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## Brigitte Zypries

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Brigitte Zypries was born in 1953 and began her professional career in the legal department of the Wiesbaden State Chancellery after passing her second state law examination. From there she moved to the Federal Constitutional Court, where she was a research assistant at the 1st Senate for three years. In 1991 she became Head of Unit, in 1997 Head of Department in the State Chancellery of Lower Saxony. From 1997 to 2002 Brigitte Zypries was State Secretary, until 1998 in the Ministry for Women, Labour and Social Affairs of Lower Saxony, from November 1998 to October 2002 in the Federal Ministry of the Interior. Brigitte Zypries was Federal Minister of Justice from October 2002 to September 2009. From 2005 to 2017 she was a directly elected member of the Bundestag for the constituencies of Darmstadt and Darmstadt-Dieburg. From January 2017 to March 2018 she was Federal Minister of Economics and Energy, from December 2013 to January 2017 she was Parliamentary State Secretary in this Ministry, responsible for Information Technology (IT) and Foreign Trade. She was Federal Government Coordinator for Aerospace from January 2014 to March 2018.