

**Fearne, Christopher**

Malta



Hon. Chris Fearne is the Deputy Prime Minister of Malta and the Minister for Health. He is one of the longest standing Health Ministers in Europe as he has been at the helm of the Health Ministry since April 2014. DPM Fearne is Vice-Chair of the One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance. In May 2023 he was elected President of the 76th World Health Assembly.

He has been a Member of Parliament for the ruling Labour Party since 2013. Prior to becoming the Leader of the House, he was Chair of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee at the Maltese House of Representatives.

Before entering the political arena, DPM Fearne worked as a doctor and surgeon for over 30 years during which he held the position of Consultant Paediatric Surgeon and Clinical Chairman at Mater Dei Hospital. He received his formal education at the University of Malta graduating in Medicine and Surgery in 1987, becoming a Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He worked and studied in a number of children's hospitals in England, including the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. He also lectured students of medicine at the University of Malta.

DPM Fearne is married to Astrid, also a doctor focusing on paediatric primary care. They have 3 children, Dawn, Julian and Rafael and 2 grandsons.