

Press release: Scottish Secretary visits site of new UK Government Edinburgh hub

The new Hub, located near Waverley Station, will bring together nearly 3,000 UK Government civil servants from a range of departments, including the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland, HMRC, the Office for Statistics Regulation, the Information Commissioner's Office, the Government Actuary's Department and HM Treasury.

Due to open in 2020, the Hub will improve the work of the UK Government in Scotland, enabling closer collaboration between departments and helping them deliver better services for Scottish people.

Mr Mundell said:

Work is progressing well on the new UK Government Hub in the centre of Edinburgh. The space will bring together some 3,000 UK Government civil servants, helping them deliver high quality services for people across Scotland.

The Edinburgh Hub is a great example of the UK Government's extensive support for the capital's economy – which we are also driving through the ambitious Edinburgh and South East Scotland Growth Deal.

The Edinburgh Hub will open during 2020. Work is also underway on a Glasgow Hub. The Edinburgh and Glasgow Hubs are a key part of the UK Government's commitment to delivering excellent public services for people in Scotland, and building a strong Civil Service outside London. Across the UK it is estimated that the UK Government Hubs programme will save more than £2 billion of public money over twenty years, relocating civil servants from existing, often fragmented office locations, to modern, cross-departmental workplaces.