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# DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

## PRESS AND INFORMATION

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

#### JAMES PROVAN, MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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In June 1984, James Provan was re-elected conservative member (European Democratic Group at the European Parliament) for the North East Scotland euro constituency, having been the serving member since June 1979.

James Provan has been a member of the European Parliament's agriculture and fisheries committee since 1979, and was appointed to be the group's spokesman on agriculture and fisheries in 1982.

Since 1979, James Provan has also been a member of the European Parliament's delegation that consults on a regular basis with members of the Canadian parliament, and a member of the environment and consumer affairs committee.

James Provan farms 270 acres of arable, growing such crops as peas, beans, seed wheat, seed barley, oil-seed rape and potatoes.

James Provan was born in Perthshire, educated at Ardvreck preparatory school and at Oundle school in Northamptonshire. He studied farm management and estate management at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester.

A former regional councillor, and member of the Tay River Purification Board, James Provan has been brought up in the midst of agricultural affairs. He was for several years manager of a farming magazine, and also chairman of a local agricultural engineering co., whilst also serving twice as area president for the National Farmers Union.

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*Bio Book*

Born December 19, 1936.  
Married with three children

1943-1950: Ardvreck Prep School, Crieff Perth, Scotland  
1950-1957: Oundle School Northamptonshire  
1955-1957: Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Gloucester

Farmer and Politician.

Present positions held:

Member of the European Parliament  
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, Conservative  
Spokesman  
Environment, Consumer Affairs, and Public Health  
Committee  
European Parliamentary Delegation to the Canadian  
Parliament  
Member of the Tay River Purification Board

Past positions held:

Member of the Tayside Regional Council, Convenor of  
Property Committee, Vice-Convenor of Finance Committee  
President of the National Farmers Union  
Manager of "Farming Magazine"  
Chairman of local Agricultural Engineering Co.

Interests:

Politics, agriculture, country pursuits, sailing, flying,  
music

270 acres of arable at Bridge of Earn, growing peas, beans,  
wheat, seed barley, seed potatoes. Hill farm at Milnaphort  
where he runs 1,000 black face breeding ewes, and 140 acres of  
timber.

Member of Scottish Agricultural Arbiters Association.  
Founder of East of Scotland Grassland Society, also Director  
of Scottish Seed Growers Association.

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