



**Honourable Clayton Cosgrove**  
**Member of Parliament**  
**New Zealand Parliament**

Clayton Cosgrove was elected a Member of the New Zealand Parliament in 1999. He is a former Cabinet Minister whose ministerial responsibilities included Immigration, Associate Finance, Building and Construction, Associate Justice, Small Business, Sport and the Rugby World Cup. Currently ranked number six in the Labour Party Shadow Cabinet, Mr Cosgrove is Spokesperson for Commerce, Trade Negotiations, State Owned Enterprises, Small Business and Associate Finance. He is also Deputy Chairperson of the Commerce Parliamentary Select Committee, and is a member of the Finance and Expenditure Parliamentary Select Committee. He lives in Christchurch, where he attended St Bede's College and later the University of Canterbury, MBA and BA (triple major). He also attended Harvard University.

He is a former business owner and has worked in the private sector in senior roles in the fields of public and corporate affairs. Mr Cosgrove has also worked as a Senior Advisor to the Right Honourable Mike Moore (former New Zealand Prime Minister, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, and current New Zealand Ambassador to the United States.)

In 2002 Mr Cosgrove was named as a Global Leader of Tomorrow (GLT) by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and in 2005 the same organisation named him as a Young Global Leader.

**Labour Party Spokesperson for:**

State Owned Enterprises  
Commerce  
Trade Negotiations  
Small Business  
Associate Finance

**Deputy Chairman of the Commerce Parliamentary Select Committee**  
**Member of the Finance and Expenditure Parliamentary Select Committee**

**Ranked no. 6 in the Labour Party Shadow Cabinet**

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**Current Parliamentary Responsibilities:**

Elected Member of New Zealand Parliament 1999 – to present;  
*Ranked no.6 in the Labour Party Shadow Cabinet.*

2011 to present Spokesperson for:

State Owned Enterprises;  
Commerce;  
Trade Negotiations;  
Small Business;  
Associate Finance;  
Deputy Chairman of the Commerce Parliamentary Select Committee;  
Member of the Finance and Expenditure Parliamentary Select Committee.

2008 - 2011 Spokesperson for:

State Owned Enterprises;  
Associate Finance;  
Canterbury Earthquake Recovery;  
Law & Order;  
Police;  
Corrections;  
Deputy Chairman of the Law and Order Parliamentary Select Committee.

**Former Ministerial Responsibilities:**

Minister of Immigration;  
Minister for Building and Construction;  
Associate Minister of Finance (with responsibility for State Owned Enterprises);  
Minister for Small Business;  
Minister for Sport and Recreation;  
Minister for Rugby World Cup;  
Minister of Statistics;  
Associate Minister of Justice;  
Associate Minister of Immigration;  
Member of the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (EDC);  
Member of the Cabinet Committee on Government Expenditure and Administration (EXG), including the Ministerial Expenditure Review Group;  
Member of External Relations and Defence Cabinet Committee (ERD);  
Member of the Ministerial Committee on Drug Policy;  
Oceania Representative on the Executive Committee and Foundation Board of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

**Former Parliamentary Responsibilities:**

Chairperson of the Finance & Expenditure Parliamentary Select Committee;

Member of the Primary Production Parliamentary Select Committee;  
Appointed Member of Parliament Assisting the Minister of Information Technology and Member of the Government's E-Commerce Action Team;  
Member of the Economic Caucus Committee;  
Member of the Social Services, Justice and Culture, Primary Production, and Local Government Caucus Committees.

*Awards:*

Named as one of 30 participants worldwide to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA, Executive Education Programme, "Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21st Century" 2007;  
Appointed an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand 2007 – to present;  
Appointed member of the Governing Board of the University of Canterbury's Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme Christchurch, New Zealand 2005 - 2007;  
Named as a Fellow (the highest classification) of the New Zealand Institute of Management (NZIM) 2009;  
Named as one of 237 Young Global Leaders by the Forum of Young Global Leaders (World Economic Forum) 2005;  
Named as one of 100 Global Leaders of Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum 2002 and invited to attend their Annual Meeting in New York City in 2002 and Davos 2003 & 2005;  
Appointed member of the World Economic Forum's Global Leaders of Tomorrow Free Trade Task Force, whose objective is to promote global trade liberalisation, 2002;  
Awarded the Lorima Marshall Scholarship 1987;  
Exhibition Award, Trinity College, London.

**Education:**

Harvard University, USA,  
-Executive Education Programme - Global Leadership & Public Policy for the 21st Century;  
University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand,  
-Master of Business Administration (MBA);  
-Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree (triple major);  
St Bede's College, Christchurch; New Zealand.

**Career:**

Lecturer - Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand;  
Public Affairs Manager, Clear Communications Limited (then New Zealand's second largest Telecommunication Company);  
Corporate Affairs Manager, Churchill Group (4 Australian Stock Exchange listed public companies - Minerals/Resources sector);  
Senior Parliamentary Advisor to then Prime Minister the Rt Hon Mike Moore;  
Former business owner providing strategic advice to companies regarding government, corporate affairs, communication and public relations;  
Former member of the New Zealand Lotteries Board – National Funding Distribution Committee dealing with grants to the youth sector.

**Current Appointments:**

Adjunct Senior Fellow in the College of Business and Economics at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2007 – to present;

Member of the Advisory Board of the Public Sector Governance & Accountability Research Centre, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia;

Trustee of the Styx Living Laboratory Trust, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Labour Party:**

A member of the New Zealand Labour Party since the age of 14;

Rt Hon Mike Moore's Campaign Manager 1990 & 1993.

**Memberships:**

Associate Member of the Returned Servicemen's Association (RSA);

Patron of North Canterbury Special Olympics;