

David was most impressed by what he saw during his short visit. The Gibraltarians can rest assured that he remains four square behind their determination to remain British.

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**DAVID NICHOLSON, 51, has been Conservative Member for Taunton since 1987 and enjoys a majority of 3,336. He was educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn and Christ College, Oxford where he read modern history.**

**In 1966 he joined the Department of Employment as assistant principal, became a research fellow of the Institute of Historical Research in 1970 and in 1972 joined the Conservative Party research department and was head of its political section 1974-82.**

**David was deputy director of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce 1986 until he became a Member of Parliament the following year.**

**In 1988 he became the secretary of the Conservative back-bench social services committee. He was marked as a high flier and was soon appointed PPS to Lynda Chalker when she was the minister for Overseas Development. In 1992 he became the secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population and Development and was also appointed a member of the select committee of the Parliamentary Committee for Administration.**

**Nicholson is a member of the Conservative Friends of Israel. He is an expert on economic policy, local government, the environment and planning. He is co-author of 'The Diaries of Leo Amery.' David is married with a son and a daughter.**

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