

VEREINIGTES KÖNIGREICH

**Secretary of State for
Education and Skills**

Department
for Education and Skill

Alan JOHNSON

Born in 1950

RESPONSIBILITY:

- The Department, its policies and strategy
- Finance and public expenditure
- Economic issues
- Major appointments
- Analytical services, strategy and research

CAREER:

He has had a long career as a Government minister. He was previously the Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry. Before that he was Secretary of State at the Department of Work and Pensions.

Earlier, before he held the post of Minister of State for Lifelong Learning Further and Higher Education, he was Minister of State for Employment Relations and Regions and, before that, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Competitiveness, both at the Department of Trade and Industry.

1968	he became a postman and joined the Union of Communication Workers.
1976	he held a number of posts representing employees.
1981	he was elected to the National Executive Council
1992	he became General Secretary
1994-1995	Member of the General Council TUC
1995-1997	Member of the Labour Party NEC he became joint General Secretary of the CWU
December 1997	until he was made Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Financial Secretary to the Treasury he was a member of the Trade and Industry Select Committee.
January 1999	He was made to the Paymaster General