

## **Karmenu Vella**

### **Personal Details**

- Maltese
- Born June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1950
- Married with 2 children

### **Current Duties**

- Member of Parliament

### **Parliamentary Career**

- 2013 – 2014: Minister for Tourism
- 2011 – 2013: Shadow Minister for Finance
- 1998 – 2011: Shadow Minister for Tourism
- 1996 – 1998: Minister for Tourism
- 1987 – 1996: Shadow Minister for Tourism
- 1984 – 1987: Minister for Industry
- 1981 – 1983: Minister for Public Works
- 1976 – : Member of Parliament

### **Political Career**

- 2011 – 2013: In charge of the Maltese Labour Party's 2013 electoral programme
- 2008 – 2013: Group Co-ordinator for the Labour Party Parliamentary Group
- 1976 – : Member of the Parliamentary Group for the Maltese Labour Party
- 1970 – 1976: Member of National Executive Committee of the Labour Youth Movement
- 1968 – 1970: Elected member of Zurrieq Civic Council

### **Professional Career**

- 2010 – 2013: Chairman – Orange Travel Group.
- 2007 – 2013: Non-Executive Director on Maltese Board to the below entities:
  - 2007-2013: Betfair Holding (Malta) Limited.
  - 2007-2013: Betfair Poker Holdings Limited.
  - 2012-2013: Betfair International Plc.
- 2008 – 2010: Executive Chairman - Corinthia's Mediterranean Construction Co Ltd
- 2001 – 2007: Executive Chairman - Corinthia Hotels International
- 1978 – 1981: Managing Director - The Libyan Arab Maltese Holding Company Ltd
- 1978 – 1981: Director in LAMHCo's subsidiaries:
  - Malta Shipbuilding Co Ltd
  - Rotos Zirayia Pumps Company Limited
  - Plastic Processing Company Limited
  - Medelec Switchgear Co Ltd
  - Mediterranean Aviation Company Limited
  - Mediterranean Power Electric Co Ltd
- 1973 – 1976 : Director Mid-Med Bank
- 1973 – 1981: Architect & Civil Engineer

### **Other Non-Commercial Activities**

- 2008 – 2013: Member of the Vodafone Malta Foundation
- 2007 – 2013: Chairman of the Maltese Turkish Business Council
- Honorary President :
  - Queen Victoria Band Club, Zurrieq
  - Bocci Club, Zurrieq
  - Birzebbugia Aquatic Sports Club, Birzebbugia

### **Education**

- 1998 – 2000: M.Sc (Tourism Management) – Sheffield Hallam University, Uk.  
Thesis: “Stakeholders’ attitude towards tourism growth management strategies for Malta as a small island economy.”
- 1968 – 1973: B.Arch (Hons), (Architecture and Civil Engineer) – University of Malta. Thesis: “Sports and recreational centre at Ta’ Qali, Malta.”
- 1968 – 1970: B.A. (Arch Stud) – University of Malta.  
Thesis: “Village Conservation Policy.”

### **Languages**

- Maltese and English: mother tongue
- Italian: fluent