

Senator the Hon. Kim Carr

Minister for Manufacturing

Minister for Defence Materiel

Senator for Victoria



Senator Kim Carr was born in Tumut, New South Wales, in 1955.

He was educated at New South Wales and Victorian state schools and at the University of Melbourne, where he completed a B.A. (Hons), M.A. and Dip. Ed.

Before entering parliament he worked as a school teacher and policy adviser.

He was elected to the Senate in 1993 and to Labor's front bench in 1996, serving first as a parliamentary secretary and opposition spokesman on education in the Senate (1996-2001), and then as a shadow minister (2001-07). He has also worked on more than twenty senate committees.

His first shadow portfolio was science and research (2001-04), which was soon joined by industry and innovation (2003-04).

Following Labor's election victory in 2007, Kim was sworn in as Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Senator Carr retained the portfolio when the Gillard Labor Government was sworn in on 14 September 2010. The design of that particular portfolio reflected his longstanding belief that innovation is critical for Australia's future wellbeing – as he said in his first speech to the Senate (5 May 1993) – “to maintain a strong, innovative and diverse industrial base”.

In December 2011, Kim moves to the roles of Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Defence Materiel.

Senator Carr is married with four children.