



David Gauke MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury

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Parliamentary and ministerial career

- Selected from a field of 215 candidates, David Gauke was elected Member for South West Hertfordshire in 2005. He supported David Davis in the 2005 leadership election, but this was not held against him and in 2007 he was promoted to the front bench as a Shadow Treasury Minister, Where he concentrated on reforming and simplifying tax policy.
- When the Coalition Government was formed he was appointed as Exchequer Secretary.
- When David Cameron looked to freshen up his government in the run up to the 2015 General Election, Gauke was promoted in the July 2014 Cabinet reshuffle to Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replacing Nicky Morgan.
- Many speculated in the post-election reshuffle that Gauke would become Pensions Minister, however he was kept in place as Financial Secretary instead.
- A supporter of Theresa May's candidacy, Gauke has been rewarded with promotion to the number two role in the Treasury department and appointed to the Privy Council.

Background views (full ministerial remit to be confirmed)

- A Eurosceptic free marketer, Gauke was opposed to the British entry into the single currency and favours small Government. He was a co-signatory of the radical pamphlet [Direct Democracy](#) which called for more powers to be devolved to local government and directly-elected officials.
- As the Minister in charge of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, he had to defend his policy of employing unpaid interns in his constituency office. HMRC had recently been warning companies that they faced prosecution unless they paid interns the minimum wage. He said it was "perfectly reasonable" to advertise a post for volunteers.
- In 2012 he attracted headlines for saying it was "[morally wrong](#)" to pay tradesmen in cash in the hope of avoiding tax, arguing it came at a "big cost" to the treasury
- He campaigned to remain in the European Union. He said the consequences of leaving would be uncertain but the worries for the UK's businesses and trade considerable.

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