



## The Minister

Tonio Fenech was born in Birkirkara, Malta on the 5th May, 1969. He was educated at St. Aloysius College, Birkirkara, and the University of Malta, from where he graduated as Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in accountancy and management, and received his B.A. Honours in accountancy. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Accountants and a public practice warrant holder.

Having joined the legacy firm of Pricewaterhouse in 1993, Tonio Fenech was involved within the Audit and Business Advisory services division of the firm for the first five years of his career, when he became responsible for a number of clients in the hospitality, manufacturing and financial services industries.

Before his appointment to public office, Tonio Fenech was a Senior Management Consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. In this role he led a number of consultancy assignments, internal control reviews, and delivered project management services to large private industry organisations and to the public sector.

Tonio Fenech started his political career in March 1997 within the Nationalist Party, when he successfully contested the Birkirkara Local Council Election, Malta's largest locality. In October 1998 he was elected Mayor of Birkirkara, a post he retained to April 2003. He had to resign this post on being elected to Parliament through the Eight District. He was then appointed Observer to the European Parliament representing Government. In March 2004, Tonio Fenech was appointed Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Finance by Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Lawrence Gonzi. During these four years, Tonio Fenech was responsible, amongst others, for the accession into the euro zone, the achievement of the Maastricht convergence criteria and also the successful termination of the contractual agreements and the finishing of the works at Mater Dei Hospital.

In March 2008, Tonio Fenech was appointed as Minister of Finance, the Economy and Investment.

Tonio Fenech also held a number of roles within the Nationalist Party. In April 1998 he was elected to Member of the Executive of the Nationalist Party College of Councillors. In April 1999 he was appointed Secretary General to the College of Councillors. He also held a number of political appointments including Member of the Housing Authority Board from October 1998 to April 2003, and member of the e-Malta Commission from April 2001 to April 2003.

Tonio Fenech is married to Claudine neè Ellul, and they have a son Carl and a daughter Lara