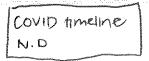


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Cabinet committee membership has been updated in this circular in line with the updated Ministerial List published 22 July 2020.

- 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.
- 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

on 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** 

vironment

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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

egional 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

Maori 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 4

Corrections

civil Defence

Defence

Education

**Finance** 

**Government Digital Services** 

Health

Infrastructure

**Internal Affairs** 

**Local Government** 

Revenue

Regional Economic Development

**State Owned Enterprises** 

**J**tate 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

onservation

**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** 

Whänau 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

At 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.