

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP

Secretary of State for Education; Minister for Women and Equalities

Constituency: [Loughborough](#), East Midlands

Majority: 3,744

Party: Conservative

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Relevant contributions

Although Morgan has not said anything directly relevant to the brief, she was leading on the Childcare Payments Bill for the government.

Morgan voted against same-sex marriage in 2013 due to significant opposition from her constituents and her own individual concerns around the Bill. She has however stated her support for civil partnerships and the recognition of same-sex relationships in law.

Responsibilities

As **Secretary of State for Education**, [Department for Education](#)

Early years, adoption and child protection, teachers' pay, the school curriculum, school improvement, the establishment of academies and free schools

As **Minister for Women and Equalities**

The Minister for Women has overall responsibility for policy on women whilst the Minister for Equalities has overall responsibility for policy on sexual orientation and transgender equality and is responsible for cross-government equality strategy and legislation

Parliamentary Career

PPS to David Willetts as Minister of State for Universities and Science 2010-12;
Assistant Government Whip 2012-13;
HM Treasury:
Economic Secretary 2013-14,
Financial Secretary 2014-2014
Minister for Women (attending Cabinet), Department for Culture, Media and Sport 2014-

Past Select committees

Member, Business, Innovation and Skills 2010;
Ex-officio Member, Public Accounts 2013-14

All-party groups (office-holding)

Vice-chair, [Markets](#) Group 2010-

All-party groups (membership)

Member, [Aluminium Industry](#) Group
Member, [Arch Cru Investment Scheme](#) Group
Member, [Legal and Constitutional Affairs](#) Group
Member, [British Sikhs](#) Group 2012-
Member, [Eye Health and Visual Impairment](#) Group 2012-
Member, [Mental Health](#) Group 2012-
Member, [Heritage Rail](#) Group 2013-
Member, [Corporate Governance](#) Group 2013-

Party posts

Chair, Wessex Young Conservatives 1995-97;
Vice-chair, Battersea Conservatives 1997-99

International bodies

Vice-chairman, Indo British Trade Council

Political interests

Business, financial services, economy, higher education, mental health

Profile

Overview

An upwardly mobile corporate lawyer, Nicky Morgan made three attempts to enter Parliament before she succeeded in capturing Loughborough from Labour in 2010, to become its first female MP. She has announced that she will be defending her seat at the 2015 General Election.

Background

She was born in 1972 into a political family in Kingston-upon-Thames where her father was a councillor. She was privately educated at Surbiton High School and read law at St Hugh's College, Oxford.

Morgan became a corporate solicitor specialising in mergers and acquisitions, spending the last eight years before her election with the giant City firm Travers Smith. Her work included advising the Financial Services Authority.

Having joined the Conservative Party at the age of 17 and chaired the Wessex Young Conservatives for two years. She founded the Bluelist organisation to help sell the Party to young professionals.

She is married to Jonathan Morgan, an architect and local councillor, and has a son. She attends her local church and enjoys choral singing, cooking, cinema, theatre and running, taking part in a half-marathon in 2012.

Political career

She contested the-then Labour stronghold of Islington South and Finsbury against Chris Smith in 2001 but came only third. Moving to more promising Loughborough she reduced the Labour majority to fewer than 2,000 votes in 2005, and completed the job in the rematch against Andy Reed five years later with a swing of 5.5 per cent and a little help from boundary changes.

A keen user of new media during her six-year campaign, she used the slogan "Listening to Loughborough". She used Twitter and uploaded video messages on YouTube. In her maiden speech, she spoke of the closure of the AstraZeneca site in Charnwood, with the loss of 1,200 jobs, and called for support for manufacturing industry. She has been closely involved in trying to find a new use for the site.

As a backbencher and a PPS, she was a regular speaker in the Chamber. She campaigned for the electrification of the Midlands main line and initiated an adjournment debate on the subject, but

was given little hope of action in the near future. She also led a debate on school road transport and won an award for her campaign from the charity Brake.

A persistent campaigner on mental health issues and she initiated a backbench debate on the subject, calling for better services for sufferers. She opposed same-sex marriage because of her Christian beliefs and after an overwhelming postbag from constituents urging her to vote against. She went on a blindfolded walk through Loughborough to learn about the challenges faced by visually impaired people.

Morgan was quickly promoted to Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Universities and Science Minister David Willetts, and in 2012 became an Assistant Government Whip.

Then a year later, as heavily tipped, she won a big promotion to be Economic Secretary, to the Treasury, fifth in the hierarchy of Treasury Ministers, in the reshuffle of October 2013. In April 2014 she was promoted to Financial Secretary and Minister for Women, attending Cabinet in this second role.

In 2014 she warned Conservatives that they could not win by negative campaigning against things they didn't like, such as immigrants and people on benefits: "If we talk about what we hate all the time we're not talking about what we like".

Morgan was rewarded for her work when she was made Education Secretary in July 2014 Cabinet reshuffle after Michael Gove was unexpectedly moved to Commons Chief Whip. It was also announced that she was to continue as Minister for Women and Equalities alongside her new responsibilities.

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