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Margrethe Vestager, born April 13th 1968 in Glostrup, daughter of Hans Vestager, married to Bodil Tybjerg. Married to assistant professor Thomas Jensen MA. The couple have three children, Maria, Rebecca, and Ella.

Member period

Member of the Folketing for Social Liberal Party in North Zealand greater constituency from November 13th 2007, and in Frederiksborg County constituency November 20th 2001 - November 13th 2007. Social Liberal Party's candidate in Rudersdal nomination district from 2007, in Fredensborg nomination district 1998-2006, and in Esbjerg nomination district 1988-1992.

Parliamentary career

Minister for Economic Affairs and the Interior from October 3rd 2011. Minister for Education December 21st 2000 - November 27th 2001. Minister for Education and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs March 23rd 1998 - December 21st 2000.

Chairwoman of the parliamentary group from June 2007 - October 2011. Political leader of the Social Liberal Party from October 2011.

Education and jobs

MA (political science), University of Copenhagen 1993. Matriculated from Varde Upper Secondary School 1986.

Head of secretariat with the Agency for Financial Management and Administrative Affairs 1997-1998. Special consultant with the same agency 1995-1997. Head of section at the Ministry of Finance 1993-1995.

Affiliations

Member of the central board and the executive committee of Social Liberal Party and of the European Affairs Committee from 1989. Unpaid supernumerary at the European Parliament for Social Liberal Party 1991. National chairwoman of Social Liberal Party 1993-1997. Member of the board of directors of 'ID-Sparinvest A/S' 1996-1998. Chairwoman of the Advisory Board, Institute for Management, Politics, and Philosophy 2003-2008. Member of the Board of Advisors, Royal Greenland 2004-2007. Member of the executive committee of UNICEF Denmark 2007-2011. Member of the Trilateral Commission 2010-2011.

Publication and Awards

Editor of the members' periodical »Radikal Politik« (Social-Liberal Policy), 1990-1991. Author of articles and lectures on politics and political-organisational subjects, including the EU. Also contributed to: »Værdier i Virkeligheden« (Values in Reality), »Brud« (Break), »Opbrud på midten« (Departure from the Centre), and »Epostler« (Epostles).