



# Cabinet Office Circular

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

## **Cabinet Committee Membership: Update: June 2009**

The Prime Minister has agreed to a number of changes to the membership of Cabinet committees to take account of the changes in Ministerial responsibilities and the appointment of a new Minister that took effect on 16 June 2009. An updated list of the membership for Cabinet committees is attached for your information.

Rebecca Kitteridge  
Secretary of the Cabinet

## **Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR)**

To set the overall strategic direction and policy priorities of the government.

*This committee will not be used for detailed policy development or implementation, which will be considered by the relevant policy committee once the strategic direction has been set.*

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

#### **Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Tony Ryall

Hon Dr Nick Smith

Hon Judith Collins

Hon Anne Tolley

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon Murray McCully

Hon Steven Joyce

### **Relevant Portfolios**

All relevant portfolios

### **Frequency**

Meets weekly as required

## **Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH)**

To consider appointments to statutory and other government agencies, chief executive appointments, and nominations for New Zealand Royal Honours, and associated policy.

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

#### **Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Tony Ryall

Hon Anne Tolley

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon David Carter

Hon Murray McCully

Hon Georgina te Heuheu

Hon Pansy Wong

Hon Heather Roy

Hon Tariana Turia

Hon Peter Dunne

### **Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

### **Frequency**

Meets weekly as required

## **Cabinet Expenditure Control Committee (ECC)**

To control and review government expenditure to improve value for money in the State sector.

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

Hon John Key

**Hon Bill English**

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Tony Ryall

Hon David Carter\*

Hon Steven Joyce

Hon Rodney Hide

### **Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

### **Frequency**

Meets weekly as required

\*On 14 September 2009, the Prime Minister agreed that Hon David Carter be added to the membership of ECC.

## **Cabinet External Relations and Defence Committee (ERD)**

To consider policy and other matters relating to foreign affairs, international trade, development assistance, and defence.

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

Hon John Key

Hon Bill English

Hon Judith Collins

Hon David Carter

**Hon Murray McCully**

Hon Tim Groser

Hon Dr Wayne Mapp

Hon Georgina te Heuheu

### **Relevant Portfolios**

Defence

Disarmament and Arms Control

Foreign Affairs

Police

Trade

### **Frequency**

Meets fortnightly (alternates with meetings of TOW)

## **Cabinet Committee on Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations (TOW)**

To consider policy issues relating to the Treaty of Waitangi, including Treaty settlement negotiations, and foreshore and seabed issues.

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

#### **Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon Tim Groser

Hon Georgina te Heuheu

Hon Phil Heatley

Hon Maurice Williamson

Hon Dr Pita Sharples

Hon Tariana Turia

### **Relevant Portfolios**

Attorney-General

Maori Affairs

Treaty Negotiations

### **Frequency**

Meets fortnightly (alternates with meetings of ERD)

## Cabinet Social Policy Committee (SOC)

To consider social policy issues including health, education, and welfare.

### Membership (Chair in bold)

Hon John Key  
 Hon Bill English  
 Hon Simon Power

**Hon Tony Ryall**

Hon Dr Nick Smith  
 Hon Judith Collins  
 Hon Anne Tolley  
 Hon Dr Wayne Mapp

Hon Georgina te Heuheu  
 Hon Paula Bennett  
 Hon Phil Heatley  
 Hon Pansy Wong  
 Hon John Carter  
 Hon Dr Pita Sharples  
 Hon Tariana Turia

### Relevant Portfolios

ACC  
 Community and Voluntary Sector  
 Disability Issues  
 Ethnic Affairs  
 Education  
 Health  
 Housing  
 Maori Affairs

Pacific Island Affairs  
 Senior Citizens  
 Social Development and Employment  
 Tertiary Education  
 Veterans' Affairs  
 Women's Affairs  
 Youth Affairs

### Frequency

Meets weekly

## Cabinet Domestic Policy Committee (DOM)

To consider justice and law and order issues, and issues relating to the state sector and other domestic affairs.

### Membership (Chair in bold)

Hon John Key  
 Hon Bill English  
 Hon Gerry Brownlee

**Hon Simon Power**

Hon Tony Ryall  
 Hon Judith Collins  
 Hon Christopher Finlayson  
 Hon Murray McCully  
 Hon Tim Groser

Hon Steven Joyce  
 Hon Georgina te Heuheu  
 Hon Paula Bennett  
 Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman  
 Hon Maurice Williamson  
 Hon John Carter  
 Hon Nathan Guy  
 Hon Dr Pita Sharples

### Relevant Portfolios

Arts, Culture and Heritage  
 Archives  
 Attorney-General  
 Broadcasting  
 Civil Defence  
 Conservation  
 Corrections  
 Courts  
 Immigration

Internal Affairs  
 Justice  
 Land Information  
 National Library  
 Police  
 Racing  
 Sport and Recreation  
 State Services  
 Statistics

### Frequency

Meets weekly

## Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI)

To consider policy issues relating to economic growth, infrastructure, environment, energy and resources.

### Membership (Chair in bold)

Hon John Key

**Hon Bill English**

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Dr Nick Smith

Hon Anne Tolley

Hon David Carter

Hon Murray McCully

Hon Tim Groser

Hon Dr Wayne Mapp

Hon Steven Joyce

Hon Phil Heatley

Hon Kate Wilkinson

Hon Maurice Williamson

Hon Nathan Guy

Hon Dr Pita Sharples

Hon Peter Dunne

### Relevant Portfolios

Agriculture / Forestry

Biosecurity

Building and Construction

Commerce

Communications and IT

Consumer Affairs

Climate Change

Climate Change (International)

Consumer Affairs

Customs

Economic Development

Energy and Resources

Environment

Finance

Fisheries

Food Safety

Infrastructure

Labour

Local Government

Maori Affairs

Regulatory Reform

Revenue

Rugby World Cup

Research, Science and Technology

Small Business

State Owned Enterprises

Tourism

Trade

Transport

### Frequency

Meets weekly

## Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)

To consider the legislation programme, draft Bills and regulations, and government responses to petitions, select committee reports and Law Commission reports.

*Government responses to significant select committee reports and Law Commission reports should be dealt with at a policy committee if they involve new policy or amendments to existing policy.*

### Membership (Chair in bold)

Hon John Key

Hon Bill English

**Hon Gerry Brownlee**

Hon Simon Power

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon Kate Wilkinson

Hon Nathan Guy

Chris Tremain (Senior Government Whip)

### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Frequency

Meets weekly

## **Cabinet Committee on Implementation of Auckland Governance Reforms (AGR)**

To consider all matters relating to the development and implementation of the government's response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance, and the transition to the new Auckland Council.

*This is a special purpose Cabinet committee, which will be established for a limited period of time to oversee the implementation of the Auckland governance reforms.*

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

Hon John Key  
 Hon Bill English  
 Hon Gerry Brownlee  
 Hon Dr Nick Smith  
 Hon Judith Collins  
 Hon Steven Joyce  
 Hon Paula Bennett  
 Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman  
 Hon Maurice Williamson  
 Hon John Carter  
**Hon Rodney Hide (Chair)**  
 Hon Dr Pita Sharples

### **Frequency**

Weekly, if required

## **Cabinet Committee on Domestic and External Security Co-ordination (DES)**

To co-ordinate and direct the national response to a major crisis or to circumstances affecting national security (such as a natural disaster, biosecurity problem, health emergency, or terrorist/military threat) within New Zealand or involving New Zealand's interests overseas;

To consider issues of oversight, organisation and priorities for the New Zealand intelligence community and any issues which, because of their security or intelligence implications, the Prime Minister directs be considered by the committee;

To consider policy and other matters relating to domestic and external security co-ordination.

*This Committee will have power to act where the need for urgent action and/or operational or security considerations required. Decisions of the committee under power to act will be reported to the next Cabinet meeting as appropriate.*

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

#### **Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Judith Collins

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon Murray McCully

Hon Dr Wayne Mapp

*With the addition of the Minister of Civil Defence for civil defence matters*

### **Relevant Portfolios**

Biosecurity

Civil Defence

Defence

Foreign Affairs

GCSB

Health

NZSIS

Police

Prime Minister

### **Frequency**

Meets when required

## **Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)**

To consider policy issues, appointments, bills and regulations and other matters that require decisions before the next scheduled applicable committee meeting, when other committees are not meeting.

### **Membership (Chair in bold)**

#### **Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Tony Ryall

Hon Dr Nick Smith

Hon Judith Collins

Hon Anne Tolley

Hon Christopher Finlayson

### **Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

### **Frequency**

Meets during non-sitting weeks as required