

## Biography: The Hon. André M. Ebanks MP Deputy Premier; Minister for Financial Services and Commerce; and the Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development



The Hon. André M Ebanks MP is the Cayman Islands' Deputy Premier; Minister for Financial Services and Commerce; and Minister for Investment, Innovation, and Social Development. He was elected to the Cayman Islands House of Parliament on 14 April 2021.

Under his Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce remit are General Registry; Department for International Tax Cooperation; Department of Commerce and Investment; Cayman Islands Intellectual Property Office; Trade and Business Licensing Board; Special Economic Zones Authority; Cayman Islands Monetary Authority; Auditors Oversight Authority; Cayman Islands Stock Exchange; Stock Exchange Authority; Civil Aviation Authority; Air Transport and Licensing Authority; Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands; and the Financial Services Legislative Committee.

Under his Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development remit are Invest Cayman; Department of Children and Family Services; Business Development Centre; Sunrise Adult Training Centre; Needs Assessment Unit; E-Government; Computer Services Department; Cyber-Security; Cayman Islands Intellectual Property Office; Children and Youth Services Foundation; Adoption Board; Housing





Repairs Committee; Film Exhibition (Control) Board; Copyright Tribunal; Trade Marks Appeal Tribunal; and the Design Rights Tribunal.

Before the 2021 election, the Deputy Premier was the Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe, from 2019 to 2021. His role included representing Cayman's political, policy and regulatory affairs; liaising with other Overseas Territories and the UK Foreign Office; and business development.

He was Deputy Chief Officer in the Ministry of Community Affairs from 2018 to 2019, with primary responsibility for the Department of Children and Family Services, the Needs Assessment Unit, and the Gender Affairs Unit; and senior policy advisor in the Ministry of Financial Services, from 2014 to 2018.

Prior to joining the civil service, he was an investment funds lawyer at two of Cayman's largest law firms.

The Deputy Premier was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2005, and to the Cayman Islands Bar in March 2006. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Liverpool; a degree in sociology from Morgan State University (Maryland); and a Masters in Legal Practice from Manchester Metropolitan University.

Among his professional and civic activities is his membership with the Honourable Middle Temple in England.

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