

CURRICULUM VITAE OF LOUIS GALEA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	LOUIS GALEA
Nationality	Maltese
Date of birth	2 January 1948

POLITICAL CAREER

2008 – present

- Main activities and responsibilities

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Unanimously elected Speaker of Malta's unicameral Parliament in May 2008. The Speaker's duties include presiding over the House of Representatives with an impartial and independent mindset and fostering a proper atmosphere for a positive dialogue between the Government and the Opposition.

The Speaker ensures that Parliament is able to scrutinize and hold the Government accountable for the financial management and use made of public funds. To achieve this objective the Speaker liaises with and supports different Parliamentary Committees, including the Public Accounts Committee, and officers of the House of Representatives, including the Auditor General, who heads the National Audit Office, and the Ombudsman.

1987 – 1996, 1998 – 2008

- Main activities and responsibilities

CABINET MINISTER

A member of the Cabinets led by Prime Minister Edward Fenech Adami between 1987 and 1996 and between 1998 and 2004 as well as those of Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi between 2004 and 2008. Also a member of various Cabinet Committees including those responsible for EU Accession, the Public Service Reform, the Pensions Reform (chairperson) and Budget Planning and Priorities.

Strategic, organisational, marketing, management and communication skills with emphasis on culture change, transformation and restructuring of public organisations and human resources development. Worked to introduce performance management cultures, quality management and accountability systems, relationship management models, customer care, marketing and business planning.

Over the years as Minister he was actively committed to and involved in Malta's public service and public sector reforms guaranteeing a better quality administration. Due to the portfolios held, he oversaw the implementation of a substantial percentage of the national budget. In line with Government policies, and together with the Heads of departments, offices and agencies falling within his various portfolios, he worked to strengthen the relative mechanisms of powers of control to ensure that the programmes were implemented and the allocated budget spent in a lawful and regular manner and according to sound financial management.

Substantial experience of communicating and negotiating with trade unions, constituted bodies, public authorities and agencies, voluntary organizations and civil society at large.

- 2003 – 2008
- Main activities and responsibilities
- MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**
- His Ministerial portfolio included Education, Employment and Industrial Relations, Libraries and Archives, Youth and Sport.
- The reform of the public school structure saw the establishment of colleges linking together the primary, secondary and upper secondary education of students into one continuous chain. Further restructuring took place through the Education Act (2006), the National Archives Act (2005), the Sport Act (2003) and the Maltese Language Act (2003).
- During 2004 and 2005 he was appointed by the Prime Minister to steer, together with the Minister responsible for social security, a fundamental, far-reaching structural and financial reform of the pensions system which came into effect in 2007.
- In these years he also chaired the national industrial round of negotiations with all public service trade unions which led to the successful conclusion of the 2005-2010 Public Service Collective Agreement.
- Between 2004 and 2008 he was also a member of the EU's Council of Ministers in the following two configurations: the Education, Youth and Culture Council and the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council.
- 1998 – 2004
- Main activities and responsibilities
- CO-CHAIRPERSON, MALTA-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE (JPC)**
- During Malta's EU accession negotiations he was Co-Chairperson of the Malta-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). He worked with Members of Parliament from both sides of Malta's House of Representatives as well as with all the Members and *rapporteurs* of the European Parliament sitting on the JPC to ensure that both the Maltese Government and the European Commission got a clear understanding of the concerns of the members of the JPC and the constituents they represent.
- The JPC was instrumental in providing a parliamentary dimension to Malta's EU accession process and it established the first formal link between Malta's Parliament and the European Parliament.
- 1998 – 2003
- Main activities and responsibilities
- MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE**
- His Ministerial portfolio included Education, Libraries and Archives, Heritage, Culture and the Arts, Youth and Sport, and the Public Broadcasting Service.
- The raft of reforms that took place during this period included a new National Curriculum, and the establishment of the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) to provide universally accessible vocational and professional education and training, the Malta Qualifications Council, the Malta Centre for Restoration (now Conservation Centre and Institute), the Centre for the Arts and Creativity and the Maltese Language Council. He also put in place two new cultural and heritage public agencies having piloted through Parliament the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts Act (2002) and the Cultural Heritage Act (2002).
- 1996 – 1998
- Main activities and responsibilities
- SHADOW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**
- His Ministerial portfolio included Education, Libraries and Archives, Heritage, Culture and the Arts, Youth and Sport, and the Public Broadcasting Service. Entrusted by the PN and Opposition Leader to critically monitor the national education and culture portfolio and to

scrutinize government performance and spending in this area.

Formulated the vision, strategy and programme in this field as the Party's alternative government programme.

- 1992 – 1996
- Main activities and responsibilities

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS

His Ministerial portfolio included Home Affairs, Police, Security and the Prisons, as well as Health and the Elderly, Social Security, Social Welfare, Children, and Women.

In the fields of Home Affairs, Police, Security and Prisons he steered a reorganisation exercise for the Malta Police Force, ushered in modern concepts of Civil Protection and initiated a process of reform of the Prisons Department to turn it into a modern Correctional Services Department.

In the health sector, projects and programmes included the setting up of a specialized geriatric hospital, the upgrading of Malta's oncology centre and the launching of the construction of a new general hospital (now Mater Dei Hospital). Mental health care and psychiatric facilities and services were given a root-and-branch reform. Modern strategies were adopted in upgrading the network of family and community based health and social services, whilst much importance was given to health promotion.

Founded the National Commission Persons with Disability, the National Commission for the Equality of Women with Men, the Foundation for Medical Services, SEDQA (the national agency for the prevention and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug abuse programmes), jointly with CARITAS established the San Blas drugs rehabilitation centre, and with the Richmond Foundation opened Villa Chelsea half-way home for mentally ill persons.

- 1987 – 1992
- Main activities and responsibilities

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL POLICY

His Ministerial portfolio included Health and the Elderly, Employment and Industrial Relations, Social Security, Social Welfare, Children, Women, and Housing.

In the social policy sector major reforms and restructuring were ushered in. Piloted several laws refining and reforming Malta's social security and social welfare legislation. He negotiated and concluded social security bilateral agreements with Australia, Canada, Libya and the United Kingdom. In 1990 the Employment and Training Corporation was set up by law.

- 1977 – 1987
- Main activities and responsibilities

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARTIT NAZZJONALISTA (PN)

He joined the PN in 1969. He was entrusted with leadership positions in the youth movement, and in 1977 he was elected the Secretary General of the party, a position he held until 1987 when he became a Minister. He was a protagonist in the structural reform and re-engineering process that turned the PN, founded in 1880, into a hugely successful national popular movement based on liberty, democracy and social justice.

- 1976 – 1987
- Main activities and responsibilities

SHADOW MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY

Entrusted by the PN and Opposition Leader to critically monitor the national employment and social policy portfolio and to scrutinize government performance and spending in this area.

Formulated the vision, strategy and programme in this field as part of the Party's alternative government programme.

1976 – 2008

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

He was elected to Parliament during the general elections held in 1976, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1996, 1998 and 2003. In 2008 he was elected by the House of Representatives to be its Speaker.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1993 – present

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

LECTURER

Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Malta
Lectures on social and labour law in the Department of Public Law of the University of Malta.

1996 – 1998

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

ADVOCATE

Ganado Sammut, Valletta, Malta
Practised law with Ganado Sammut, a Valletta law firm.

1975 – 1977

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

ADVOCATE

Self-employed
Practised law.

1969 – 1974

- Name and address of employer
- Main responsibilities

TEACHER

Education Department, Ministry of Education
De La Salle College, Cottonera
Taught History and English to upper forms at secondary school level.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates (from - to)
- Institution
- Title of qualification awarded
- Thesis

1970 – 1975
University of Malta
Doctor of Law
'Collective Bargaining and the Law in Malta'

- Dates (from – to)
- Institution
- Title of qualification awarded

1970 – 1974
University of Malta
Notary Public Diploma

- Dates (from – to)
- Institution
- Title of qualification awarded

1966 – 1969
University of Malta
Legal Procurator Diploma

- Dates (from – to)
- Institution
- Subjects
- Title of qualification awarded

1965 – 1969
University of Malta
History, English, Economics
Bachelor of Arts

LANGUAGES

MOTHER TONGUE

MALTESE

OTHER LANGUAGES	ENGLISH	ITALIAN
• Reading skills	Excellent	Excellent
• Writing skills	Excellent	Very good
• Verbal skills	Excellent	Excellent