

## **Mr. Alistair Burt MP**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office



Alistair Burt MP was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on 14 May 2010. He entered Parliament for the first time in 1983 and is the Member of Parliament for North East Bedfordshire. Born in 1955, he was educated at Bury Grammar School, and studied at St John's College Oxford, where he was president of the university law society. He became a solicitor and served on Haringey Council in London.

He is married to Eve Burt and has two grown up children.

### **Positions held**

- Member of Parliament for Bury North, 1983 – 1997
- Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for the Environment, for Education and Science and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1985 -1990
- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State then Minister of State, Department of Social Security, 1992 – 1997
- Member of Parliament for North East Bedfordshire, 2001 – present
- Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, 2002 – 2005
- Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government 2005 – 2008
- Opposition Assistant Chief Whip, 2008 – 2010
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, May 2010 – present

### **Responsibilities**

- Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives
- Counter Terrorism
- Counter Proliferation
- North America
- Middle East and North Africa