

UNITED KINGDOM

Minister of State for Skills and Equalities

Department for Business,
Innovation and Skills

Nick BOLES



Born on 2 November 1965

He lives with his partner Shay Meshulam.

15 July 2014 He was appointed as Minister of State jointly for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Department for Education.

May 2010 He was elected as the Conservative MP for Grantham and Stamford.

Education

He went to school at Winchester College before going on to study politics, philosophy and economics at Magdalen College, Oxford.

He went on to do a Masters in public policy at Harvard University in the US after winning a Kennedy Scholarship.

Political career

1998 He was elected to Westminster Council and became Chairman of Housing.

1999 to 2001 He was chairman of the Housing Committee, before stepping down in 2002.

- 2007 He was appointed as Head of David Cameron's Implementation Team, which drew up the Conservative Party's detailed plans for government.
- Nov. 2010 He was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for Schools.
- Sept. 2012 He was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Planning.
- He is also a political fellow at the Institute for Government and is the founder, and a former director, of Policy Exchange, a centre right policy research institute.

Career outside politics

- He spent the first 10 years of his career in business.
- He worked as a merchant banker for a few years in Germany, Russia and Eastern Europe, helping state owned industries prepare for private ownership. He and a friend later formed a small group of companies supplying the DIY industry.