

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Gerard Collins

Born in Abbeyfeale, County Limerick, Ireland in October 1938, Gerard Collins received a bachelor of arts degree from University College, Dublin.

Mr. Collins was elected to parliament in 1967. In 1969 he was appointed junior minister for industry and commerce and the Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking regions). He was appointed minister of telecommunications in 1970.

In 1977 Mr. Collins was named minister for justice with responsibility for home affairs, immigration and law and order. He served as minister for foreign affairs in 1982 (March-December), minister for justice (1987-89) and, since June 1989, has been minister for foreign affairs.

Between January and July 1990, Mr. Collins acted as president of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the European Community.

Mr. Collins is married to Hilary Tattan.

