

Minister for
International Trade
John Crosbie

John Crosbie was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on January 30, 1931. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics from Queen's University and a degree in law from Dalhousie University. Following postgraduate studies at London University and the London School of Economics, Mr. Crosbie was called to the Newfoundland bar in 1957. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Dalhousie University in 1984.

Mr. Crosbie was elected to the St. John's city council in 1965. First elected to the Newfoundland legislature in 1966, he served in a number of portfolios, including that of government house leader, until 1976.

Elected to the House of Commons in a by-election in 1976, Mr. Crosbie has been reelected in all successive elections up to and including 1988. He served as minister of finance in 1979, was appointed minister of justice and attorney general of Canada in 1984, minister of transport in 1986, and since 1988 has been minister for international trade.

Mr. Crosbie's current responsibilities include directing Canada's global trade activities and the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Crosbie is married to the former Jane Furneaux; they have three children.

