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- All Chief Executives
- Chief of Staff, Prime Minister's Office
- All Senior Private Secretaries
- All Private Secretaries
- Chief Parliamentary Counsel

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*Cabinet committee membership has been updated in this circular in line with the updated Ministerial List published 22 July 2020.*

- 1 The Prime Minister has agreed to changes to the membership of Cabinet committees to take account of the updates to Ministerial responsibilities that took place on 27 June and 3 July 2019. An amended list of the membership of Cabinet committees is attached for your information.
- 2 A number of amendments have also been made to the terms of reference for the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV), the Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee (GOV), and the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC).

Martin Bell  
for Secretary of the Cabinet

To consider policy issues, appointments, bills, and regulations, and other matters that require decisions before the next scheduled applicable Cabinet committee meeting, when other committees are not meeting and the House of Representatives is adjourned. CBC will meet only on a strictly if required basis.

## Membership

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

***Rt Hon Winston Peters (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Phil Twyford

Hon Dr Megan Woods

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Andrew Little

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon David Parker

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Tracey Martin

Hon James Shaw

## Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

## Frequency

Meets during non-sitting weeks if required

## Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC)

- Consider overall government priorities and major strategic issues.
- Consider significant issues as determined by the Prime Minister or Cabinet. Implementation aspects of these issues will be considered by the appropriate committee, once major policy directions have been set.
- Responsible for the overall co-ordination and delivery of the government's priorities.

## Membership

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

***Rt Hon Winston Peters (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Eugenie Sage  
Fletcher Tabuteau, MP

## Relevant Portfolios<sup>1</sup>

ACC  
Agriculture  
Biosecurity  
Broadcasting, Communications, and Digital Media  
Building and Construction  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Customs  
Economic Development  
Energy and Resources  
Environment  
Employment  
Finance  
Fisheries  
Food Safety  
Forestry  
Greater Christchurch Regeneration  
Housing  
Immigration  
  
Infrastructure  
Land Information  
Local Government  
Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti  
Māori Development  
Pike River  
Racing  
Regional Economic Development  
Research, Science and Innovation  
Revenue  
Rural Communities  
Small Business  
Statistics  
State Owned Enterprises  
Tourism  
Trade and Export Growth  
Transport  
Urban Development  
Workplace Relations and Safety

## Frequency

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

Māori Development  
Regional Economic Development  
Research, Science and Innovation  
Transport

## Frequency

Meets fortnightly during sitting weeks

# Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERS)

- Oversight of the national security and intelligence sector, and to consider strategic, policy and legislative matters relating to the sector, foreign affairs, defence (excluding Defence procurement), resilience, and significant hazards.
- Co-ordinate and direct national responses to major crises or circumstances affecting national security (either domestic or international).
- Ensure co-ordination and delivery of relevant government priorities and monitor the achievement of relevant goals and outcomes.

*ERS, or a subcommittee of ERS as determined by the Prime Minister, will have Power to Act where the need for urgent action and/or operational or security considerations require it.*

## Membership

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Deputy Chair)**

**Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)**

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Andrew Little

Hon David Parker

Hon Stuart Nash

Hon Ron Mark

*With the addition of the relevant portfolio Minister as appropriate.*

## Relevant Portfolios<sup>3</sup>

Hon David Parker  
Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Kris Faafoi  
Hon Ron Mark  
Hon Tracey Martin  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon James Shaw  
Hon Julie Anne Genter

## Relevant Portfolios<sup>4</sup>

Corrections  
Civil Defence  
Defence  
Education  
Finance  
Government Digital Services  
Health  
Infrastructure  
Internal Affairs  
Local Government  
Revenue  
Regional Economic Development  
State Owned Enterprises  
State Services  
Statistics  
Transport

## Frequency

Meets fortnightly during sitting weeks

## Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
**Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)**  
Hon Grant Robertson  
Hon Andrew Little  
Hon David Parker  
**Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Deputy Chair)**  
Hon Stuart Nash  
Hon Damien O'Connor  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Peeni Henare  
Hon Willie Jackson  
Hon Eugenie Sage

## Relevant Portfolios<sup>5</sup>

Agriculture  
Attorney-General  
Conservation  
Economic Development  
Environment  
Fisheries  
Land Information  
Local Government  
Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti  
Māori Development  
Regional Economic Development  
Rural Communities  
Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations  
Whānau Ora

## Frequency

Meets monthly during sitting weeks

## Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC)

- Consider strategic and policy matters relating to social wellbeing to support a fair and dignified standard of living for all New Zealanders, including education, health, justice, income support, access to warm, dry homes, public housing and residential tenancy issues, homelessness, and child poverty reduction.
- Ensure co-ordination and delivery of relevant government priorities and monitor the achievement of relevant goals and outcomes.

Pacific Peoples

Police

Rural Communities

Seniors

Social Development

Sport and Recreation

Veterans

Whānau Ora

Women

Youth

## Frequency

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

## COVID-19 Ministerial Group

- This Ministerial Group has been established by Cabinet to co-ordinate and direct the government response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- *The Ministerial Group has Power to Act to take decisions on the government response to COVID-19.*

## Membership

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

**Rt Hon Winston Peters (Deputy Chair)**

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon James Shaw

## Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

## Frequency

The Ministerial Group will meet as required by teleconference and email.