

Mr. Jim Mather, MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy, and Tourism, Scotland

Born in March 1947, Jim Mather MSP was educated at Paisley Grammar, Greenock High School and Glasgow University, where he studied accountancy, law and economics.

In 1964, he became an apprentice chartered accountant, going on to work in the computer industry, latterly running his own business, before entering politics.

From 2000 until 2004, he was the party's National Treasurer. At the 2003 Scottish Parliament election, Jim was elected as a Highlands and Islands MSP. As Shadow Enterprise and Economy Minister, he was a member of the SNP's Shadow Cabinet.

Mr Mather became the MSP for Argyll and Bute at the 2007 Scottish Parliament election and was appointed Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism.

He has been involved in the development and promotion of the Economic Case for Independence and is a Director of Business for Scotland.

He is married with two children.