



## Dr. Ng Eng Hen

Former Minister for Defence (2011-2025)  
Republic of Singapore

Dr Ng was first elected as Member of Parliament in 2011 for the residents of Bishan-Toa Payoh Constituency. He served as their MP until his retirement from politics in 2025 having been re-elected in 2006, 2011, 2015 and 2020. He was Deputy Leader of the House from 2007 to 2011 and Leader from 2011 to 2015.

Dr Ng was Minister for Manpower from 2003 to 2008 and Minister for Education from 2008 to 2011. Concurrently, he was Second Minister for Defence since 2005, before assuming office as Minister for Defence in 2011 to 2025. Dr Ng was conferred France's national award of Officer in the Order of Légion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour) in 2017.

Dr Ng was trained as a cancer surgeon, specialising in breast surgery, having obtained his medical degrees from the National University of Singapore and postgraduate training in the USA. He is Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore and member of the American Societies of Surgical Oncology and Clinical Oncology. He was a Consultant Surgeon in Singapore General Hospital and Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, before leaving his practice to enter politics in 2001. In 1997, Dr Ng and other members founded the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dr Ng is married to Ivy, a paediatrician-geneticist and former Group Chief Executive Officer of Singapore Health Services. They have four children and five grandchildren.