

BIOGRAPHY

PETER D. PHILLIPS, Ph.D., M.P.

Dr. Peter David Phillips is currently the Minister of Finance and Planning.

He has had a distinguished career in government, politics and academia. Dr. Phillips has served in a number of ministerial capacities; including Minister of National Security, a position which he held for six years and had significant success in reducing illegal narcotic flows through Jamaica and led a reform effort for Jamaica's Security Forces. Previous to that, he was Minister of Transport and Works from 1998 to 2001, where among other things; he had major success in reorganizing the transport system in the corporate area and in the rehabilitation and improvement of the road network across the island. He also served as Minister of Health between 1995 and 1997, Minister of Special Projects in the Office of the Prime Minister from 1991 to 1994, and Senator and Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister between 1989 and 1991.

A graduate of Jamaica College, Dr. Peter Phillips earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Master of Science in Government from the University of the West Indies. A Ford Foundation Fellow, he completed doctoral studies at The State University of New York at Binghamton, in International Political Economy. He has also been a Fulbright Scholar and has done scholarly work at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Prior to entering Parliament, he had a distinguished career in academia. He is a former Lecturer in the Department of Government and the Consortium Graduate School at the University of the West Indies; and has published extensively on a variety of Caribbean development issues.

Dr. Phillips was Vice President of the People's National Party (PNP) from September 1999 to September 20, 2008; and General Secretary between 1991 and 1994.

He is currently Member of Parliament for East Central St Andrew which he has represented since 1994.