

James Duddridge

James Duddridge was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development on 13 February 2020. He was elected Conservative MP for Rochford and Southend East in May 2005.

James previously served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union from 27 July 2019 to 31 January 2020 and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office from August 2014 until July 2016. He was a Government Whip from May 2010 until September 2012.

He had a business career in the private sector, including 10 years in the banking industry in Africa and London. He has vast experience on Africa affairs, a keen interest in financial matters and industry, and was a founding member of the polling forum YouGov.