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Dr. Justyne CARUANA

She is Malta's Minister for Education after having served as Minister for Gozo (2017-2019) and Junior Minister for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Active Ageing (2014-2017). During her 17 years in Parliament she chaired the Permanent Committee for Gozo Affairs, the Permanent Committee for the Consideration of Bills and was previously a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, Social Affairs Committee and Family Affairs Committee. Until March 2013 she shadowed the portfolio for Youth, Culture and Sports, for which areas she was the Opposition's spokesperson.

She was first elected to Parliament in 2003 and successively in 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2017, always from her native Gozo constituency. As head of the Maltese Parliament's delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), she also served on the gender equality task force and was rapporteur of the first committee on political affairs. She was elected regional representative of the UK, British Isles and Mediterranean Region on the Steering Committee of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and represented Malta on its Regional British Isles and Mediterranean Steering Committee. In 2016 she was appointed ambassador of the World Association of Women in Parliament.

A Lawyer by profession, she specialises in family law, canon and civil litigation, and is an examiner at the University of Malta and specialised supervisor of the Legal Clinic at the Faculty of Laws.