

## Parliamentary State Secretary

Dr. Hermann Kues

### Biography

Born on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1949 in Holthausen, Emsland district  
Roman-Catholic; married, three children

#### Education

*Abitur* (university-entrance qualification) at the *Georgianum* grammar school in Lingen

Studies of Economics and Social Sciences in Münster

Graduation as a national economist with the degree of *Diplomvolkswirt*, obtention of the doctorate Dr. rer. pol.

#### Professional career

1976 to 1979      Teacher in the churches' adult education scheme

1979 to 1984      Deputy Director of the *Ludwig-Windthorst-Haus* (Social Catholic Academy)

1984 to 1986      State Chancellery of the Land of Lower Saxony

1986 to 1990      Principal Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment of the Land of Lower Saxony

1991 to 1994      Executive Secretary of the Lower Saxony branch of the CDU – the Christian Democratic Union

#### Political career

since 1968      Member of the CDU

Chair of the CDU's Osnabrück-Emsland regional association and Deputy Chair of the CDU Executive Committee of the Land of Lower Saxony

1981 to 1984      Emsland CDU County Councillor

Directly elected Member of the German *Bundestag* since 1994

1994 to 1998      Member of the *Bundestag* Budget Committee, in charge of the labour market domain

- October 1998 to  
February 2000 Deputy Chair of the CDU/CSU group in the *Bundestag* for the social and health policy field
- March 2000 to  
December 2005 Commissioner of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group for churches and religious communities
- March 2000 to  
September 2002 Member of the Committee on Transport, Building and Housing
- October 2002 to  
October 2005 Member of the Committee on Economy and Labour and Substitute Member of the Budget Committee
- October 2002 to  
December 2005 Chair of the CDU group of parliamentarians from the Land of Lower Saxony
- since  
November 2005 Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

### **Commitments**

Chair of the Ludwig-Windhorst-Stiftung e.V.

Member of the Central Committee of German Catholics

Member of the *Christophorus-Werk Lingen e.V.* (institution for persons with disabilities)

Member of the Advisory Committee of the *Katholische Akademie* Berlin

Board member of the *Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.*

Board of Trustees of the Federal Foundation "*Mother an Child – Protection of the Unborn*"