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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE FOR

## The Hon Stephen Smith



Stephen Smith was sworn in as Minister for Foreign Affairs on 3 December 2007. Mr Smith is a Barrister and Solicitor by profession, and completed his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Western Australia, practised as a Barrister and Solicitor in Perth, then completed a Master of Laws at London University, and subsequently lectured and tutored in Law in London. From 1987 to 1990 he was the State Secretary of the WA Branch of the Australian Labor Party and from 1983 to 1987 he was Principal Private Secretary to the Attorney-General of WA. During 1991 and 1992, Mr Smith was Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Australia and Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer of Australia, Paul Keating. Mr Smith has been the Federal Member for Perth since March 1993. Prior to his appointment as Foreign Minister, Mr Smith held a range of Shadow Ministerial positions. The Hon Stephen Smith MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will open the Parliamentary Conference.

