

Vaughan Gething's first cabinet.

On 16 March 2024, it was announced that Vaughan Gething MS had beaten Jeremy Miles MS to replace Mark Drakeford as the leader of Welsh Labour. Mr Gething won 52% of the vote. He was subsequently elected as First Minister in a Senedd vote on Wednesday, and in doing so became the first black First Minister of Wales, as well as the first black leader of any European country. Yesterday (21 March 2024), Mr Gething announced his new Ministerial Team, describing it as a team for a Wales full of optimism, ambition and unity. The Cabinet includes a new position - Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language - to which his election opponent, Jeremy Miles, has been appointed.

Rebecca Evans MS

Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office



Ms Evans is the MS for Gower, and has been since 2016. She was first elected to the National Assembly for Wales in 2011, representing Mid and West Wales.

Ms Evans has held several Ministerial positions including Minister for Social Services and Public Health and Housing and Regeneration before joining the Cabinet as Minister for Finance and Trefnydd. Most recently Ms Evans held the role of Minister for Finance and Local Government.

In her current role as Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Cabinet Office she will be responsible for the budget, tax and spending and financial decisions. She will have oversight of constitutional conventions and affairs and elections policy. x

Lesley Griffiths MS

Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice



Ms Griffiths is the MS for Wrexham and has represented this seat since 2007. Her main political interests are health, economic development, housing, and children's issues. Prior to becoming the MS for Wrexham she worked in Wrexham Maelor Hospital for 20 years.

Ms Griffiths has held multiple roles since 2007 - her most recent being Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales and Trefnydd. Prior to this she served as Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

In her current role as Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice her main responsibilities are tackling poverty, community cohesion and safety, workers rights, fire and police, and welfare.

Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs



Mr Irranca-Davies is the MS for Ogmore and was first elected in 2016. He was previously an MP for the same area between 2002 to 2016. During his political career he has developed a particular interest and reputation in energy and environmental policy fields as well as trade union rights and social justice.

Whilst an MP he held many roles in Government under Tony Blair and then became Shadow Energy Minister in 2010 and then Shadow Minister for Food, Farming and Rural Affairs. In the Welsh Government he has previously served as Minister for Children and Social Care.

In his current role as Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs his primary responsibilities are climate change, natural resources and energy.

Julie James MS



Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government and Planning

Julie James has been MS for Swansea West since 2011. Before her election she was a lawyer who worked for local Government organisations across England and Wales.

She previously served as Minister for Climate Change, from May 2021 until this reshuffle, and Minister for Housing and Local Government from 2018 to 2021. In her new role as Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government, and Planning she is responsible for housing policy and the planning system.

Jeremy Miles MS

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language



Mr Miles was first elected in 2016 for Neath and has represented the area since then. He is a former lawyer and commercial executive. He has long advocated on the concerns he has regarding the impact on Wales of the UK's departure from the European Union and has a strong interest in education.

Since his election he has held four ministerial posts. In 2017 he was the Counsel General for Wales and Minister for European Transition. In May 2021 he became Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

In his new role as Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language he is responsible for supporting businesses in Wales, economic growth, job creation, accessibility to Welsh Language, and energy.

Eluned Morgan MS

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care



Morgan is a highly experienced Labour politician who has served as MS for Mid and West Wales since 2016, having held various elected offices since 1994 when she was elected at aged 27.

Morgan has had four ministerial posts prior to this appointment and has held various ministerial posts in the House of Lords, having been named a life peer in 2011. Morgan had served as Minister for Health and Social Services from 2021 before this reshuffle. Her previous roles also include serving as the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning, Minister for International Relations and whilst in the Lords, served as a Labour Whip and was the Shadow Minister for Wales.

In her newly appointed role, Morgan will oversee the running of the NHS in Wales as well as the Food Standards Agency and all aspects of public health.

Lynne Neagle MS

Cabinet Secretary for Education



Ms Neagle was first elected to the Welsh Assembly in 1999 and was a long-serving chair of the Labour Group in the Assembly until 2008. Her first Government job was as the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, a role appointed in 2021.

Her tenure in politics has centred around health, social services and young people, having led high-profile campaigns on the MMR uptake and disabled children's services as well as campaigns surrounding young people's mental health.

Neagle's new role will see her responsible for education, training and children's services in Wales, including the funding and governance of schools, under the devolved powers.

Ken Skates MS

Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport



Ken Skates has represented the constituency of Clwyd South in the Senedd since the election of 2011. Skates has considerable ministerial experience as an MS, he has also worked as the office manager for MP Mark Tami and stood as a candidate for the North Wales region in 2007 Welsh Parliament elections.

His first ministerial role came in June 2013, when he was appointed the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, and he has also served as the Deputy Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport and then later on promoted to Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills

in 2016.

In his new role as Cabinet Secretary for North Wales, Skates will oversee any issues relating to the region and will chair the Standing Committee for Cabinet on North Wales. Skates' role as Transport Secretary will see him oversee the national transport strategy which includes the development of an integrated transport system in Wales.

Jane Hutt MS

Chief Whip and Trefnydd



Jane Hutt has served as Welsh Government Chief Whip since 2023 and as the Member of the Senedd (MS) for the Vale of Glamorgan since 1999 and is the longest-serving Welsh Government Minister, serving in every Administration.

Her previous roles include the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, the Minister for Finance and Minister for Social Justice. Hutt has served as Chief Whip and Leader of the House several times prior to this appointment.

The Trefnydd's role is as the Leader of the House - a role formerly known as Minister for Assembly Business - the role will see Hutt oversee the management of government business in the Senedd.