

Barton Deakin Brief: Changes to the National Party Leadership

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Today the Hon Michael McCormack MP was sworn in as the new Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. This Barton Deakin Brief provides a brief biography of Mr McCormack and an updated Ministry List for the Turnbull Government.

Background

The Hon Michael McCormack was sworn in this morning as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport. The swearing in ceremony follows Mr McCormack's election as National Party Leader this morning. Mr McCormack defeated backbencher George Christensen MP in the leadership vote, after Dr David Gillespie MP and the Hon David Littleproud MP withdrew their candidacies over the weekend.

The change in leadership was prompted by Deputy Prime Minister the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP's resignation on Friday February 23, following several weeks of media scrutiny on the Deputy Prime Minister's personal life.

This marks the first change to the Cabinet since [Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's December reshuffle](#). Minister McCormack will continue as Minister for Veteran Affairs and Defence Personnel.

The Hon Michael McCormack MP

Deputy Prime Minister of Australia

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Member for Riverina

The Hon Michael McCormack MP is the National Party Leader and Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. Minister McCormack is the member for the NSW seat of Riverina. Minister McCormack was first elected to Parliament in 2010 and was subsequently re-elected in 2013 and 2016.

Mr McCormack has served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for Defence, Minister for Small Business, and most recently as Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel.

Prior to entering Parliament, Mr McCormack was the editor of *The Daily Advertiser* in Wagga Wagga. Following his time at the newspaper, Mr McCormack co-founded a media and publishing business which he owned and operated in partnership until his election to Parliament in 2010. Mr McCormack is married and has three children.

Further information

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**Updated Coalition Government Ministry
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TITLE	MINISTER
Prime Minister	The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Minister for Indigenous Affairs	Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion
Minister for Women	The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service</i>	<i>The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP</i>
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation</i>	<i>The Hon Michael Keenan MP</i>
<i>Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister</i>	<i>Senator the Hon James McGrath</i>
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Deputy Leader of the House)	The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government	Dr John McVeigh MP
Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities	The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
<i>Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister</i>	<i>The Hon Damian Drum MP</i>
Minister for Foreign Affairs	The Hon Julie Bishop MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment	The Hon Steven Ciobo MP
Minister for International Development and the Pacific	Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells
<i>Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment</i>	<i>The Hon Luke Hartsukyer MP</i>
Minister for Finance (Vice-President of the Executive Council) (Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
Special Minister of State	Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
<i>Assistant Minister for Finance</i>	<i>Mr David Coleman MP</i>
Treasurer	The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Minister for Revenue and Financial Services	The Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP
<i>Assistant Minister to the Treasurer</i>	<i>The Hon Michael Sukkar MP</i>
Minister for Defence	Senator the Hon Marise Payne
Minister for Defence Industry (Leader of the House)	The Hon Christopher Pyne MP
Minister for Veterans Affairs	The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Minister for Defence Personnel	The Hon Michael McCormack MP
<i>Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of Anzac</i>	<i>The Hon Michael McCormack MP</i>
Minister for Home Affairs	The Hon Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	The Hon Alan Tudge MP
Minister for Law Enforcement and Cybersecurity	The Hon Angus Taylor MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Home Affairs</i>	<i>The Hon Alex Hawke MP</i>
Attorney-General	The Hon Christian Porter MP
Minister for Jobs and Innovation	Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
Minister for Small and Family Business, Workplace and Deregulation	The Hon Craig Laundry MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation</i>	<i>Senator the Hon Zed Seselja</i>
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia	Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan
Minister for Health	The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Rural Health	Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Sport	Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Aged Care	The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
Minister for Indigenous Health	The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
Minister for Communications	Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for the Arts (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for Regional Communications	Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Minister for Education	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
<i>Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills</i>	<i>The Hon Karen Andrews MP</i>
Minister for Social Services	The Hon Dan Tehan MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services</i>	<i>The Hon Jane Prentice MP</i>
<i>Assistant Minister for Children and Families</i>	<i>The Hon Dr David Gillespie MP</i>
Minister for Human Services	The Hon Michael Keenan MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy	The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
<i>Assistant Minister for the Environment</i>	<i>The Hon Melissa Price MP</i>
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources	Mr David Littleproud MP
<i>Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources</i>	<i>Senator the Hon Anne Ruston</i>

