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Selected members of the UK cabinet after the general election of May 2015:

Name	Departmental responsibility
George Osborne	First Secretary of State and Chancellor of the Exchequer
Theresa May	Home Secretary
Michael Fallon	Defence Secretary
Jeremy Hunt	Health Secretary
Nicky Morgan	Education Secretary
Sajid Javid	Business, Innovation and Skills Secretary
Michael Gove	Justice Secretary
Amber Rudd	Energy and Climate Change Secretary

Source B

The return of cabinet government?

David Cameron entered Downing Street in 2010 committed to a more formal system of 'cabinet government'. In particular, he intended to take cabinet meetings seriously. Critics of Tony Blair's premiership had argued that too many decisions had been made outside cabinet and that full cabinet meetings were too short to discuss important issues properly. Cameron, on the other hand, wanted to hold longer cabinet meetings. In addition, coalition government between 2010 and 2015 meant that Liberal Democrat ministers were able to limit the power of the prime minister.

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