

# The Department's Ministers



**The Rt Hon David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions,** has overall responsibility for all work and pensions matters as well as public expenditure issues.



**The Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MBE, Minister of State,** has responsibility for:

Labour market and the economy

Labour market statistics

Welfare Reform

Jobcentre Plus

The New Deal

Incapacity Benefit Reform

Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)

Lone parents, childcare and partners

Ethnic minority employment  
(Chair of EME task force)

Migrants, refugees & asylum seekers

Adult Disadvantage

Young people (Links with DfES)

Older workers (including extending  
working lives)

Age Discrimination (work)

Employers (including the National  
Employment Panel)

Skills

Disadvantaged areas and regional issues

Poverty including social exclusion

Employment programmes

Redundancies (including Rapid Response  
service)

Industrial injuries disability benefit (IIDB)

Compensation recovery

Tax Credits



**James Plaskitt, Parliamentary Under Secretary (Commons),** has responsibility for:

Housing Benefit

Council Tax Benefit

Bereavement Benefit

Income Support (working-age)

Jobseekers Allowance

Students

International Relations

European Union Business

Social Fund

European Social Fund

Debt Management Policy

Fraud and Error

Methods of Payment Reform

The Euro

Better Buildings

Benefit Simplification

Adult Basic Skills

Habitual Residency Test

National Insurance Numbers (NINOs)

Support on Pensions Legislation

Correspondence Champion

Social Security Advisory Committee

**He leads in the Commons on:**

Child Support Agency

Departmental Green Issues



**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath OBE, Parliamentary Under Secretary (Lords), has responsibility for:**

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| All DWP issues in the Lords            | Appeals and Adjudication |
| Child Support Agency                   | Appeals Service          |
| Maternity/Paternity Pay                | Freedom of Information   |
| Health and Safety Executive/Commission | Data Protection          |
| Departmental Green Issues              | Human Rights             |
| Diversity                              | Devolution               |
| Rural Affairs                          | Research and Statistics  |
| New Deal for Communities               | Civil Partnerships       |



**Stephen Timms, Minister of State, has responsibility for:**

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| Stakeholder Pensions            | The Pension Service                               |
| Private Pensions                | State Pensions Provision including Pension Credit |
| Financial Assistance Scheme     | Winter Fuel Payments/<br>Age Related Payments     |
| Pensions Protection Fund        | Age Positive including Extending Working Lives    |
| Pensions Regulator              | Regulatory Reform                                 |
| Informed Choice                 | E-Government                                      |
| Age Discrimination (retirement) |   |
| Pension Reform                  |   |



**Anne McGuire, Parliamentary Under Secretary (Disabled People), has responsibility for:**

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| Disability Legislation                                | DWP input to Veterans' Taskforce   |
| Disability Rights Commission/<br>Single Equality Body | Civil Partnerships   |
| Remploy/Workstep/Supported Employment                 | Departmental Management Issues   |
| Access to Work  | <b>She leads in the Commons on:</b>  |
| Independent Living Funds                              | Health and Safety Executive/Commission including Employer's Liability Compulsory Insurance, Occupational Health and Sickness Absence |
| Vaccine Damage Payments                               | Human Rights   |
| Carers Issues/Long-Term Care                          | Freedom of Information   |
| Carers' Allowance                                     | Appeals and Adjudication   |
| Disability Living Allowance/<br>Attendance Allowance  | Maternity and Paternity Pay  |
| Motability/SVF (Specialised Vehicles Fund)            |  |