

<p>Jim Murphy MP - Shadow Secretary of State</p> <p>Kevan Jones MP</p> <p>Russell Brown MP</p> <p>Michael Dugher MP</p> <p>Gemma Doyle MP</p> <p>◆</p> <p>Backgrounder on Rt Hon Jim Murphy - Shadow Defence Secretary (Labour)<br />"Eager beaver clumsy super-loyalist"<br /><br />Biography<br />43 years old, born in Glasgow. Roman Catholic, married with two sons and a daughter. Moved to South Africa during teenage years and returned to England for higher education at University of Strathclyde.<br /><br />Early Career<br />President of NUS Scotland 1992-1994, then President of NUS 1994-1996 (during university sabbatical, did not return to finish degree). Was member of National Organisation of Labour Students during this time<br /><br />Commons Career<br />East Renfrewshire (was Eastwood), Tory safe seat - 3,236 maj. 1997 - 2010<br />Public Accounts Committee 2000 - 2001<br />Served as government whip, with responsibilities for Scotland 2002<br />/>Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office 2005 - 2006<br /><br />Ministerial Career<br />Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform 2006 - 2007<br />Responsible for employment, welfare reform and child poverty<br />Minister for Europe 2007 - 2008<br />Also responsible for Central Asia, NATO and Russia and the UK's Public Diplomacy.<br />Took the European Union Amendment Bill through Parliament<br />Labour Minister of the Year 2008 (House Magazine)!<br />Secretary of State for Scotland 2008 - 2010<br />Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland 2010<br />Shadow Secretary of State for Defence 2010<br /><br />Commons Voting Key Areas<br />Very Strongly Stricter asylum, Iraq war, foundation hospitals, ID cards, anti-terrorism laws, more EU integration<br /><br />Strongly Hunting ban, top-up fees<br />Moderately Replacing trident, smoking ban, transparent Parliament, gay rights, removing hereditary peers<br />Moderately Against Stopping climate change, autonomy for schools, wholly elected lords<br />Very Strongly Against Investigation into Iraq war<br /><br />Parliamentary Questions Key Areas<br />Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Scotland, Treasury, Defence, Northern Ireland<br />Afghanistan, Middle East, Aircraft Carriers, Scotland<br /><br />Registered Interests<br />Honorary Golf club membership for 2009<br /><br />Expenses<br />Ranked 124/647 for expenses. Had no London costs since 05/06, fairly standard costs. Very high office running costs (8th) last year but nothing else.</p>