

## Rt Hon Greg Clark MP



**Minister of State for Cities, Cabinet Office and Minister of State for Universities and Science,  
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills**

**Constituency:** [Tunbridge Wells](#), South East  
Majority: 15,576

**Party:** Conservative



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### Relevant contributions

- [In 2007](#), Clark signed a pro-homeopathic hospitals EDM
- As cities minister, Clark announced a £1bn investment strategy for Cambridgeshire. The 2014 investment sought to help Cambridge and the surrounding area become the UK's silicon valley, helping it build on its "world class research facilities"
- In 2008, he took part in a debate on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill and expressed concern over the invasiveness of regenerative tissue techniques, especially if performed on children

A summary of his relevant Parliamentary contributions can be found [here](#).

### Responsibilities

As **Minister of State for Cities**, [Cabinet Office](#)

Leads local growth and cities policy, and works with the Deputy Prime Minister on constitutional affairs.

As **Minister of State for Universities and Science**, [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#)

Looking across all departmental business at strategic priorities; higher education (including Higher Education Funding Council for England and Student Loans Company); science and research (including Research Councils); life sciences; innovation; Technology Strategy Board; Energy Technologies Institute; the National Measurement Office; the UK Accreditation Service; the British Standards Institute; Space policy.

### Current posts

Universities and Science, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills 2014-

### Electoral history

Member for Tunbridge Wells 2005-10, for Tunbridge Wells (revised boundary) since 6 May 2010 general election

### Parliamentary Career

Shadow Minister for:

Charities, Voluntary Bodies and Social Enterprise 2006-07,

Cabinet Office 2007-08;

Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change 2008-10;

Minister of State for:

Decentralisation, Department for Communities and Local Government 2010-11,

Cities, Departments for Communities and Local Government and Business, Innovation and Skills 2011,

Decentralisation and Cities, Departments for Business, Innovation and Skills and Communities and Local Government 2011-12;

Financial Secretary, HM Treasury 2012-13;

Minister of State (Cities and Constitution), Cabinet Office 2013-14,

Minister of State for:

Cities, Cabinet Office 2014-,

Universities and Science, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills 2014-

### Past Select committees

Member: Public Accounts 2005-07

### All-party groups (membership)

Member, [Jazz Appreciation](#) Group

### Councils, public bodies

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Councillor, Westminster City Council 2002-05

### Political interests

Economics, poverty, welfare reform, transport, health, housing development, energy and climate change

### Non-political career

Consultant, Boston Consulting Group 1991-94;  
Teaching and research, LSE and Open University Business School 1994-96;  
Commercial Policy, BBC:  
Chief adviser 1997-99,  
Controller 1999-2001;  
Special adviser to Ian Lang as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry 1996-97;  
Director of Policy, Conservative Party 2001-05

### Profile

A former Owenite Social Democrat, described by one commentator as “the brains behind Conservative policy for many years”, Greg Clark was appointed Minister of State for Cities and Constitution at the Cabinet Office in October 2013.

It was apparently a sideways move after a year as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, number three in George Osborne’s team, but he is expected to attend Cabinet meetings when his areas of responsibility are discussed. It also meant a return to his Cities brief which he had held before.

He has announced that he will be defending his seat at the 2015 General Election.

Already considered one of the most influential Government Ministers outside the Cabinet, he had been deputy to the Communities Secretary Eric Pickles, but also charged with implementing the Government’s key policy of decentralisation and the concept of the “Big Society”, involving him in all aspects of policy.

Once described as “the classic backroom boy”, he was the Party’s Director of Policy for four years, responsible for much of its 2005 manifesto; until he arrived in the front office with a bang in 2005, succeeding Archie Norman in a very safe Conservative seat.

He served on the prestigious Public Accounts Committee and hitched his wagon to David Davis’s leadership bid. David Cameron appointed him to the Party’s Social Justice Commission to chair a policy group on welfare reform.

But he was clearly marked out for a frontbench future, and it was not long in coming, with his appointment in 2006 as Shadow Minister for Charities, Voluntary Bodies and Social Enterprise.

The following year Cameron moved him to shadow Ed Miliband at the Cabinet Office. And in 2008, now in the Shadow Cabinet, he dogged Miliband's footsteps to shadow him again at the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

He missed out on a Cabinet post in 2010 but was appointed Minister of State for Decentralisation at the Departments of Business, Innovation and Skills and Communities and Local Government, and a Privy Counsellor, also responsible for planning.

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