

Brian Tobin

Minister of Industry

Brian Tobin was born and raised in the western Newfoundland community of Stephenville. He studied at Memorial University of Newfoundland and worked as a journalist before entering politics.

Mr. Tobin was first elected to the House of Commons in 1980. He was appointed parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in 1981 and became the Minister in 1993.

Elected chair of the national Liberal caucus in 1989, Mr. Tobin served as a member of the 1993 Liberal national campaign and national platform committees.

He left the federal government in 1996 to become Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. Mr. Tobin and his provincial government were returned to office in 1999.

On Oct. 17, 2000, Mr. Tobin returned to the federal scene as Minister of Industry. He is the Liberal member for the Newfoundland and Labrador riding of Bonavista-Trinity-Conception.

Mr. Tobin and his wife, Jodean Smith, have three children.