

## UNITED KINGDOM

### **Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families**

Department for Children, Schools and Families

#### **Ed BALLS**

Born in 1967  
Married, three children

#### **Career Data:**

Educated at Nottingham High School; Keble College, Oxford; and the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard

1989 - 1990	Teaching fellow at the Department of Economics, Harvard
1990 -1994	Economics Leader, writer and columnist for the Financial Times.
1994 - 1997	Economic Adviser to the then Shadow Chancellor Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP.
1994 - 1997	Secretary of the Labour Party Economic Policy Commission
1997 - 1999	Economic Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
1999 - 2004	Chief Economic Adviser to the HM Treasury.
2004 - 2005	Research Fellow, Smith Institute.
Since 2005	Member of Parliament for Normanton
5 May 2006	Appointment to the Economic Secretary to the Treasury
28 June 2007	He was appointed Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families.

His principal focus will be to ensure that every child gets the best possible start in life, that they are safe and healthy, that they secure the highest standards of achievements, that they enjoy their childhood and that they can make a positive contribution to society free from the effects of poverty.

Ed Balls has had a number of publications including *Towards a New Regional Policy* and *Reforming Britain's economic and financial policy: towards greater economic stability and Microeconomic Reform in Britain: Delivering Opportunities for All*. He is a member of the TGWU, Unison and the Co-operative Party.

Outside work his interests include music, cooking and playing football with his children.