

TERRY WYNN – A PROFILE

A Member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 2006 he represented the North West counties of England with a 7 million population. He was one of the 3 Labour Party Members out of a total of 9 MEPs who represented the region under a proportional voting system.

From 1999 to 2004 he held the position of President of the Budget Committee which oversees the €110 bn budget of the EU. In this role he was Head of Parliament delegations when negotiating the budget with the Finance Ministers of the 25 Member States which occurred several times each financial year. Responsible also for Parliamentary reports on the future financing of the EU.

He was vice-chairman to the President of the European Parliament (therefore de-facto chairman) of the Parliament's temporary committee on "Policy Challenges and Budgetary Means of the Enlarged Union from 2007-2013".

He also co-chaired the Committee of Inquiry into allegations of EU funds being mis-used by the Palestinian Authority.

His senior role meant he also visited and led delegations of inquiry to such places as Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia and Lithuania before decisions were taken on financing projects in these countries.

Prior to being President of the Committee he was the majority leader (i.e. Co-ordinator) for his political group for 5 years. Before that he had been general Budget Rapporteur (i.e. the Member responsible for setting out Parliament's position on the budget – the lead player) for two budgets, the only person to have done this twice. Also during this period he chaired the European Parliamentary Labour party from 1992 - 1994.

In the Budgetary Control Committee he has taken many reports through Parliament including four General Budgets, normally a member only does one (once again the only person to have done so) and in doing so lay the foundation for handling the European Court of Auditor's Statement of Assurance when it was negative.

The last such report, voted in April 2005, has also laid the foundations for significant changes in control procedures to attain a positive statement of assurance on the EU budget. This led to him being the keynote speaker in December 2005 in Stockholm at the meeting of The Contact Committee of the Heads of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the EU.

He also chairs a Task Force for the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels entitled "The UK Rebate and the CAP - Phasing both out?".

His special interests in the Parliament include reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, (he is the Chair of an all-party, cross nationality grouping of MEPS which campaigns for agriculture reform) and Development Aid, where he had a specific interest in South Africa and has written a Parliamentary Report on funding of the EU Special Programme during the apartheid years.

He strongly advocates the case for Nuclear Power and Chairs the Forum for the Future of Nuclear Energy within the European Parliament. He does this as a qualified Marine Chief Engineer with a knowledge of power generation and also as a strong believer in protecting the environment for future generations, especially from the effects of CO₂. On this subject he has been invited to speak at various European gatherings, visited nuclear installations in the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Sweden, South Africa and been a keynote speaker at a Conference on Nuclear Energy in Tokyo. He also led a delegation to Bulgaria and was instrumental in raising the issue of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in the EU. Added to all this, he was Treasurer of the European Energy Forum.

Since Australia and New Zealand are part of the Cairns Group, campaigning for agriculture reform within the WTO, he is a vice-President of the Parliamentary delegation to these countries. He had the honour of being the inaugural speaker at the Jean Monet lecture at the University of Christchurch, (followed the next year by Prime Minister Helen Clarke). He has addressed civil servants and politicians in both Canberra and Wellington as well as Pretoria and Cape town on European matters.

In Europe he has spoken at various UK Universities, the House of Lords Select Committee on Europe, the University of Florence, the OECD in Paris, the French Senate and to Government Departments in 12 of the original 15 Member States on EU Budgetary issues. He has also spoken at Georgetown University, Washington and addressed Senators and Congressmen on several occasions.

In 1994 he co-authored a booklet "A guide to the Community Budget" published by the UK Local Government International Bureau and has recently published "The EU Budget – Public Perception and Fact" which can be downloaded from his website www.terrywynn.com

Academically he holds a Master of Science degree in Industrial Relations and Manpower Studies.

Outside of politics his main interests after his family are reading, music, trying to play golf, sport in general, with a passion for Rugby League in particular. He is also a Methodist Local Preacher, author of a book "Onward Christian Socialist" and has just written another book about faith and politics, "Where are the Prophets".