THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF WESTERN CIVILISATION: REFLECTIONS ON MARRIAGE & THE FAMILY

Delivered by
The Hon Kevin Andrews MP
Minister for Defence

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The Honourable Kevin Andrews MP

Kevin Andrews was sworn in as the Minister for Defence of the Australian Government on 23 December 2014.

A member of Prime Minister Tony Abbott’s Cabinet, the Minister has been a member of the Australian Commonwealth Parliament, since 1991, serving as the member for the Victorian seat of Menzies in the House of Representatives.

The Minister’s previous Ministerial appointments include serving as Minister for Ageing (2001-2003), Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service (2003-2007), Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (2007) and Minister for Social Services (2013-2014).

In 2012, the Minister published a book entitled “Maybe I Do: Modern Marriage and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Raised in country Victoria, the Minister studied law and arts at Melbourne University, where he lived at Newman College, before completing a Master of Laws at Monash University.

Before his election to parliament, the Minister served as an Associate to Sir James Gobbo in the Victorian Supreme Court before practicing law at the Victorian Bar. He was named Australian Young Lawyer of the Year for his community work in establishing a legal scheme for disaster victims, and for publishing a book for seniors about the law.

A keen cyclist, the Minister is married to Margaret and together they have four adult children and a teenage son.