

S Rhosier

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Dear S Rhosier

Thank you for your email of 10 January to the Secretary of State seeking further information on Ministerial appointments. I have been asked to respond.

I would refer you to the Cabinet Manual, where details regarding the appointment of Ministers are set out in chapter 3. Specifically, section 3.8 which states that "there is a convention that an individual will be a minister only if they are a Member of the House of Commons or the House of Lords". Also section 3.3 which states that "the Prime Minister has certain prerogatives, for example recommending the appointment of ministers and determining the membership of Cabinet and Cabinet committees". The Manual is available online here - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/60641/cabinet-manual.pdf

Yours sincerely

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