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Mr Michael Russell is a Member of the Scottish Parliament and the Education Secretary of Scotland. He has a vast experience of working in a variety of media sectors and in a variety of places including Edinburgh, the Western Isles, Inverness and Glasgow.

Prior to this, he was Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution, with responsibility for the National Conversation and the White Paper 'Your Scotland, Your Voice'. He has also been the Minister for Environment, Regional Member for the South of Scotland, was a founding member of the Parliamentary Bureau and has served as Shadow Minister for Children, Education and Culture.

He joined the Scottish National Party in 1974 and held a number of senior party posts before becoming the party's first full time Chief Executive. He won 'Debater of the Year' award in 2000 and was short listed for 'Scottish Politician of the Year' title in 2002.

He is a graduate from the Edinburgh University and is the author of seven books including one novel.