

Amber Rudd MP



Constituency: [Hastings and Rye](#), South East

Majority: 1,993

Party: Conservative

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Relevant contributions

- A brief summary of her relevant contributions in this area can be found [here](#).

Responsibilities

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Climate Change supports the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change on issues and policies related to climate change. These include:

- Green Deal
- energy efficiency and energy demand reduction
- promoting the interests of energy consumers
- managing fuel poverty
- national and international climate change
- carbon budgets
- Renewable Heat Incentive
- feed-in tariffs
- planning reform and consents
- Green Investment Bank
- green jobs and skills

Parliamentary Career

PPS to George Osborne as Chancellor of the Exchequer 2012-13;
Assistant Government Whip 2013-14

Past Select committees

Member: Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2010-12

All-party groups (membership)

Member, [Trade and Investment](#) Group 2012-
Member, [Fit and Healthy Childhood](#) Group 2013-

International bodies

Substitute member, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2010-12

Political interests

Welfare, transport, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, economy

Personal

Educated

Queen's College, London

Further education

Edinburgh University (MA history 1986)

Marital details

Divorced (1 son 1 daughter)

Non-political career

JPMorgan, London 1986-87;
Director:
Lawnstone Ltd 1988-97,
MacArthur and Co 1997-99;
Chief executive officer, Investors Noticeboard Ltd 1999-2001;
Consultant, I-Search Ltd 2001-03;
Columnist, *Corporate Financier* 2003-;
Managing director and senior consultant, Lawnstone Ltd 2003-10

Other organisations

Trustee, The Snowdon Awards Scheme;
Director, Susan Smith Blackburn Prize

Date of birth

1 August 1963

Recreations

Theatre, cinema

Clubs

Carlton

Languages

French, German, Italian

Profile

A well-connected financial journalist, former venture capitalist, head-hunter and businesswoman, Amber Rudd won the 2010 battle of Hastings and Rye, capturing the seat from its popular Labour MP Michael Foster. The 3.3 per cent swing was below the national average, in spite of an injection of £51,000 of campaign funds from Lord Ashcroft. She has announced that she will be defending her seat at the 2015 General Election.

Rudd was promoted to Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change at the July 2014 Cabinet reshuffle.

A regular speaker and total loyalist, she got her first promotion in 2012, as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne. And like a number of Osborne's close allies she was promoted again in 2013, to be an Assistant Government Whip.

She was born in London in 1963 and privately educated at Queen's College in Harley Street, before studying history at Edinburgh University.

She started work for the bank JP Morgan but moved into venture capital in the 1990s, and then into headhunting, becoming managing director of a recruitment and consultancy firm. She also set up her own travel business, TravelIntelligence.

She fought the hopeless Liverpool Garston in 2005. Placed on David Cameron's 'A-list' of favoured candidates, she secured the nomination for Hastings and Rye in a battle that could hardly have been closer, winning a tiebreaker with fellow 'A-lister' Sam Gyimah, now MP for East Surrey.

She wants smaller government, but faced a dilemma over the Government's policy of shrinking the public sector. She said she would fight to protect jobs in her constituency, where 43 per cent of the working population is employed by the state.

She believes Britain has gained by being in the European Union but wants no more centralisation. She said she would fight for changes to the Common Fisheries Policy to get a better deal for the local fishing fleet.

She returned to these themes in her maiden speech, describing her constituency as “the underprivileged cousin of the South East” and urging the Government not to cut infrastructure projects such as better road and rail links to attract jobs.

She says she was a feminist before she was a Tory, and objects to the Left claiming feminism as their own territory. She is a member of Women2Win, which campaigns for more female Tory MPs.

She holds office on all-party groups on sex equality and genital mutilation. She helped launch a report on the state of maternity services, and launched a cross-party inquiry into sexual health, including unwanted pregnancies.

She is the former wife of the acerbic columnist A A Gill, who described her as “The Silver Spoon” in his columns. They have a son and a daughter, but they split up in 1995. She is the sister of Roland Rudd, founder of the City public relations firm Finsbury.

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