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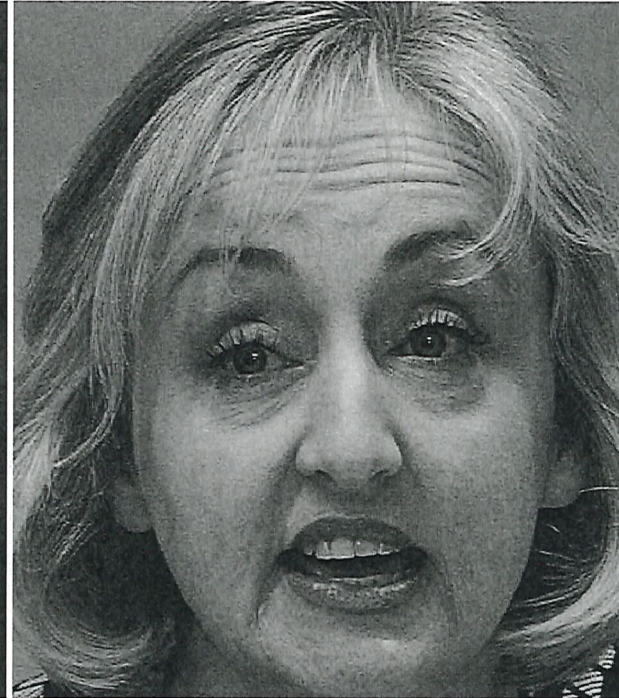
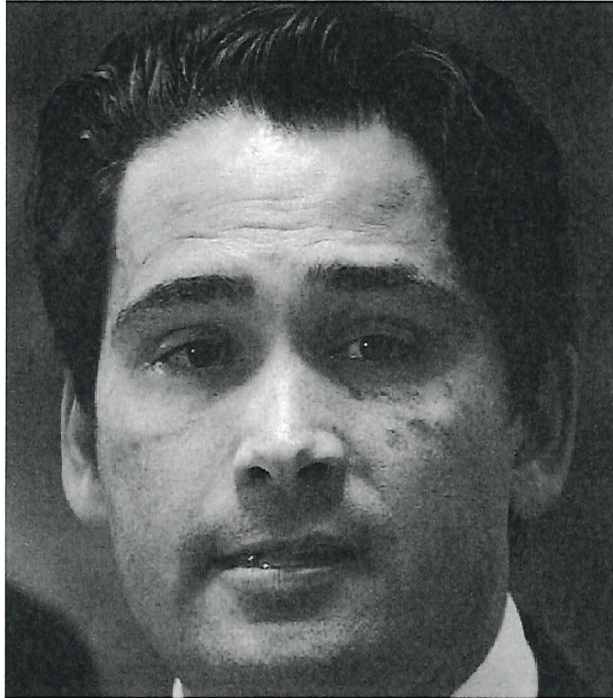
# Bill English reveals his reshuffled Cabinet in Wellington

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Simon Bridges and Amy Adams have been promoted in Bill English's new Cabinet. Photos / File



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Prime Minister Bill English has appointed four new ministers in his first caucus reshuffle and taken the Police and Corrections portfolios off Judith Collins.

In changes announced this afternoon, second-term MP Alfred Ngaro has gone straight into the Cabinet, and Mark Mitchell, Jacqui Dean and David Bennett have become ministers outside Cabinet.

Amy Adams and Simon Bridges received the biggest promotions, moving into the so-called kitchen cabinet.

Collins, on the other hand, has lost the Corrections and Police portfolios and fallen two places in the ministerial rankings - a move described by Labour as payback for her behaviour while challenging for the party leadership. Collins has picked up the Revenue, Energy and Resources and Ethnic Communities portfolios.

"It's not a demotion," English told reporters today, noting that her ranking reflected the arrival of new ministers, rather than a deliberate relegation. Explaining the change of portfolios, he said Collins had business and commercial experience which had not yet been utilised.

"Now we can use her talents elsewhere in revenue and commerce," he said.

But Labour's deputy leader Annette King said her loss of the portfolios was a "vindictive" move and that Collins had paid the price for saying the Government needed to fund more police officers during the leadership campaign.

Deputy Prime Minister Paula Bennett has been given Collins' police portfolio. She has also become the Minister for Women, elevating women's issues to the top of the Cabinet.

Louise Upston, who was previously **GET NEWS UPDATES** has moved into the Cabinet and taken on Collins' Corrections role as a significant promotion. **Get instant notifications as they happen**

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Speaking about the new ministers, English said Ngaro had jumped straight into Cabinet because he had experience across a broad range of social issues "and we are keen to advance those issues in the political debate."

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"Alfred has got a unique type of experience for a National MP, and a very persuasive ability to articulate what this Government's trying to choose."

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Bridges has risen into the top five in Cabinet and takes Steven Joyce's Economic Development portfolio. He has also taken on the Associate Finance and Communications roles, while keeping the Transport portfolio. Bridges was now "a key part of our economic team", English said.

Adams held onto the Justice portfolio and has taken on two housing roles - English's Housing New Zealand portfolio and Bennett's Social Housing portfolio. She will take on the newly-created Social Investment role and the Associate Finance portfolio, which English said would be linked.

"There's changes going on in the public service about how to deliver social investment more effectively," he said

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Nick Smith held onto his housing and environment responsibilities, despite speculation he could pay the price for rising house values and the bungling of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary. His ministerial title has changed from Building and Housing Minister to Building and Construction Minister - a change which English said better reflected his role.

As already confirmed, Steven Joyce will become the new Finance Minister. But he has also been given a new portfolio, Infrastructure.

Murray McCully, who is leaving Parliament next year, held onto the Foreign Affairs role but only until May. That meant McCully could leave Parliament without sparking a by-election, but English said this was not the "driving reason" for keeping him on in the role. He would not say who his pick for a replacement was, though Health Minister Jonathan Coleman has been tipped to take over.

Hekia Parata, who is leaving Parliament at the general election, would also stay on as Education Minister until May. Nikki Kaye is expected to take over once she has recovered from treatment for breast cancer.

Kaye is on leave from Parliament and her ministerial duties, but English said today her "progress and prognosis is good".

"But we don't want to put pressure on a minister who's had some health issues," he said.

King said the reshuffle was "underwhelming" and had "very little new thinking". Just one minister had been brought into Cabinet and two of the three ministers outside Cabinet had been in Parliament for 11 years, she said.

Labour's deputy leader also criticised English's decision to keep on Smith despite his performance in the housing role, saying it smacked of "mateship".

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