

Biography

Hon Michael Mischin LLB (Hons) BJuris (Hons) MLC
Attorney General; Minister for Commerce

Political Career

Michael was elected to the Parliament of Western Australia on September 6, 2008, as a Liberal Party Member of the Legislative Council representing the North Metropolitan Region.

He took up his seat in State Parliament on May 22, 2009 and served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General and Minister for Corrective Services Minister, the Hon Christian Porter MLA. Michael continued in this role when Mr Porter assumed the position of Treasurer in December 2010 in addition to his Attorney General duties.

He is the former Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislation, former Deputy Chairman of Committees, former member of the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation & Statutes Review and former member of the Standing Committee on Procedures and Privileges (until this committee was restructured in March 2012).

On June 29 2012, Michael was appointed as the Western Australian Attorney General. Following the March 9 2013 State Election victory by the Liberal Party, Michael added the portfolio of Commerce to his Ministerial responsibilities.

Personal Background

Before entering Parliament, Michael was a Senior State Prosecutor with the Director of Public Prosecutions for Western Australia.

He graduated from The University of Western Australia with Bachelor degrees with Honours in Laws and Jurisprudence in 1982 and practiced in private law firms until 1985, when he joined the Crown Law Department and began to specialise in criminal law.

Michael's career as a Government lawyer spanned almost 24 years, before he decided to run for and was elected to, the Legislative Council. His experience as a lawyer for the State taught him the importance of a robust and independent State legal service to the maintenance of good governance throughout Government.

