



**Hon. Benjamin Poponawa, MP**  
**Vice Minister/Parliament Secretary - Treasury and Finance**  
**August 2007 - Present**

The Honourable Mr Benjamin Poponawa was born on 28 January 1960 at Pakapena village, Tambul, in the Western Highlands Province. He is married with 5 children.

In 1999, Mr Poponawa was awarded an MBA in Public Sector Management at the Central Queensland University in Brisbane, Australia after completing his Graduate Diploma in Management in 1998 at the same institute. He was also awarded a Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting in 1989 at the Deakin University at Melbourne Australia, Bachelor of Commerce in 1983 and a Bachelor of Technology (Accounting) Degree in 1982 at the PNG University of Technology.

Honourable Poponawa is an Associate Member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants and also a member of the PNG Association of Accountants.

He previously worked as an Internal Auditor with WR Carpenters (PNG) Ltd from 1984-1985 then Senior Internal Auditor with Air Niugini from 1986-1992. He later joined the Auditor General's Office as Principal Auditor and rose to the position of Assistant Auditor General. Mr Poponawa was the Acting First Assistant Auditor General from 2003-2005. He left the service to pursue a political career.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>COMPANY and LOCATION</b>
1984-1985	Internal Auditor	WR Carpenters (PNG) Ltd
1986-1992 June	Senior Internal Auditor	Air Niugini Ltd
1992 July –	Principal Auditor	Auditor General's Office
1993-1994	Senior Principal Auditor	“
1996-1997	Director of Audits	“
1999	Assistant Auditor General	“
2003-2005	Acting First Assistant Auditor General	“