

UNITED KINGDOM

Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills

Department for Innovation,
Universities and Skills

Rt Hon John DENHAM

Born in 1953
Three children

- He was educated at Woodroffe Comprehensive School, Lyme Regis and Southampton University, where he became president of the Students Union.

June 2000 appointed by the Queen as a Privy Counsellor. During a period on the backbenches, he chaired the powerful Home Affairs Select Committee.

1997 Following the election of Tony Blair's new Labour Government, he served as a Government Minister in the Departments of Social Security, Health and the Home Office.

April 1992 first elected as the Member of Parliament for Southampton Itchen, appointed to Gordon Brown's first Cabinet as in 2007

1989 - 1993 served as a Southampton City Councillor and was Chair of the City's Housing Committee.

1984 – 1988 responsible for public education and advocacy for War on Want.

1981 – 1989 Prior to being elected as an MP, he served Southampton as a local Councillor. He was a Hampshire County Councillor, where he was spokesman on Education.

1979 – 1983 Head of Youth Affairs at the British Youth Council

- subsequently worked for Christian Aid, Oxfam and other development agencies.
- enjoys cookery, walking and music. He is a season ticket holder at Southampton Football Club.
- member of AMICUS (MSF).