plant health, seeds and pesticides
- Genetically Modified crops
- Sustainable resource and waste management
- Strategic lead on allotments and urban green infrastructure
- Local Environment Quality, including litter, fly-tipping, noise policy and regulation
- Access to the countryside, coast and rights of way and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks

COUNSEL GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN TRANSITION

- Provision of legal advice to the Government
- Oversight of the work of the Legal Services Department and Office of the Legislative Counsel
- Oversight of prosecutions on behalf of the Welsh Government
- Oversight of representation of the Welsh Government in the courts
- Consideration of whether Bills passed by the Senedd need to be referred to the Supreme Court for determination as to whether they are within the Senedd's competence (exercised independently of Government)
- Performance of other functions in the public interest including, where the Counsel General considers it appropriate, institute, defend or appear in any legal proceedings relating to functions of the Welsh Government (exercised independently of government)
- Liaison with the Legal Sector
- Accessibility of Welsh law
- EU Exit*
- JMC(EN)*
- Oversight of legislation related to exiting the EU*
- EU structural funds excluding CAP*
- Shared Prosperity Fund*
- Chairing the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition*
- International Trade*

**Minister for European Transition*

NB As the Counsel General is not a Welsh Minister appointed under s48 GOWA the Counsel General cannot exercise powers conferred on the Welsh Ministers. The Brexit policy roles involve policy advice, ensuring effective coordination and consistency approach within the Welsh Government, advocacy and representation in negotiations and discussions with UK Government, DAs, Europe and wider stakeholders, and oversight of WEFO (where under established agency arrangements decisions are taken by staff of the Welsh Government). Any matter requiring a formal decision of the Welsh Ministers under a statutory power will be exercised by the First Minister or a nominated portfolio Minister.