



**Prime Minister Brown Announces Cabinet, Changes in Government**

*10 Downing Street, June 28, 2007*

The Queen is pleased to approve the following ministerial appointments.

The Queen is also pleased to approve that Ed Balls MP, Andy Burnham MP, Ed Miliband MP, James Purnell MP, and Shaun Woodward MP, be sworn of Her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council.

The Queen is pleased to signify her intention of conferring a peerage of the United Kingdom for Life on Mark Malloch-Brown.

**Full list of Gordon Brown's Cabinet Members**

**Prime Minister**

The Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP

**Chancellor of the Exchequer**

The Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP

**Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs**

The Rt Hon David Miliband MP

**Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor**

The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP

**Secretary of State for the Home Department**

The Rt Hon Jacqui Smith MP

**Secretary of State for Defense; Secretary of State for Scotland**

The Rt Hon Des Browne MP

**Secretary of State for Health**

The Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP

**Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP

**Secretary of State for International Development**

The Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP

**Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform**

The Rt Hon John Hutton MP

**Leader of the House of Commons (and Lord Privy Seal); Minister for Women; Labour Party Chair**

The Rt Hon Harriet Harman QC MP

**Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; Secretary of State for Wales**

The Rt Hon Peter Hain MP

**Secretary of State for Transport**

The Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP

**Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**

The Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP

**Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury; Chief Whip**

The Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP

**Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families**

The Rt Hon Ed Balls MP

**Minister for the Cabinet Office; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster**

The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP

**Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport**

The Rt Hon James Purnell MP

**Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**

The Rt Hon Shaun Woodward MP \*

**Leader of the House of Lords; Lord President of the Council**

The Rt Hon the Baroness Ashton of Upholland

**Chief Secretary to the Treasury**

The Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP

**Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills**

The Rt Hon John Denham MP

**Also Attending Cabinet**

**Minister for the Olympics, London and South East**

The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP

**Lords Chief Whip; Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms**

The Rt Hon the Lord Grocott

**Attorney General**

The Rt Hon the Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC

**Minister for Housing**

Yvette Cooper MP

**Minister for Africa, Asia and UN**

Mark Malloch-Brown

**Parliamentary Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister**

Ian Austin MP

**Angela E Smith MP**

**Changes in Government**

Prime Minister Brown also announced a series of changes to the government's organization and structure.

In a written statement to Parliament, the prime minister said that the changes would "sharpen the focus of central government" on the "new and very different challenges" that Britain will face.

With a declared focus on families and young people, Prime Minister Brown announced the formation of a new Department for Children, Schools and Families. The department will be expected to coordinate work across government relevant to youth and family policy while also taking specific responsibility for pre-19 education from the Department for Education and Skills.

Other responsibilities will include input into the government's strategy for ending child poverty, with the Department of Work and Pensions, and into promoting the health of all children by working with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Turning to the "significant new opportunities" arising from economic globalization, the prime minister announced the creation of a Business Council for Britain.

The Council will be made up of senior figures from the business community and will report to the government and Parliament on Britain's progress in improving its economic and business environment.

Closely aligned to this work will be a new Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR). This department will take the lead in "creating the conditions for business success" and promoting "productivity and enterprise" across government and within the EU.

It will also take joint responsibility with the Department for International Development on trade policy and with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on trade promotion.

There will also be a new Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) aimed at expanding high-end graduate skills and raising the skills of the wider adult workforce.

The department will take responsibility from the Department of Trade and Industry for making Britain "one of the best places in the world for science, research and innovation." It will also be responsible for the "development, funding and performance" of higher and further education.

The Department for Education and Skills, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Deputy Prime Minister's Office will be disbanded, the statement confirmed.