

The Rt. Hon. Hugh Shearer, P.C. is the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Shearer was Prime Minister, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Defence, Jamaica, between April 1967 and February 1972. He is the First Deputy Leader of the Jamaica Labour Party and the Vice-President of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union. Mr. Shearer is the Member of Parliament for Southern Clarendon.

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Mr. Shearer was educated at St. Simon's College and was the former Editor of "The Jamaican Worker" a newspaper that was the official organ of the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union. He was also the former Deputy Chief of Mission for Jamaica at the United Nations Assembly.

Mr. Shearer was appointed a Privy Councillor to Her Majesty the Queen on January 7, 1969 and sworn-in to this Office by Her Majesty during a private audience at Buckingham Palace on that day.