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Party: SNP **Constituency/Region:** Perthshire North **First elected:** 7 May 2026 **Previous roles:** First Minister. Re-elected.

Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	John Ramsay Swinney
Born	13 April 1964 (age 62), Edinburgh
Party	Scottish National Party
Current office	First Minister of Scotland, Leader of the SNP
Previous roles	Deputy First Minister (2014–2023), Cabinet roles (2007–2023), SNP Leader (2000–2004), MP for North Tayside (1997–2001), MSP since 1999
Education	University of Edinburgh (MA)
Pre-politics profession	Career politician

Twitter/X Discussion

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Accounts: @staylorish, @John_Howieson, @olivercycles, @SteveTa65152757, @msm_monitor, @EOSK25, @brawday, @JamesOh56689027

- Swinney criticised over Murrell scandal — accused of knowing money had gone missing from SNP accounts as early as 2021

- Swinney denied rumours he sent Nicola Sturgeon to buy matches — sarcastic post-election joke
- John Swinney appointed Peter Murrell as CEO — question over what qualities he saw in him
- Defended by some supporters who argue he is a victim of Murrell's actions too

Reddit Discussion

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Key threads found:

- **r/Scotland** — [Supermarkets criticise John Swinney's plan to cap food prices](#)
- **r/Scotland** — [John Swinney: I'll stand as the first Prime Minister of an independent Scotland](#)
- **r/Scotland** — [SNP leader John Swinney re-elected as Scotland's First Minister](#)
- **r/Scotland** — [Peter Murrell pleads guilty to embezzling SNP funds](#)

Sources

- Scottish Parliament website
- Wikipedia — 2026 Scottish Parliament election

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