

# UNITED KINGDOM

## Minister of State for Universities and Science

Department for Business,  
Innovation and Skills

## Rt Hon David WILLETTS MP

Married, 2 children

May 2010 he was appointed Minister for Universities and Science,  
Conservative Member of Parliament (MP) for Havant in Hampshire

### Education

he was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Christ Church, Oxford, where he studied philosophy, politics and economics.

### Career in politics

1992 he began his career in Parliament as the MP for Havant  
he served as Paymaster General and then in the Shadow Cabinet in a range of roles, including Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Shadow Secretary for Education and Skills, and Shadow Secretary for Innovation, Universities and Skills. He has also worked at HM Treasury and in the Number 10 Policy Unit.

### Career outside politics

he was a visiting fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, is a governor of the Ditchley Foundation and a member of the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies. He has written widely on economic and social policy.

2011 he published a book, 'The Pinch: How the baby boomers took their children's future – and why they should give it back'.