

Jacques MÉZARD



Appointed on 22 February 2019 by the President of the Republic

Took the oath of office on 22 March 2019 before the President of the Republic

Born 3 December 1947, in Aurillac (Cantal department)

Education

- Graduate degree in private law (Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas)
- French professional lawyer's certification (Certificat d'Aptitude à la Profession d'Avocat, CAPA)

Career

- 1971 / 1976: Lawyer at the Paris Bar
- 1971 / 1976: Senior lecturer at Paris I
- 1971 / 1975: Member of the Conseil National de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (National council of higher education and research), and Vice President of Université Paris II
- 1977 / 2008: Lawyer at the Aurillac Bar, Former President of the Bar, Avocat honoraire (emeritus lawyer) since 2008.

Local mandates

- 1983 / 1992: Deputy Mayor of Aurillac
- 1991 / 1995: Vice President of the district of Bassin d'Aurillac
- 1994 / 2008: General Councillor for the Cantal department
- 2001 / 2017: President of the Bassin d'Aurillac conurbation (Communauté d'agglomération du Bassin d'Aurillac)

Parliamentary mandates

- 2008 / 2017: Senator for the Cantal department
- 2011 / 2017: President of the Rassemblement démocratique et social européen (RDSE) group in the Senate
- 2018 / 2019: Senator for the Cantal department
- 2009 / 2017: Vice President of the Senate delegation to regional and local authorities and decentralisation

Government positions

- 2017: Minister of Agriculture and Food
- 2017 / 2018: Minister of Territorial Cohesion

Main information reports

- 2012: Information Report: *“Prendre acte de la décentralisation : pour une rénovation indispensable des contrôles de l'État sur les*

collectivités territoriales” (Acknowledging decentralisation: for an indispensable renovation of State monitoring of regional and local authorities)

- 2013: Information Report: “*Les collectivités territoriales et les infrastructures de transport*” (Regional and local authorities and transportation infrastructure)
- 2015: Information Report: “*Sur les conséquences des baisses de dotation de l’État*” (On the consequences of lowering of State endowments)
- 2017: Information Report: “*Les nouvelles technologies au service de la modernisation des territoires*” (New technologies serving modernisation of territories)

Main inquiry commission reports

- 2013: Inquiry Commission Report: “*Les dérives thérapeutiques et le dérives sectaires : la santé en danger*” (Therapeutic deviations and sectarianism: dangers in healthcare)
- 2015: Inquiry Commission Report: “*Un État dans l’État : canaliser la prolifération des autorités administratives indépendantes pour mieux les contrôler*” (A State within the State: channelling the multiplication of independent administrative authorities to better monitor them)

Main legislative reports and draft laws adopted

- 2009: Rapporteur for the draft law adopted by Parliament for the creation and development of sociétés publiques locales (local public companies)
- 2013: Rapporteur for the draft law adopted by Parliament relating to security and the fight against terrorism
- 2014: Rapporteur for the draft law adopted by Parliament aiming to create sociétés d’économie mixte à opération unique (semi-public companies for a single purpose)
- 2016: Rapporteur for the draft law adopted by Parliament instituting the general statute on independent administrative authorities and independent public authorities, and for the draft institutional act also adopted by Parliament.
- 2013: Author of the draft law adopted by Parliament modernising the sections de commune (municipal sections) system
- 2016: Rapporteur for the draft law adopted by Parliament instituting the general statute on independent administrative authorities and independent public authorities, and for the draft institutional act relating to independent administrative authorities and independent public authorities
- Member of the Parti Radical since 1967
- **2019, 11 March (since): Member of the Constitutional Council, appointed by the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron**

Honours

- Knight of the National Order of Merit (1997)