

### **Who is Charles Abel?**

2012 PNG Elections

**Charles Abel** (Alotau, People's National Congress), a descendant of one of PNG's great missionary families, is Minister for Trade, Commerce & Industry and an occasional contributor to PNG Attitude. He is one of the quiet achievers of the government and reputedly a source of continuing sound advice. Abel is on record as saying PNG needs a "more vibrant literary culture". Praising the Crocodile Prize late last year he said: "As a person strongly committed to our nation's culture, I recognise that the Prize is both motivating our writers and also facilitating publishing opportunities for the best of them. We need a more vibrant PNG literature, and the government of which I'm a member is committed to this objective."

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