

## Department of Energy and Climate Change



**Amber Rudd**  
Secretary of State



**Andrea Leadsom**  
Minister of State



**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth**  
Parliamentary Under Secretary

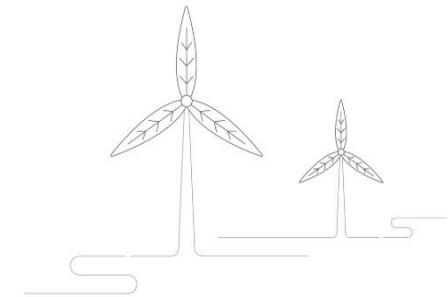
### Whitehouse Analysis

Many within the energy & environment sector would have sat nervously whilst Prime Minister David Cameron unveiled his Cabinet, fearing that a new Conservative majority government could herald instability for the industry. However, the new appointments suggest the Government will take a pragmatic approach to energy and climate change policy.

The new team at DECC is smaller – comprising two and a half Ministers compared to the previous four (Lord Bourne will balance his energy brief with a role in the Wales office). The contraction is illustrative of the differing priorities for the Conservatives compared to their time in coalition, as they look to slim down the size of the public sector. The promotion of Amber Rudd to the top job is a surprise, but is also a reflection on a hard working Minister who took an evidence-based approach during her previous role in the department. The new Energy & Climate Change Secretary will have her work cut out as she manages continued departmental spending cuts, whilst preparing for the December climate change conference in Paris and tackling problems arising from the implementation of Electricity Market Reform.

Andrea Leadsom joins Rudd at DECC, where she will draw on her experience as Economic Secretary to the Treasury in keeping a close eye on expenditure. Leadsom will manage a varied brief; responsible for new energy infrastructure, energy security and unconventional oil and gas. Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth, a keen advocate of action on climate change, completes the Ministerial line up - becoming a Parliamentary-Under-Secretary having previously served as a Government Whip in the House of Lords.

The  
**Whitehouse**  
Consultancy



To discuss how we can help your organisation, please contact:

222 Southbank House  
Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SJ  
T: +44 (0)20 7463 0690

 @Whitehouse\_NRG  Whitehouse Consultancy

[www.whitehouseconsulting.co.uk](http://www.whitehouseconsulting.co.uk)