
The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance



Mr. Wilson was born in Toronto in 1937.

Educated at Upper Canada College and a graduate of the University of Toronto, he is a former executive vice-president of the Canadian investment firm Dominion Securities.

First elected to the House of Commons in May 1979, Michael Wilson was appointed Minister of State for International Trade on June 4 of that year.

Re-elected to Parliament on February 18, 1980 he subsequently served as Party spokesperson for a number of portfolios including: Industry, Trade and Commerce; Energy; Finance and Regional Industrial Expansion.

In 1983 he was a candidate for the leadership of the federal PC Party.

Mr. Wilson has served as a member of the Caucus Priorities and Planning Committee; as chairperson of the Caucus committee for Economic Development and Job Creation; and as a member of Mr. Mulroney's Council of Economic Advisors.

Mr. Wilson's community service has included serving as chairperson of the Canadian Cancer Society (Ontario) and president of the Society's Toronto district; vice-chairperson of the Canadian Club; and member of the Board of Directors of Dellcrest Children's Centre.

Mr. Wilson and his colleague, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, co-chaired the 1985 meeting of Council at the Ministerial level of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).