

Rt Hon Douglas Alexander



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Douglas served in various roles as both a Minister of State and Secretary of State in the UK Government from 2001 to 2010. Under Prime Minister Tony Blair, he was appointed Minister for E-Commerce & Competitiveness, Minister of State for the Cabinet Office, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Minister of State for Trade Investment & Foreign Affairs, and Minister of State for Europe, before being appointed Secretary of State for Scotland, and Secretary of State for Transport. After Gordon Brown became Prime Minister, Douglas became Secretary of State for International Development and the UK Governor of the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Caribbean Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2015.

Douglas previously qualified and practiced as a Solicitor in Scotland and is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh with an MA Hons (1st Class), LLB (Dist.) and Diploma in Legal Practice.

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