Green Party reaction to Rishi Sunak's cabinet reshuffle



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Commenting on Rishi Sunak's extensive cabinet reshuffle today, co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay, said:

"This reshuffle looks desperate and is a sign that Rishi Sunak has run out of talent. David Cameron started the programme of cuts to our public services which has now brought the NHS to near breaking point. Since his disastrous exit he has cashed in on dodgy lobbying for global oligarchs. And on the odd occasion where Cameron did take a principled stand — such as on maintaining the international aid budget — the government has since reneged.

"As to the departure of Therese Coffey as Environment Secretary, nature can at least temporarily breathe a sigh of relief as we await to see who replaces her. She put in place a subsidy system which is not working for farmers or the environment, and she has failed to tackle the blight of sewage in our rivers — a situation she herself described as 'a scandal' when I challenged her on it at a public meeting in Suffolk last month.

"We need a fresh start on the environment, with real action to stop the water companies profiting from failure and a proper system of nature-friendly farming payments which are easy for farmers to access.

"This chaotic and unprincipled government has reached the end of the road. It is doing great harm to the country. We need a general election now."

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