

Fourteen months in the life of Grant Shapps

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July 2022 Leadership bid [edit]

Shapps announced his [campaign for leadership](#) of the Conservative Party, following the resignation of [Boris Johnson](#), on 9 July 2022.^[99] He withdrew from the race on 12 July, endorsing [Rishi Sunak](#) for leader.^[100]



Home Secretary [edit]

Shapps was appointed [Home Secretary](#) on 19 October 2022 following the resignation of [Suella Braverman](#).^[101] This occurred one day before Prime Minister [Liz Truss](#) announced her own resignation.^[102]

Business Secretary [edit]

Shapps was appointed [business secretary](#) on 25 October 2022 by [Rishi Sunak](#) after the resignation of former business secretary [Jacob Rees-Mogg](#) while [Suella Braverman](#) returned to the position of Home Secretary.^[103]

Energy Secretary [edit]

Following a cabinet reshuffle, Shapps was moved into the newly created portfolio of [Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero](#). Shapps' newly formed [ministry](#) had been formed from responsibilities taken from his previous role. He was the first holder of the role of Energy Secretary since [Amber Rudd](#) in 2016.

Secretary of State for Defence [edit]

On 31 August 2023, Shapps was appointed [Secretary of State for Defence](#), replacing [Ben Wallace](#).^[104]

Shapps has had four Cabinet posts and a failed leadership bid in just over a year and played a major part in bringing down Truss.

That's what stability from the Tories looks like.