

Robert Walter MP



BIOGRAPHY

Robert Walter was elected to the UK Parliament in May 1997 as the Conservative Member for North Dorset in the South West of England. He was born in 1948 and educated at Warminster School and the University of Aston in Birmingham. Before entering the House of Commons he was an international banker and farmer. He is a former member of the London Stock Exchange and a former director of the New York investment bank, Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. Inc.

In January 2011 Robert Walter was appointed by the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP, to head the United Kingdom delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. On January 24 he was appointed Chairman of the European Democratic Group and was also appointed a Vice-President of the Assembly.

In December 2008 Bob was elected President of the European Security and Defence Assembly/Assembly of Western European Union (ESDA/AWEU), established under the modified Brussels Treaty. Before that he served as Chairman of the Defence Committee of the ESDA.

Also in January 2011 Bob was appointed as Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

He is also a prominent member of several All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the United Kingdom including Vice-Chair of the Human Rights Group; Chairman of the Belgian Group; Treasurer of the Russia Group and Turkey Group; Vice-Chairman of the Croatia Group and Sweden Group.

Robert served as a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on Health from 1997 to 1999. From 1999 to 2001 he was a Conservative Opposition Spokesman on Constitutional Affairs. He served on the House of Commons International Development Committee from 2001 to 2003 and the Treasury Select Committee from 2003 to 2005.

He has also been a member of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly since 1997 and now serves as Chairman of its European Affairs Committee.