# Lene Espersen

### **Member period**

Member of Parliament for the Conservative Party in North Jutland greater constituency from November 13th 2007.

Member of Parliament for the Conservative Party in North Jutland County constituency from September 21st 1994 to November 13th 2007.

Candidate for the Conservative Party in Hjørring nomination district from 2007.

Candidate for the Conservative Party in Brønderslev nomination district from 2007.

Candidate for the Conservative Party in Sæby nomination district from 1994 to 2006.

Candidate for the Conservative Party in Ringkøbing nomination district from 1993 to 1994.

#### **Parliamentary career**

Minister for Foreign Affairs from February 23rd 2010 to October 3rd 2011. Minister for Economic and Business Affairs from September 10th 2008 to February 23rd 2010. Minister of Justice from November 27th 2001 to September 10th 2008.

Spokeswoman on EU affairs, defence policy and education. Political spokeswoman 1999-2001. The party's chairwoman September 27th 2008 - March 12th 2011.

### **Education and jobs**

MSc (Economics), Aarhus University, from 1984 to 1990. International Baccalaureate, Lester B. Pearson United World College, Canada, from 1982 to 1984. Hjørring Upper Secondary School, from 1981 to 1982. Hirtshals Municipal School, from 1972 to 1981.

System constructor with 'Bankernes EDB Central', Roskilde, from 1992 to 1994. Market analyst, 'Aarhus Stiftsbogtrykkerie', from 1991 to 1992.

## Affiliations

Student representative at the economic departmental council, Aarhus University 1985-1989. Vicechairwoman of Denmark's Conservative Students 1986-1988. Candidate for the European Parliament 1994.

## **Publications**

Author of the children's book »Stygge krumpens skat«, 2005. Co-author of »Der er et yndigt land - Danmark rundt med Lene og Villy« (There is a Lovely Land - A Tour of Denmark with Lene and Villy) by Lars Vestergaard, 2008.

## Awards

Female Leader of the Year 2003. Awarded the Ting-Prisen 2004.