



The Hon. A.J. Nicholson
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Senator Arnold Joseph Nicholson is the current Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. He was born in Rock River, Clarendon on February 28, 1942 to the late Arnold A. Nicholson, a public health inspector and his wife Bernice.

He was educated at Rock River Elementary, Excelsior High School, the University College of the West Indies, the Middle Temple Inn of Court in London and the University of London.

Senator Nicholson began his professional career in banking and worked in that profession from 1964 to 1968. In 1972 he was called to the Bar and practised law both in Jamaica and Grenada between 1972 and 1992.

Mr. Nicholson soon entered politics and was Member of Parliament for West Central St. Andrew from 1989 to 1997 and served as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Culture from 1992 to 1995. Between January and September 1995, he was Minister of State in the Ministry of Legal Affairs and became Attorney General in September of that year. He was appointed to the Senate in January 1998 and Minister of Justice on November 1, 2001.

Senator Nicholson is a member of the Baptist faith and enjoys reading, music, cricket and dancing. He is married to Yvonne and has two sons.