

BIOGRAPHY

NAME: Hon. Eileene L. S. Parsons MLC

DATE OF BIRTH: 5th July, 1930

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 709, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

OFFICE: Minister for Natural Resources and Labour

CONSTITUENCY: Territorial-at-Large

EDUCATION: BSc. Hospitality Management (Destination Promotion)
AA Secretarial Science (College of the Virgin Islands)
BSc. Florida International University

**MARITAL STATUS
And NO. OF CHILDREN:** Divorced and two (2) children (1 deceased)

**YEAR FIRST ELECTED
TO PARLIAMENT:** 1995

POLITICAL PARTY: National Democratic Party (NDP)

CAREER:

2005-Present	Minister for Natural Resources & Labour
2003-2005	Deputy Speaker & Government Backbencher
2000-2003	Member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition
1999-2000	Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Health, Education and Welfare
1995-1999	Territorial-at-Large Member, Legislative Council
1989-1995	Registrar-Bursar, H. L. Stoutt Community College
1984-1989	Cultural Officer, Department of Education and Culture
1974-1983	Executive Secretary, BVI Tourist Board
1969-1974	Executive Secretary, Dean of the College of the Virgin Islands
1965-1969	Private Secretary, Commissioner of Education, USVI
1959-1964	Teacher, Government of the British Virgin Islands
1951-1958	Secretary, Government of the British Virgin Islands
1986 -	Secretary, BVI Olympic Committee
1985 -	Chairman, Sir Rupert Briercliffe Hall Committee
1981-1983	Vice President, Softball for the Caribbean
1979	Founder, Secretary-Treasurer, BVI Heritage Dancers
1975-1989	Secretary, Softball Association
1975-1983	Chairman, BVI Festival Committee

CPA CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, VISITS ATTENDED

Wilton Park Conference on Strengthening Democratic Governance - England, June 2006
47th CPA Conference and 21st CPA Conference for Small Countries - Australia, September 2001
BVI Branch Annual Parliamentary Visit - Africa, June 2001
Post Election Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure - Cayman Islands, February 2001
46th CPA Conference and 20th Conference for Small Countries - London, September 2000
44th CPA Conference and 18th Small Countries Conference - New Zealand, October 1998
BVI Branch Parliamentary Visit - Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe, August 1998
Planning Session of the Mid-Year Conference - Cape Town, South Africa, April 1996
42nd CPA Conference and 16th Conference for Small Countries - Malaysia, August 1996

INTEREST/**RECREATIONS:**

Needlework and needle arts, reading, music, sports, softball, horse racing, track and field, travel, and crossword puzzles.