







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GOVERNMENT** **UK ONLINE****Des Browne MP****PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE -
NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE**

Des Browne was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at The Northern Ireland Office on June 11 2001 with responsibility for Criminal Justice, Victims and Human Rights..

Mr Browne was born on 22 March 1952 and studied at Glasgow University where he was awarded an LLB. He is married and has two sons.

Before entering Parliament he was a lawyer and was called to the Scottish Bar in 1993.

Mr Browne has been MP for Kilmarnock and Loudoun since 1997 and was previously Parliamentary Private Secretary to the late Donald Dewar MP 1998-1999 and more recently to Adam Ingram MP.

He was a former member of Select Committees on Northern Ireland 1997-1998 and Public Administration 1999 and the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights 2001.

Mr Browne also tabled the Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill, a private Member's Bill to amend the Drugs Act (1971) to establish a register of trafficking offenders.

After his decision to suspend devolved government in Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State announced that Mr Browne would assume responsibility for the Department of Social Development (DSD), The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS), Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations.

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Jane Kennedy MP

MINISTER OF STATE - NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

Jane Kennedy MP was appointed as Minister of State at The Northern Ireland Office on 11 June 2001 with responsibility for Security, Policing and Prisons.










She was born in Whitehaven, Cumbria on 4 May 1958 and educated at both Haughton and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Colleges, Darlington; and Liverpool University. She was employed as a residential child care officer by Liverpool City Council between 1979-83 and as a care assistant for the City Council's Social Service Department between 1983-88.

In 1988, she was appointed as a trade union organiser by the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) where she remained until her election to Parliament in 1992 as the Member for Liverpool Broadgreen. Since 1997 she has represented Liverpool Wavertree.

She was appointed as an Opposition Whip from 1995-97, an assistant Government Whip 1997-98, and a Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury (Government Whip) and a Member of the Administration Select Committee until her ministerial appointment.

On 11 October 1999 the Prime Minister Tony Blair MP appointed her as Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department. She was the first woman and first non-lawyer to be appointed to ministerial rank in the Department.

After his decision to suspend devolved government in Northern Ireland on Monday 14 October 2002, the Secretary of State announced that Ms Kennedy would assume responsibility for the Department of Education (DE) and the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL).



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ANGELA SMITH MP - NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

Angela Smith MP was appointed as a Parliamentary Under Secretary Of State at The Northern Ireland Office on 14 October 2002.

She was born 7th January 1959 in London.

Educated at Chalvedon School, Pitsea, Basildon and Leicester Polytechnic, she holds a BA (Hons) in Public Administration.

After the June 2001 General Election, she was appointed as an Assistant Government Whip, acting as a business manager for the Government in the House of Commons.

Angela Smith has been a Member of Parliament for Basildon and East Thurrock from 1997, a County Councillor for Basildon, Pitsea 1989-1997, Chief Whip of Labour Group 1991-1995, Labour lead on Fire and Public Protection Committee 1992-1996 and a Member of the Policy and Resources Committee 1992-1996.

The Minister was Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Paul Boateng, Minister of State at Home Office, from October 1999 - May 2001 and has previously been employed as Research Officer to Alun Michael MP, Shadow Minister for Home Affairs and the Voluntary Sector from 1995 to May 1997. She was also Head of Political and Public Relations, and the League Against Cruel Sports.






Married to Nigel, Mrs Smith's interests include reading political biographies and Oscar Wilde novels and plays, supporting Basildon Rugby Club and watching Coronation Street.

The Minister assumes responsibility for The Department of the Environment (DOE), The Department of Regional Development (DRD) and The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL).

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GOVERNMENT** **UK ONLINE****IAN PEARSON MP - NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE**

Ian Pearson MP was appointed as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at The Northern Ireland Office on 14 October 2002.

He was born in Dudley on 5 April 1959.

Mr Pearson was educated at Glynne Primary School, Crestwood School (formerly Brierley Hill Grammar School) and the University of Warwick.

He holds a BA Hons. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University, an MA in Industrial Relations and Ph.D in Industrial and Business Studies from the University of Warwick.

Ian Pearson has been MP for Dudley South (previously Dudley West) since 1994. He was appointed Assistant Government Whip in February 2001, having previously served on the Education and Employment Select Committee.

He was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Paymaster General at HM Treasury from 1997-98 and served on the Treasury Select Committee during the last Parliament.

Before entering Parliament, the Minister worked for a large accountancy practice, a national urban charity and a firm of strategic policy consultants

He is married, with two daughters and one son and his interests include rugby, literature, architecture and supporting West Bromwich Albion Football Club.

The Minister assumes responsibility for the Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP), The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI), The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), and The Economic Policy Unit and Europe.

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