

Secretary of State for Scotland appoints two new ministers

[Douglas Ross MP](#) resigned as a Minister in the Scottish Office last week after the Prime Minister refused to sack his chief aide Dominic Cummings.

This week Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack has made two new ministerial appointments, one is the MP for Milton Keynes, Iain Stewart and the other is David Duguid who represents Banff and Buchan. Both are appointed as Under Secretary of State for Scotland.

The Secretary of State said: "It is great news that Iain Stewart and David Duguid have been appointed as UK Government Ministers for Scotland. Talented and experienced, they will both bring a great deal to government at this critical time.

"There are huge challenges and great opportunities ahead for Scotland. As we continue to tackle coronavirus and protect the public's health, start to recover our economy, and look forward to a new relationship with the EU, we will make sure that Scotland's interests are at the forefront.

"I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Douglas Ross for his very valuable contribution in his time as a minister, and to wish him well for the future."

Iain Stewart MP said: "It is a great honour to have been appointed by the Prime Minister as UK Government Minister for Scotland.

"We are facing a global crisis, and the UK Government is

working tirelessly to tackle the pandemic in all parts of our country. We have stepped up to help Scottish businesses with financial support, furloughed millions of workers across the country, and supported the Scottish Government with £3.7 billion of extra funding.

“As we start to slowly ease the restrictions, our focus must be on continuing to keep our citizens safe. But it must also be on beginning to recover Scotland’s economy, protecting jobs and ensuring our future prosperity.

“I look forward to working with the ministerial team at the Scotland Office as part of a UK Government which is delivering for people in Scotland. I am very proud to be given the opportunity to make a contribution at such a vital time for our country.”

Mr Stewart’s most recent tweet pronounces his new appointment:

I have been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland <https://t.co/hyiE4uWgr7pic.twitter.com/R9fpXkG9u9>

– Iain Stewart MP (@iainastewart) [June 2, 2020](#)

Following his appointment David Duguid said: “I am honoured to have been appointed as a UK Government minister for Scotland.

“My focus will be very much on Scotland’s economy as we get things moving after the coronavirus pandemic. As part of that, I will continue to champion our transformative investment of more than £1.4 billion in Scottish city and growth deals, as we extend their cover to the whole of Scotland.

“Looking ahead, we will ensure that our new relationship with the EU works for Scotland, bringing new opportunities for many of our vital industries, including Scotland’s farmers. We will

ensure that Scotland's fishing industry has a bright future as we leave the unfair common fisheries policy and become, once again, an independent coastal state."

Mr Duguid's most recent tweet calls The Scottish Government out on the amount of financial aid the country has received:

[@KateForbesMSP](#) claims  'only' received £3.5 billion from the UK Govt for COVID.

Actually, more like £10 billion. £3.5 only relates to Barnett consequential (passed on as a result of spending in Scotland only).

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pic.twitter.com/G6SZEaYqjM

– David Duguid MP (@david_duguid) [June 2, 2020](#)