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**The Honorable Brendan Bell,  
Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment,  
Government of the Northwest Territories**

**Biography**

Brendan was educated at Sir John Franklin High in Yellowknife, obtained his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Calgary and his MBA from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh UK.

Brendan was first elected to the 14th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on December 6th, 1999. He was appointed Chair of Standing Committee on Social Programs, Chair of Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, and Chair of Special Committee on Conflict Process.

Brendan was acclaimed to the 15th Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2003. He was elected by Members to the Executive Council and appointed Minister of Justice and Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, which includes responsibility for energy, mines, tourism and support to NWT businesses. Brendan is also Chair of the Pipeline Planning Committee and a Member of the Board of Management.

Brendan is married to Jill and they have two daughters, Emily and Madison.

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