



Female cabinet member changes May 1979 to January 2017

- a. September 1981: Lady Young appointed as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster by Margaret Thatcher
- b. June 1983: Lady Young removed from Cabinet by Margaret Thatcher
- c. November 1990: John Major replaces Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister after she resigns, this leaves no women as part of the Cabinet
- d. April 1992: Gillian Shephard made Secretary of State for Education and Virginia Bottomley made Secretary of State for Health by John Major
- e. May 1997: Labour wins the General Election and Tony Blair creates a new cabinet including Clare Short as Secretary of State for International Development; Harriet Harman as Secretary of State for Social Security; Margaret Beckett as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; Marjorie Mowlam as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and Winifred Ann Taylor as Lord President
- f. January 2001: Helen Liddell made Secretary of State for Scotland by Tony Blair
- g. June 2001: Labour wins the General Election and Tony Blair creates a new cabinet including Clare Short as Secretary of State for International Development; Estelle Morris as Secretary of State for Education and Skills; Helen Liddell as Secretary of State for Scotland; Hilary Armstrong as Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Whip; Margaret Beckett as Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Patricia Hewitt as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; Tessa Jowell as Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
- h. October 2002: Estelle Morris resigns from her post as Secretary of State for Education and Skills
- i. June 2003: Helen Liddell removed from cabinet when post of Secretary of State of Scotland was abolished and the position absorbed into the Department for Constitutional Affairs. Result of the 1999 devolution.
- j. December 2004: Ruth Kelly made Secretary of State for Education and Skills by Tony Blair
- k. May 2006: Cabinet reshuffle by Tony Blair adds two new female cabinet members: Hazel Blears as Minister Without Portfolio and Party Chair, and Hilary Armstrong as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
- l. June 2007: Tony Blair resigns and is replaced by Gordon Brown. Brown's reshuffle removes Hilary Armstrong, Margaret Beckett, Patricia Hewitt, Tessa Jowell and Valerie Amos from the cabinet. Catherine Ashton is appointed to the cabinet as leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council, and Harriet Harman is appointed as Lord Privy Seal and Secretary of State for Wales
- m. January 2008: Yvette Cooper appointed as Chief Secretary to the Treasury by Gordon Brown

- n. October 2008: Catherine Ashton leaves cabinet to become European Commissioner for Trade, Ruth Kelly leaves the cabinet, Janet Royall appointed as Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council by Gordon Brown
- o. June 2009: Gordon Brown reshuffles his cabinet. Hazel Blears resigns as Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and Jacqui Smith is removed from her position as Home Secretary
- p. May 2010: Coalition government formed after the General Election, and David Cameron creates a new cabinet including Caroline Spelman as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Cheryl Gillan as Secretary of State for Wales; Sayeeda Warsi as Minister Without Portfolio and Party Chair; and Theresa May as Home Secretary
- q. October 2011: Justine Greening appointed as Secretary of State for Transport by David Cameron
- r. September 2012: Caroline Spelman, Cheryl Gillan and Sayeeda Warsi removed from cabinet. Maria Miller appointed as Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport and Theresa Villiers as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland by David Cameron.
- s. April 2014: Maria Miller no longer Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
- t. July 2014: David Cameron reshuffles his cabinet and appoints Elizabeth Truss as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Nicola Morgan as Secretary of State for Education
- u. May 2015: Majority Conservative government formed after the General Election. David Cameron adds two more women to the cabinet: Amber Rudd as Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change and Tina Stowell as Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords
- v. July 2016: Theresa May's cabinet reshuffle after being appointed as Prime Minister after David Cameron's post-Brexit resignation. Two women removed from the cabinet: Nicky Morgan as Secretary of State for Education and Tina Stowell as Leader of the House of Lords/ Lord Privy Seal. Tina Stowell resigns. May adds four new cabinet members: Andrea Leadsom as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Karen Bradley as Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport; Natalie Evans as Leader of the House of Lords/ Lord Privy Seal; and Priti Patel as Secretary of State for International Development
- w. June 2017: Theresa May and Conservatives form a Minority Government following the General Election. Andrea Leadsom removed from cabinet, but retains post as Leader of the House of Commons. Elizabeth Truss removed from cabinet and appointed as Chief Secretary to the Treasury (still attends cabinet meetings)