

## Defra Ministers

### Jane Kennedy MP

Minister for Farming and the Environment.

### Responsibilities

- Farming for the future programme
- Rural Payments Agency
- Food chain programme, stakeholder engagement and delivery
- Animal welfare programme
- Exotic animal disease policy programme and emergency response capability
- Bovine TB programme
- Endemic animal disease
- Veterinary policy
- Animal Health
- CAP reform and EU strategy programmes, evidence and knowledge base
- Responsibility and Cost Sharing Programme
- Waste and recycling
- Environment Agency
- Water (including Nitrates Directive)
- Coastal erosion
- Flooding
- Horse



Commons handling of sustainable development, Sustainable Development Commission, sustainable consumption and production

### Biography

Jane Kennedy MP was appointed Minister of State for Defra in October 2008.

Since 1997 Jane has been member for Liverpool Wavertree and before that was member for Liverpool Broadgreen from 1992-1997. She was educated at Haughton School in Darlington, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and Liverpool University.

Jane has previously been Financial Secretary to the Treasury (2007-08), Ministers of State in the Department of Health (2005-06), Department of Work and Pensions (2004-05) and Northern Ireland Office (2001-2004) and Parliamentary Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department (1999-2001). She has also served as a Government Whip (1998-99) and was a member of the Administration Select Committee (1997-99).

Earlier in her career Jane was residential child care officer at Liverpool City Council (LCC) (1979-1983) and care assistant at LCC Social Services (1983-88). Other past roles include Branch Secretary (1983-88) and Area Organiser (1988-92) of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE).

Born in 1958, Jane lives with her partner Peter and has two sons. Her interests include walking, training dogs and horse-riding. Jane was also chair of Labour Friends of Israel from 1997-98 and from 2006-07.

## Phil Hunt (Lord Hunt of Kings Heath)

Minister for Sustainable Development and Energy Innovation and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords.



### Responsibilities

- Sustainable development
- Sustainable Development Commission
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Domestic climate change adaptation
- Local and regional government, air quality, local environment quality (including noise)
- Environmental regulation
- Sponsorship of Kew Gardens
- Marine Bill Lords stages
- Royal Commission Environmental Pollution

### Biography

Phil Hunt joins the department from the Ministry of Justice where he was Parliamentary Under Secretary of State since June 2007. He is also Deputy Leader of the House of Lords. He previously served as a Minister in the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department of Health. He was raised to the peerage as Baron Hunt of Kings Heath, of Birmingham in the County of West Midlands 1997. Phil Hunt has also been appointed Minister of State at the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

## Huw Irranca-Davies MP

Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs.



### Responsibilities

- Marine environment and Marine Bill
- Fisheries
- Rural affairs
- Rural development programme for England (RDPE)
- Natural environment policy
- Natural England
- Land management
- National parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty
- Coastal and wider access, countryside & rights of way
- Inland Waterways and British Waterways
- Sustainable rural communities
- Commission for Rural Communities
- Agricultural Wages Board
- Gangmasters Licensing Authority
- Seasonal agricultural workers scheme (SAWS)
- Biodiversity
- Ecosystem services
- Forestry
- Soil
- GMOs/nanotechnology
- Chemicals and pesticides
- Departmental administration
- Better regulation

Commons handling of domestic climate change adaptation, environmental regulation, sponsorship of Kew Gardens

## **Biography**

Huw Irranca-Davies joins Defra from the Wales Office where he has been Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales since June 2007. He has sat on the Procedures Select Committee, Standing Committee for the Police Reform Bill, Fireworks Bill and Communications Bill amongst others. He has also served as a Government Whip (June 2006-June 2007) and was previously a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department of Work and Pensions, Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Northern Ireland Office. He has sat on the Welsh Grand Committee and the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.

In his early career Huw Irranca-Davies worked for local authorities in leisure management and he later worked in private sector management and as a lecturer at Swansea Institute of Higher Education.