

Hugh BAYLEY (United Kingdom) Former President of the NATO PA



Following his election as Labour Member of Parliament for York in 1992, from 1992-97 Hugh Bayley was a member of the House of Commons Health Select Committee. In May 1997 he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Frank Dobson MP, then Secretary of State for Health. He served as a Minister at the Department of Social Security from January 1999 to June 2001.

In July 2001, Mr. Bayley was appointed to the International Development Select Committee and re-appointed following the 2005 and 2010 elections. Mr. Bayley is a member of the Chairman's Panel, which is a Committee of MPs who chair Public Bill Committees, the Committee of the whole House and debates in the House of Commons' Second Chamber.

From October 2005 until October 2008 he was Chairman of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Hugh Bayley is the founder and chair of the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group. He was formerly a UK representative at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch and Chairman of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank.

He first joined the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in 1997 and has held several key positions including General Rapporteur and later Chairman of the Economics and Security Committee, and Assembly Vice-President. He served as President of the Assembly from November 2012 to November 2014.

Before he was elected to Parliament, Hugh Bayley worked as a full time trade union official, negotiating pay and conditions of employment for nurses, and other health service workers (1975-82); a television producer and Chief Officer of the International Broadcasting Trust (1982-86); and a lecturer/research fellow in Economics and Social Policy at the University of York (1986-92). He was a Councillor in the London Borough of Camden (1980-86) and a member of York Health Authority (1987-90).