

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE - PETER BUNTING, MP,
OPPOSITION SPOKESPERSON ON NATIONAL SECURITY
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CENTRAL MANCHESTER

Peter Bunting is the Opposition Spokesperson on National Security and is the immediate past Minister of National Security for Jamaica. As Minister, Peter embarked on a strategic programme of partnering for citizen security, based on his conviction that violence has multiple causes and therefore requires coordinated responses from multiple sectors.

Peter Bunting is convinced that a public safety policy that balances prevention and control actions has a greater crime reducing effect, and that cooperation between the public sector and NGOs, CBOs, and FBOs, improves the effectiveness and sustainability of interventions.

As Minister of National Security, Peter advanced an aggressive legislative agenda through Parliament. Pathbreaking legislation he piloted included: the Criminal Justice (Suppression of Criminal Organizations) 2014 Act, otherwise known as the Anti-Gang Legislation; the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions) (Special Provisions) Act 2013 also known as the Anti-Lottery Scamming Legislation; Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Evidence Act, 2015; and amending POCA to allow for easier asset forfeiture as well as instituting cash transaction limits. Peter Bunting also successfully merged the ISCF and the JCF, and is the conceptualizer of the Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency (MOCA) and the Unite for Change (UFC) initiative.

An investment banker by profession, Peter co-founded Jamaica's first private investment bank Dehring, Bunting and Golding, which earned a reputation for innovation and performance. He also co-founded Proven Investment Ltd, - currently a top performing company on the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE).

He is a former General Secretary of the People's National Party, serving from 2008 to 2014 and managed the general and local government election campaigns of 2011 and 2012 which resulted in landslide victories in both elections. He also served as a Commissioner of the Electoral Commission of Jamaica, Chairman of JAMPRO, and Chairman of the National Water Commission

A graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Canada and the University of Florida in Gainesville, Peter earned a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (Mechanical) and a Master's in Business Administration.