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Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education

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Bill Rammell

Responsibility

Takes an overview of HE, FE, adult skills, the LSC and lifelong learning ensuring the overall coherence of all post-19 policy. He will take a direct lead on Higher Education issues and the reform of Further Education including the Foster Review, on which Phil Hope will support him. Bill Rammell will also lead on the LSC, its budget and operational performance. His specific areas of responsibility are:

Higher Education

Standards in the Learning and Skills sector
Widening participation in HE
Student finance and the Student Loans Company
Quality assurance In HE
Research and innovation in HE
Part-time learners
HEFCE
Foundation Degrees

Learning and Skills Council funding, operations and performance

Further Education (*supported by Phil Hope*)

Overall reform strategy and Foster Review
Success for All
Revenue and capital funding
FE corporations and governance
Pay and workforce in the HE and FE sectors
All student support post 19
Quality and Inspection post-19

Other specific responsibilities:

International Relations and Strategy including preparations for and leading on the EU Presidency
Science and Technology policy
Departmental efficiency and effectiveness
Value for money
Reducing Bureaucracy
Thames Gateway FE/HE Action Group

Biography

1997

He was first elected to the Commons, and sat on both the European Legislation and Scrutiny committees.

2001

He joined the government as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Tessa Jowell, before moving on to the Whips Office.

October 2002

Reshuffle; he was promoted to Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.