

## IRELAND

### **MICHAEL AHERN** MINISTER FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE



**Birth Place/Date :** Dungourney, Co Cork. January 1949

**Married :** Margaret Monahan. 3 daughters

**Education :** Rockwell College, Cashel, Co Tipperary; University College, Dublin (BA)

Michael Ahern was appointed in June 2002 as Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment with special responsibility for Trade and Commerce. He was first elected to the Dail in February 1982. He was Minister of State at the Department of Industry and Commerce, with special responsibility for Science and Technology 1992-93. Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service and of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Consolidation of Bills, 1997 – 2002. Party deputy spokesperson on Transport 1984-87. Spokesperson on the Office of Public Works and Taxation Policy 1995-97.

Member, Carrigtwohill Community Council; Dungourney Hurling Club; Midleton Gaelic Football Club; Midleton Rugby Club; Muintir na Tire.

Michael Ahern is a son of the late Liam Ahern, Senator 1957-73 and Dail deputy for Cork North-East 1973-74.

His grand-uncle, John Dineen, was Farmers' Party Dail deputy 1922-27.