

Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears MP

Rt. Hon Hazel Blears MP is the Labour Member of Parliament for Salford. She is also Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Mrs Hazel Blears was born and brought up in Salford. She was educated at Wardley Grammar School in Swinton and Eccles Sixth Form College. she also studied law at Nottingham Trent University and Chester College of Law. She had a dual career as a senior solicitor and a North West Councillor and she was Chair of the Salford Community Health Council from 1992 to 1996. She was elected Member of Parliament for Salford in 1997.

She was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health in June 2001, and promoted within the Department of Health to the role of Minister for Public Health, in May 2002. In June 2003, She moved to the Home Office, promoted to Minister of State and she had responsibility for

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crime reduction, policing, community safety and counter-terrorism. In May 2006, she was appointed Chair of the Labour Party and Minister without Portfolio at the Cabinet Office. In June 2007, Hazel Blears MP was appointed Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.



Hazel Blears MP was Secretary to the Community Health Councils, Chair of the Motor Cycling Group and a member of others including, Sustainable Energy, Homelessness and Housing Needs, Public Health and Primary Care.

She is a member of TGWU, Usdaw and Co-operative Action. She is a former member of the Labour Party's National Policy Forum. Mrs Blears was appointed to the National Executive Committee of the

Labour Party in October 2003.

She is the author of The Politics of Decency (Mutuo 2004), Communities in Control (Fabian Society 2003), Making Health Care Mutual (Mutuo 2002).

Her interests outside Parliament include motorcycling, tap dancing, going to the cinema and theatre, fell walking and gardening. She is married to Michael Halsall and lives in Salford.



Mrs Blears added her duties in the cabinet "My current role in the Government is Communities Secretary. That means that my job is to promote healthy, safe, strong local communities, where people can feel confident about bringing up their families, doing business, and living free from threats. We invest in local councils, so that they can provide the services people want like parks, street lights, libraries, street cleaning, education, and care for vulnerable people. We work with local communities to tackle racism and the threat of violent extremism. One of our big programmes is building three million new houses by 2020. This is so first-time buyers and families with children stand a chance of buying their own homes and getting on the housing ladder. We support different generations of families being able to live near one another, which means building more affordable homes. I also work closely with colleagues at the Home Office to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, street gangs, noise and litter. I want everyone to be able to get on in life, fulfil their ambitions and potential, and see their kids do well."

Hazel Blears MP, secretary of state for communities and local government, stated about the reasons are for Turkey to join the European Union: "I look forward to Turkey joining the European Union. Turkey's membership will promote international security and prosperity across Europe. I believe it will also be good news for Turkish people living in the United Kingdom, and open up new opportunities for learning, trade and travel. It will also be good news for the EU, making it stronger, deeper and better able to shape global events."

Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears MP sent the following message to the Turkish community in the UK "Whenever I meet Turkish people, whether they've been in Britain 30 years or 30 days, I warm to them. I enjoy the company of Turkish people, whether they are active in business, public services, or education. I am keen for there to be more Turkish people active in our democratic politics - standing as councillors, or as MPs. My message would be to get involved in public life and local democracy, so that our elected representatives properly reflect our local communities."

She also said the following about the Turkish businesses in the UK "May I wish Turkish businesses based in the UK every success. The British economy and our society benefits from your hard work and entrepreneurial skills, and we welcome your continuing contribution to British life. Thank you."

