

# ISRAEL

## Minister of Science and Technology

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### Ofir AKUNIS



Born in Tel Aviv in 1973

He served in the IDF (Israel Defence Forces) as a military journalist in the Department of the Head Educational Officer.

He holds a B.A. in the Social Sciences and Humanities, International Relations, and Political Science. He is married and the father of two.

A former spokesman for the Likud, he served as Media Consultant to Likud Chairman Netanyahu, Advisor to the Minister of Finance, and Advisor to the Minister of Justice.

He was elected to the Knesset in February 2009, serving as Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Chair of the Knesset Economic Affairs Committee, and a member of various other committees, as well as an active lobbyist.

In March 2013 Ofir Akunis was appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry in the Prime Minister's Office. In December 2014 he was also

appointed Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection. In May 2015 he was appointed Minister and in September 2015, Minister of Science and Technology.

