David Kilgour
Secretary of State (Asia–Pacific)

David Kilgour was born in Winnipeg on Feb. 18, 1941. He earned an economics degree from the University of Manitoba and, in 1966, a law degree from the University of Toronto. He later studied constitutional law at the University of Paris and has been called to the bars of British Columbia, Manitoba and Alberta.

Prior to entering politics, Mr. Kilgour was an assistant city prosecutor in Vancouver, a senior advisory counsel for Department of Justice Canada in Ottawa, the chief Crown attorney for the Dauphin judicial district in Manitoba, a senior agent of the Alberta Attorney General, and a constitutional adviser to the province of Alberta.

Mr. Kilgour was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979. He is the member of Parliament for Edmonton Southeast.

Mr. Kilgour has served as parliamentary secretary to the Government House Leader, to the Minister of External Relations, to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and to the Minister of Transport.

In 1991, Mr. Kilgour was appointed Opposition energy critic. In 1994, he was appointed deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and chairman of the Committee of the Whole House. He was sworn in as Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) in 1997. On Jan. 15, 2002, he was appointed Secretary of State (Asia–Pacific).

David Kilgour and his wife, Laura Scott, have four children.