

UNITED KINGDOM

Minister for Science and Innovation

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Malcolm WICKS

Married, three children

Portfolio:

- Science and engineering
- 10 year investment framework for science and innovation
- Office of Science and Innovation (OSI)
- Research Councils
- Knowledge Transfer and Innovation
- Technology Strategy
- Patent Office
- National Weights and Measures Laboratory (NWML)
- Chemicals
- Bioscience
- DTI's interest in skills
- British National Space Centre (BNSC)
- Waste Electronic and Waste Equipment (WEEE)
- Coal Health claims
- Export control
- Steel
- Supports the Secretary of State on energy in the House of Commons

Biography:

He was appointed Minister of State for Science and Innovation on 10 November 2006, having previously been Minister of State for Energy at the Department of Trade and Industry since May 2005.

Before joining DTI, he was Minister of State for Pensions (June 2003 - May 2005) and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Work (June 2001 - June 2003) at the Department for Work and Pensions and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Lifelong Learning at the Department for Education and Employment (appointed July 1999).

He was the Chairman of the Education Select Committee from 1998 until his appointment as a Minister. He has been Member of Parliament for Croydon North since 1992.

He was educated at North West London Polytechnic and the London School of Economics. Between 1974 and 1977, he was a university lecturer and from 1968 to 1974 a social policy analyst at the Home Office. He was Director of the Family Policy Studies Centre before entering Parliament. He is the author of several books and reports on aspects of the welfare state.

He has been a member of the Social Security Select Committee. His Private Member's Bill, now the Carers' (Recognition and Services Act), came into force in April 1996. From 1995 He was the Opposition spokesperson on social security.

His recreations are music, walking and gardening.

Ministers Speeches

06 May 2007	"The UK Drugs Pipeline: A Leader in Drug Innovation"
25 April 2007	Royal Aeronautical Society Annual Conference
25 April 2007	IMechE Engineering Innovation Reception
18 April 2007	UK National Stem Cell Network
15 March 2007	National Science and Engineering Week 2007: 'Innovative Scientific and Engineering Solutions for the Management of Climate Change' Seminar.
14 March 2007	NC3Rs/Biosciences Federation Symposium UKRC 3rd Annual Conference
13 March 2007	Drug Discovery and Development: the Role of the UK and Europe as a centre for R&D and Innovation
08 March 2007	National Science & Engineering Week National Science and Engineering Week Launch Dinner ESRC Festival of Social Science
01 March 2007	Enabling Medical Innovation Through Intellectual Property
08 Feb. 2007	Skills for Employability: Meeting the Needs of Business
06 Feb. 2007	7th Framework Programme - Global Challenges and Global Opportunities
23 Jan. 2007	UK and Medicon Valley Event

10 Jan. 2007	New Engineering Foundation Seminar & Award Ceremony
07 Dec. 2006	Research Councils UK Business Plan Competition
27 Nov. 2006	Research Base Funders' Forum plenary conference
09 Nov. 2006	Keynote address 'Fitting National Energy Policies into an Overall EU Strategy
26 Oct. 2006	Speech to the Royal Geographical Society
23 Oct. 2006	Address to the Supporters of Nuclear Energy's AGM
19 Oct. 2006	Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers (IGEM) Winter Outlook Conference
19 Sept. 2006	Launch of Hydrogen, Fuel Cell, and Carbon Abatement Technologies Demonstration Programme
08 Sept. 2006	A balanced approach to Energy – The Nordic Experience
21 Aug. 2006	'Market and Project Opportunities in a Mature Basin
13 July 2006	The Energy Review - Institute of Directors Energy Conference
29 June 2006	6th Annual Kazakhstan Oil and Gas Conference
28 June 2006	'Sustainability: Microgeneration' Conference
15 June 2006	Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP)
13 June 2006	Amicus Energy Sector National Conference