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The Hon. Michael Danby MP



The Hon Michael Danby is the federal Member of Parliament for Melbourne Ports in the Australian House of Representatives, representing the Australian Labor Party (ALP).

He is a 6-term member, having been elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. Since his election, his main areas of interest have been foreign affairs, defence and national security, immigration, electoral matters, human rights and the environment. He is currently the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts, Deputy Chair of the House Standing Committee on Procedure and a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Michael is also a Member of the ALP Caucus Social Policy Committee, and Secretary of the ALP Caucus National Security and Trade Committee. From 2008 to 2010, he was Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration; and from 2011 to 2013, he was Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. From 2008 to 2013, he was Chair of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for the United States, and he is a Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Group for Tibet.

He has also been a secretary of the Australia–Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group and a Chair of the Australia–Poland Parliamentary Friendship Group. He served as Opposition Whip from 2001 to 2007 and as Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts from March 2013 until September 2013.