
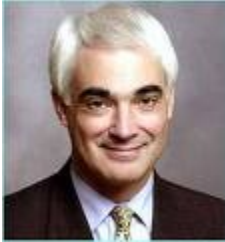



















## Some “relevant” government ministries

Ministry	Minister in Charge (subject to change!)	What they are <i>supposed</i> to do, (and boast about doing) on climate change Climate bit of relevant website	Unnecessary comical derision about what they are(n't) doing on Climate Change.
Treasury 	 Alistair Darling	Helping us move to a low carbon economy.  <a href="http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/sternreview_index.cfm">www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/sternreview_index.cfm</a>	They did the Stern Review. And seem to have filed it in the circular file. Took away a lot of DEFRA's money as punishment for the latter subcontracting out EU farm subsidy calculations to the office junior with a pocket calculator. The resulting cock-up, of hundreds of millions of quid, have hit flood defences etc
DEFRA 	 Hilary Benn	Oh, leading the way old chap, leading the way.. This is the Department of the <b>Environment</b> , Food and Rural Affairs, after all. <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/index.htm">www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/index.htm</a>	These guys are the monkey, not the organ-grinder. They are in charge of the Environment Agency, now led by Chris Smith (see back-biting piece in Private Eye 1210 about this...)
DfT 	 Ruth Kelly	Cutting our emissions by... importing biofuels. (RTFO-renewable transport fuel obligation) And imposing congestion charges because road-taxing got killed off by an internet poll.	Never met an airport expansion scheme they didn't like. If anyone ever does a picture book of political theory and governance terms, then the DfT would do as an illustration of “regulatory capture” <i>Regulatory capture is a phenomenon in which a <u>government</u> regulatory agency which is supposed to be acting in the public interest becomes dominated by the vested interests of the existing incumbents in the industry that it oversees. In <u>public choice theory</u>, regulatory capture arises from the fact that vested interests have a concentrated stake in the outcomes of political decisions, thus ensuring that they will find means - direct or indirect - to capture decision makers.</i>

<p>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</p> 	 <p>David Miliband</p>	<p>Leading on British negotiations in the international climate process (UNFCCC).  <a href="http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/fco-in-action/carbon/">www.fco.gov.uk/en/fco-in-action/carbon/</a></p>	<p>Keeping a straight face and trying to side-step any organic matter that has made contact with the air circulation infrastructure when the rest of the world tells Uncle Sam to fuck off.          One key player is a chap called John Ashton, a founder of e3g. He got brought back into government by Margaret Beckett, stuck around with Miliband at Defra, then moved with him to FCO.</p>
<p>DfID</p> 	 <p>Douglas Alexander</p>	<p>“Leading the British government's fight against world poverty.”  <a href="http://www.dfid.gov.uk/news/files/climate-etf.asp">www.dfid.gov.uk/news/files/climate-etf.asp</a>  <a href="http://www.dfid.gov.uk/research/climate-change.asp">www.dfid.gov.uk/research/climate-change.asp</a></p>	<p>Forcing them to privatise, funnelling more money to the extractive industries, pumping up CDM etc etc...</p>
<p>DCLG</p>  <p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/">http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/</a></p>	 <p>Hazel Blears</p>	<p>Eco-towns offer the opportunity to achieve high standards of sustainable living while also maximising the potential for affordable housing. This consultation document seeks the public's views on the vision for eco-towns and the shortlisted locations proposed.</p>	<p>Lots of stuff on housing, naturally. Exhorting builders to be nice. Etc.          Still, if they want to make councils do proper consultation, that's alright by me!</p>
<p>Ministry of Justice</p>  <p><a href="http://www.justice.gov.uk">http://www.justice.gov.uk</a></p>	 <p>Jack Straw</p>	<p>Department strategic objectives          strengthen democracy, rights and responsibilities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. deliver fair and simple routes to civil and family justice</li> <li>2. protect the public and reduce re-offending</li> <li>3. ensure a more effective, transparent and responsive criminal justice system for victims and the public</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease260607a.htm">www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease260607a.htm</a></p>	<p>“Offenders on community sentences will be made to pay back the planet as well as the community in a new drive to increase the number of unpaid work projects that reduce climate change and benefit the environment. 'Planet Payback', launched today (26 June 2007), is an initiative to encourage environmental charities and organisations to contribute to ways in which offenders can help support environmentally friendly projects such as recycling, reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and reforestation by engaging in environmentally innovative projects.”</p>

<p>Ministry of War</p>  <p>www.mod.uk</p>	 <p>Des Browne</p>	<p><b>Interesting speech by Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup , Chief of the Defence Staff, at Chatham House on 25 June 2007.</b></p> <p>RUSI (Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies) is also worth watching on this stuff. www.rusi.org</p>	<p>P</p>  <p>reparing to dish out violence to uppity natives who get between us and our... er, sorry, their natural resources.</p> <p>Squelching wind turbine applications on the basis that it interferes with their radar. Flying the North Sea helicopters...</p>
<p>BERR</p>  <p>Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform http://www.berr.gov.uk/</p>	 <p>John Hutton</p>	<p>Climate Change is probably the greatest long term challenge facing the human race. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has overall responsibility for tackling climate change, but BERR has a major interest as a number of policies and measures affect the energy sector and business.</p> <p>Along with Defra and the Department for Transport, BERR shares a Public Service Agreement target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with our Kyoto commitment and domestic goal</p> <p>www.berr.gov.uk/energy/environment/climate-change/index.html</p>	<p>Nuclear Power Stations.</p> <p>And seven coal-fired power stations, before carbon capture and storage is proven. Genius.</p>
<p>Department of Health</p>	 <p>Alan Johnson</p>	<p>See the “Climate Change and Health” pages of Only Planet</p>	
 <p>Cabinet Office</p>		<p>They do the sinister “resilience” civil contingencies stuff... www.ukresilience.info</p>	<p>Preparing the holding pens before you take the one-way helicopter trip out over the North Sea..</p>