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Ministerial role

Secretary of State for Business and Trade

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Current role holder: [The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP \(/government/people/jonathan-reynolds\)](/government/people/jonathan-reynolds)

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Responsibilities

The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for the Department for Business and Trade.

Responsibilities include:

- overall responsibility for delivery and strategy
- cross-government business engagement
- public appointments
- FTA negotiations, mandates, and decisions
- WTO, G7, and G20 ministerial meetings
- overseas network

Current role holder

The Rt Hon Jonathan Reynolds MP

Jonathan Reynolds was appointed Secretary of State for Business and Trade and President of the Board of Trade on 5 July 2024. He was elected as the MP for Stalybridge and Hyde in May 2010.

[More about this person \(/government/people/jonathan-reynolds\)](/government/people/jonathan-reynolds)

Previous holders of this role

[The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP \(/government/people/kemi-badenoch\)](/government/people/kemi-badenoch)
2023 to 2024

Announcements

[Ministers tell business leaders they will be involved "every step of the way" in Make Work Pay plans](/government/news/ministers-tell-business-leaders-they-will-be-involved-every-step-of-the-way-in-make-work-pay-plans)

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03 September 2024 News story

[UK suspends around 30 arms export licences to Israel for use in Gaza over International Humanitarian Law concerns](/government/news/uk-suspends-around-30-arms-export-licences-to-israel-for-use-in-gaza-over-international-humanitarian-law-concerns)

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02 September 2024 Press release

[UK-Ukraine digital trade set to grow](/government/news/uk-ukraine-digital-trade-set-to-grow)

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01 September 2024 Press release

[Distillers toast £25m Brazilian boost for Scotch Whisky](/government/news/distillers-toast-25m-brazilian-boost-for-scotch-whisky)

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21 August 2024 Press release

UK Government releases millions in new funding to protect Port Talbot steel supply chain and the support workers

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15 August 2024 Press release

Business leaders and unions to work hand in hand to deliver new plans to Make Work Pay

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14 August 2024 Press release

First investors confirm for the International Investment Summit

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07 August 2024 Press release

Public services “back on track” as Strikes Act to be repealed

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06 August 2024 Press release

Britain set for growth with International Investment Summit

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03 August 2024 Press release

Government commits to a genuine living wage for working people

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30 July 2024 Press release

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