

Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Lebanon – Hamish Cowell

News story

Mr Hamish Cowell CMG has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.



Mr Hamish Cowell CMG has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, in succession to Dr Ian Collard OBE who will be transferring to another Diplomatic Service appointment. Mr Cowell will take up his appointment during July 2022.

Full name: Hamish Cowell

Partner: Shadi Khan Kasmai Cowell

Children: Three

2017 – 2021 Muscat, Her Majesty's Ambassador
2013 – 2017 Tunis, Her Majesty's Ambassador
2012 – 2013 FCO, Head, North Africa Department
2011 – 2012 FCO, Head, Libya Crisis Unit
2010 – 2011 FCO, Private Secretary, Minister of State
2005 – 2009 Paris, First Secretary, later Head, International Policy Team
2004 – 2005 Secondment to Quai d'Orsay
2001 – 2004 UKRep Brussels, First Secretary, Middle East Issues
2000 – 2001 Middle East Research Associate, International Institute for Strategic Studies
2000 10, Downing Street Press Office
1999 – 2000 Foreign Secretary's Speechwriter
1996 – 1999 Cairo, Head, Political, Economic & Development Sections
1994 – 1996 FCO, Desk Officer, Common Foreign & Security Policy Unit
1992 – 1994 Tehran, Deputy Head of Mission & First Secretary Political
1989 – 1992 Colombo, Second Secretary, Political and Press

1987 – 1988 FC0, Assistant Desk Officer, Iran/Iraq, Middle East Department

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