

Curriculum Vitae for Pamela Fayle

Background, university qualifications, early work experience

Pamela Fayle was born and educated in Tamworth NSW and spent her last year of high school as a Rotary Exchange student in northern Japan. She is a graduate of ANU with degrees in both Economics and Asian Studies. She speaks Japanese and some German. Pamela is married with two adult children and four grandchildren.

Pamela began her public service career in the International Finance section of the Department of Treasury in 1977. From 1982 to 1985 she left the public sector and was research assistant to Peter Drysdale at the Australia Japan Research Centre at ANU where she worked on a number of economic and trade issues relating to both economies, the bilateral relationship and the Asia-Pacific region more generally. In 1985 she moved back into the public service to the Bureau of Industry Economics to undertake policy-related research, including work on the role of technology and innovation in Australia's competitiveness.

DFAT career

In 1987 she took a promotion into the then Department of Trade and remained in that department and its successor, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), until 2006.

In the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Pamela held a number of positions, mostly (but not exclusively) involved in economic and trade issues, including a period as First Secretary Commercial in Japan and a term as Head of the East Asia Analytical Unit during its early formative years when a number of research reports were published on North East and South East Asian economic issues. From 1994-1996 she was Economic Adviser to Senator Peter Cook during his period as Minister for Industry, Science and Technology and subsequently ran the Economic and Trade Development Division of the Department for a number of years.

In 2000 she was appointed Deputy Secretary of DFAT with responsibility for the Economic and Trade Development Division, as well as Public Diplomacy, Consular and Passport Division and chaired a range of internal management committees as well as several interdepartmental committees including oversight of the interdepartmental crisis centre response to the first Bali bombings.

Pamela has had senior Board experience as a government member on the former Board of Austrade and the EFIC Board. As chair of the Committee for International Cultural Promotion she participated on the Ministerial Council of the same name. With overarching responsibility for Public Affairs, in 2001 on behalf of the Department she signed the contract with ABC's then Managing Director for delivery of a government-funded television service to the Asia Pacific Region.

She has had diplomatic postings to Tokyo, a two year term as Australia's Ambassador to APEC and most recently a three year term as Australia's Ambassador to Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. She returned to Australia in May 2006, at which time she retired from the Department.

Post DFAT

Pamela now lives on the Arrawarra Headland north of Coffs Harbour where she is involved in a range of local community volunteer work including as a Board member of the local Rotary Club, Secretary of the Coffs Harbour City Orchestra and recent involvement in a local council advisory committee to consider a Performing Arts Centre for the Coffs Coast. Since retirement Pamela has particularly involved herself in making a contribution to youth in rural areas including as Convenor of the Model United Nations Assembly for 2010-2011 providing year 11 students from all over northern NSW with an opportunity to debate global issues. She has been active in a program at the local high school to prepare year 12 students for life after school and has been an invited adjudicator for several public speaking competitions for regional high school students.

As well as “giving something back to the community”, Pamela is happy to involve herself in short-term consultancy work or part-time board appointments where she feels she can be of assistance to DFAT or more broadly and has an ABN as a sole trader for this purpose. Most recently, in mid 2010, Pamela undertook a small consultancy review of consular services for then Foreign Minister Stephen Smith.