

**Minister of Industry,
Science and Technology
and Minister for International Trade
Michael Wilson**

Born in 1937 in Toronto, Mr. Wilson holds a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Toronto. In 1959, he went into investment banking, gaining experience in London, New York and Toronto. He also spent two years with the Department of Finance in Ottawa.

In 1973 Mr. Wilson became executive vice-president of Dominion Securities, with particular responsibilities for international, corporate and government finance.

First elected to the House of Commons in 1979 in the Metropolitan Toronto riding of Etobicoke Centre, Mr. Wilson served as minister of state for international trade in the Clark cabinet.

Between 1980 and 1984, he was the Opposition critic for, successively, industry, trade and commerce; energy; regional industrial expansion; and finance. In 1983 he was a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Wilson was reelected to the House of Commons in the general elections of 1980, 1984 and 1988. He was appointed minister of finance in 1984 by Prime Minister Mulroney and was returned to that position following the 1988 general election.

As minister of finance, Mr. Wilson was closely involved in negotiating the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and oversaw the modernization of the country's tax system.



Mr. Wilson chairs the Cabinet Committee on Economic and Trade Policy and is a member of cabinet committees on policy and planning, operations and expenditure review, and Canadian unity and constitutional negotiations.