The Hon. Mark Butler MP

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing

Minister for Social Inclusion

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Mental Health Reform

Member for Port Adelaide

Mark Butler was elected to Federal Parliament in 2007 representing the electorate of Port Adelaide. In September 2010, Mark was appointed as Minister for Mental Health and Ageing.

In 2009 Mark served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Heath. In addition to assisting the Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark had direct portfolio responsibility for a number of Health agencies including the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ). As of December 2011, Mark has added Social Inclusion and Mental Health Reform to his portfolio responsibilities.

Mark holds a First Class Honours Law degree, an Arts degree and a Masters degree in International Relations.

Before entering Parliament, Mark worked for 15 years in the Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU) including 11 years as State Secretary (SA). During that time, Mark served as a member of several government and private sector boards.

In 1997/1998, Mark served as the youngest ever President of the ALP in South Australia, and has been a Member of the ALP National Executive and National Executive Committee since 2000.

Mark was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003 for services to the trade union movement.

Mark lives in Woodville Park with his wife and two children, and is a keen supporter of AFL team, Port Adelaide Power.