



Hon. Patrick Pruaitch, MP
Minister for Treasury and Finance
August 2007 - Present

Honorable Patrick Pruaitch MP, from Ulau village in the Aitape District of Sandaun Province in Papua New Guinea was born in his village on June 29th, 1964.

After completing his primary education at St. Vincent De Paul Primary School in Ulau village from 1973-1978, Mr. Pruaitch continued onto St. Ignatius High School where he did his grades 7-10 from 1979-1982. In 1983, he was selected to do his grade 11 and 12 at Sogeri National High School in the Central province.

Following the successful completion of his Grade12, he enrolled at the University of Papua New Guinea and later graduated with a Bachelor of Economics Degree.

Hon. Patrick Pruaitch after graduation, was among a few selected who underwent a Graduate Management Training Program with the then South Pacific (SP) Holdings Ltd, now known as SP Breweries. After an initial 18-months training, he was posted to Lae as the Logistics Supervisor. He spent the next 10 years with SP Breweries in the Sales and Marketing section. He rose very quickly in ranks of the commercial division and became the Regional Operations Manager for the New Guinea Islands Region based in Kokopo, East New Britain province.

One of the highlights of Hon. Pruaitch's employment with SP Breweries was a one-year stint with the Asia Pacific Breweries in Singapore in 1992.

On May 30th 1998, he left SP Breweries and joined Shell (PNG) Limited as the Retail Manager of the Momase Region, the position he held for three and a half years.

In February 2002, he resigned to contest the 2002 National Election as an Independent Candidate. Following his win, Hon. Pruaitch joined National Alliance Party, the ruling party in the current government.

Hon. Pruaitch was appointed Minister for Forest, after the formation of the Somare led Government on 13th August 2002. In May 2004, he was appointed Leader of Government Business, a role he held apart from the Forest portfolio until up to the time of the 2007 elections.

On numerous occasions in the last Government, Hon. Pruaitch acted in several Ministries including Education, State Enterprises and Communication, Lands and Physical Planning, Finance and National Planning & Monitoring.

On the 23rd day of June, 2006 Minister Pruaitch acted on the highest post in the Government as acting Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea during which time he swore in two newly appointed Cabinet Ministers.

Hon. Pruaitch contested and won back his seat of Aitape/Lumi in 2007. He was appointed Treasurer and Minister for Finance, a senior portfolio in the current Coalition Government soon after the formation of the new Government led by the National Alliance Party, the position he still holds today.

Hon. Pruaitch is married with six children whose ages range from 7-20 years old.

He has a very strong business accruement and is well vested with corporate management practices.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

| YEAR | EMPLOYMENT | COMPANY and LOCATION |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1989(JAN)-1998 (MAY) | | SP Brewery |
| 1989 | Management Cadet | |
| 1990 | Logistics Manager-Lae | |
| 1991 | Logistics Manager-POM | |
| 1992 | Overseas attachment | Asia Pacific Breweries-Singapore |
| 1993-1994(June) | Moresby Bottling Companies Manager (subsidiary company) | <i>Lae</i> |
| 1994(June)-1995(Nov) | SP Branch Manager Marketing Department | <i>Port Moresby</i> |
| 1995(Nov)-1998(April) | Regional Sales Manager New Islands Region | <i>Kokopo-East New Britain Prov.</i> |
| 1998(May)-2002(April) | Retail Manager New Guinea (Highlands/Momase)- 3 months Brisbane Retail network, Shell. | Shell (PNG) Ltd |
| 2002(May)-(July) | Resigned from Shell and contested 2002 National Election in Aitape/Lumi. | |
| July 5 th 2002 | Declared duly elected member for Aitape-Lumi Open Electorate in Sandaun Province | Aitape Lumi Open |
| August 13 th 2002 | Appointed Minister for Forestry in National Executive Council | Port Moresby |
| May 2004 | Appointed Leader of Government Business. | |
| 2005 | Elected Deputy Parliamentary Leader of National Alliance Party(Momase) | |
| 23 June 2006 | Acting Prime Minister (few days) while PM was away. | |
| July 2007 | Re-elected as MP for Aitape Lumi. | |
| 13 August 2007 | Appointed Minister for Treasury and Finance. | |
| 8 November, 2007 | Reaffirmed as Deputy Leader of NA Party, Momase Region. | |