



# Cabinet Office

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**Intended for**

- All Ministers
- All Chief Executives
- Senior Private Secretaries
- All Private Secretaries
- Chief Parliamentary Counsel
- Official Secretary, Government House

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## Resumption of Cabinet Business

### Introduction

- 1 This circular provides advice on the resumption of Cabinet business following the formation of the new National-led government. It includes advice on:
  - the basis on which the government will be operating;
  - the resumption of Cabinet and Cabinet committee meetings.
- 2 Chief Executives and Senior Private Secretaries are requested to make this circular available to all departmental and ministerial staff who need to know this information.

### Operating Basis for National-led Government

- 3 Cabinet has endorsed, as the basis on which the government will operate:
  - the [Cabinet Manual](#) (2008 edition);
  - the Agreements between the New Zealand National Party and the [ACT Party](#), the [Maori Party](#) and the [United Future Party](#).
- 4 Further guidance on the procedures to give practical effect to the agreements will be provided to Ministers' offices and departments in due course. In the meantime, consultation between the government and the support parties will be co-ordinated by the Prime Minister's office.

## Resumption of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees

### Cabinet, Cabinet Business Committee and Executive Council meetings

- 5 The next meeting of Cabinet and the Executive Council (if required) will be on Monday, 19 December 2011.
- 6 The first meeting of Cabinet, the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC) (if required) and the Executive Council (if required) in the new year will be on Wednesday, 25 January 2012. Cabinet, CBC and the Executive Council will also meet on Tuesday, 31 January and Tuesday, 7 February 2012. Regular Cabinet meetings on Mondays will resume from 13 February 2012. A meeting timetable for 2012 will be issued as soon as possible.

### Cabinet committees

- 7 Cabinet committees have not yet been established. It is anticipated that regular Cabinet committee meetings will commence in early February 2012. Advice on the establishment of Cabinet committees, their terms of reference, membership and meeting timetable will be provided when decisions have been taken.

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