



# 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

The Prime Minister has agreed to changes to the membership of Cabinet committees to take account of the change in Ministerial responsibilities that took effect from 8 June 2011.

An updated list of the membership for Cabinet committees is attached for your information.

Martin Bell  
for 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)****Rt 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)****Rt 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 Hekia Parata

Hon Rodney Hide

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)**

Rt Hon John Key  
**Hon Bill English**  
Hon Gerry Brownlee  
Hon Simon Power  
Hon Tony Ryall  
Hon David Carter  
Hon Steven Joyce  
Hon Craig Foss  
Hon Rodney Hide

**Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

**Frequency**

Meets weekly as required

**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)**

Rt 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)****Rt Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Christopher Finlayson

Hon Georgina te Heuheu

Hon Phil Heatley

Hon Kate Wilkinson

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)

Rt Hon John Key	Hon Georgina te Heuheu
Hon Bill English	Hon Paula Bennett
Hon Simon Power	Hon Phil Heatley
<b>Hon Tony Ryall</b>	Hon Hekia Parata
Hon Dr Nick Smith	Hon Craig Foss
Hon Judith Collins	Hon Dr Pita Sharples
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### Relevant Portfolios

ACC	Pacific Island Affairs
Community and Voluntary Sector	Senior Citizens
Disability Issues	Social Development and Employment
Ethnic Affairs	Tertiary Education
Education	Veterans' Affairs
Health	Women's Affairs
Housing	Youth Affairs
Maori Affairs	

### Frequency

Meets weekly

<p><b>Cabinet Domestic Policy Committee (DOM)</b></p> <p>To consider justice and law and order issues, and issues relating to the state sector and other domestic affairs.</p>																			
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**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)**

Rt 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, including the development of the Auckland spatial plan.

*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)**

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

### **Frequency**

Weekly, if required

**Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on the Rugby World Cup (RWC)**

To consider issues relating to New Zealand hosting the 2011 Rugby World Cup tournament and the coordination of government activities in support of, and to leverage, the event.

**Membership (Chair in bold)**

Rt Hon John Key  
Hon Bill English  
Hon Gerry Brownlee (Deputy Chair)  
Hon Simon Power  
Hon Judith Collins  
**Hon Murray McCully**  
Hon Steven Joyce  
Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman  
Hon Rodney Hide  
Hon Dr Pita Sharples

**Relevant Portfolios**

All relevant portfolios

**Frequency**

Fortnightly as required

## Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee on Canterbury Earthquake Recovery (ACE)

To oversee and coordinate the government's response to support the recovery and reconstruction of Canterbury following the earthquake on 4 September 2010.

### Membership (Chair in bold)

Rt Hon John Key

Hon Bill English

**Hon Gerry Brownlee**

Hon Dr Nick Smith

Hon Anne Tolley

Hon David Carter

Hon Steven Joyce

Hon Paula Bennett

Hon Phil Heatley

Hon Kate Wilkinson

Hon Maurice Williamson

Hon Craig Foss

Hon Rodney Hide

### Relevant Portfolios

Agriculture

Building and Construction

Civil Defence

Communications and IT

Economic Development

Education

Energy and Resources

Environment

Finance

Housing

Infrastructure

Local Government

Small Business

Social Development and Employment

Tourism

Transport

### Frequency

As 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 require. Decisions of the committee under power to act will be reported to the next Cabinet meeting as appropriate.*

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

#### **Rt 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)****Rt Hon John Key**

Hon Bill English

Hon Gerry Brownlee

Hon Simon Power

Hon Tony Ryall

Hon Dr Nick Smith

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Hon Anne Tolley

Hon Christopher Finlayson

**Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

**Frequency**

Meets during non-sitting weeks as required