

# **Schedule of Responsibilities Delegated to Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Under-Secretaries**

16 January 2018

This paper is presented to the House, in accordance with the suggestion of the Standing Orders Committee in its *Report on the Review of Standing Orders* [I. 18A, December 1995].

At page 76 of its report, the Standing Orders Committee recorded its support for oral questions to be asked directly of Associate Ministers who have been formally delegated defined responsibilities by Ministers having primary responsibility for particular portfolios.

The Standing Orders Committee proposed that the Leader of the House should table in the House a schedule of such delegations at least annually.

The attached schedule has been prepared in the Cabinet Office for this purpose.

The schedule also includes responsibilities allocated to Parliamentary Under-Secretaries. Under Standing Orders, Parliamentary Under-Secretaries may only be asked oral questions in the House in the same way that any MP who is not a Minister can be questioned. However, they may answer questions on behalf of the principal Minister in the same way that Associate Ministers can answer.

The delegations are also included in the Cabinet Office section of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet website (<http://www.dpmc.govt.nz/cabinet/ministers/delegated>), which will be updated from time to time to reflect any substantive amendments to any of the delegated responsibilities.

Hon Chris Hipkins  
Leader of the House

January 2018

## **Schedule of Responsibilities Delegated to Associate Ministers and Parliamentary Under-Secretaries as at 16 January 2018**

**Associate Ministers are appointed to provide portfolio Ministers with assistance in carrying out their portfolio responsibilities. The control of the portfolio always rests with the portfolio Minister. This schedule provides a summary list of the responsibilities that portfolio Ministers have delegated to Associate Ministers. In addition to these specific delegations, Ministers may involve Associate Ministers in other issues and general duties associated with the portfolio.**

**This schedule also includes responsibilities allocated to Parliamentary Under-Secretaries. Parliamentary Under-Secretaries are appointed by the Governor-General, by warrant, under section 8 of the Constitution Act 1986. They exercise those functions and powers assigned to them by the relevant portfolio Minister, in accordance with section 9 of the Constitution Act.**

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| <p><b>ACC</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for ACC</p>   | <p>Hon Clare Curran</p>    | <p>All matters in respect of ACC operations relating to individual client and levy payer matters;</p> <p>Matters requiring Ministerial attention in relation to the processing of sensitive claims by ACC, the management of these claims, and any related policy matters;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>   |
| <p><b>Agriculture</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Agriculture</p>                                | <p>Hon Meka Whaitiri</p>   | <p>Responsibility for the following components of the Agriculture portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• animal welfare, including matters relating to the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee;</li> <li>• walking access, including matters relating to the New Zealand Walking Access Commission;</li> <li>• Māori agribusiness, including taking a lead role in building positive and active relationships with Iwi agribusiness stakeholders;</li> <li>• skills development, including matters relating to the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre and the Telford Farm Training Institute Board.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Arts, Culture and Heritage</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage</p> | <p>Hon Grant Robertson</p> | <p>All matters within the portfolio relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pukeahu War Memorial Park;</li> <li>• oversight and funding of Te Papa and Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision, and matters within the portfolio relating to the National Library and Archives New Zealand;</li> </ul>   |

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|   |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the interface between the cultural sector and regional economic development, economic sector and creative economy issues;</li> <li>• attending cultural sector events, as requested by the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage;</li> <li>• statutory functions concerning the Protected Objects Act 1975 and National Historic Landmarks;</li> <li>• national monuments and war graves, including the Commonwealth War Graves Commission;</li> <li>• international relations with Australia on cultural matters, and other international matters including co-production agreements, the Cultural Diplomacy International Programme, and international conventions;</li> </ul> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |
| Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage | Hon Carmel Sepuloni | <p>All matters within the portfolio relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the development of a Pasifika focus;</li> <li>• Treaty of Waitangi Protocols and Crown-Māori relations;</li> <li>• oversight and funding of Te Matatini;</li> <li>• attending cultural sector events, as requested by the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage;</li> <li>• the interface between the cultural sector and the social sector;</li> <li>• interactions with the Auckland Council on its review of cultural heritage institutions;</li> <li>• cultural input to the Major Events Development Fund (led by the Minister for Economic Development);</li> <li>• the Waitangi National Trust Board;</li> <li>• digital publishing, including Te Tai Treaty Settlement Stories;</li> </ul> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |

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| <p><b>Courts</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Courts</p>                               | <p>Hon Aupito William Sio</p> | <p>Implementation of Courts-related legislation;</p> <p>Policy, statutes and operations relating to tribunals within the Courts portfolio;</p> <p>Taking Rules Committee proposals through the Cabinet process;</p> <p>Improving access to tribunals, as part of the government's work on access to justice;</p> <p>The development and passage of the Courts and tribunals enhanced services bills;</p> <p>Other functions, responsibilities and matters within the Courts portfolio that may be agreed from time to time.</p>                               |
| <p><b>Crown/Māori Relations</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Crown/Māori Relations</p> | <p>Hon Meka Whaitiri</p>      | <p>General assistance in the portfolio;</p> <p>Attendance at public events, and liaison and meetings with iwi and stakeholder groups, as requested by the Minister for Crown/Māori Relations.</p>   |
| <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education)</p>        | <p>Hon Kelvin Davis</p>       | <p>Strengthening the capability of the education system to respond to the identity, language and culture of children and young people to raise educational achievement;</p> <p>Strengthening and growing the pathway through kōhanga reo and puna reo (early learning), kura (primary education), wharekura (secondary education) and wānanga (tertiary education) so that more children and young people remain engaged in Māori-medium education throughout their entire learning pathway and succeed as Māori, including through traditional learning;</p> |

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|                                 |                    | <p>Leading work to grow the quality and quantity of Te Reo Māori in the education system, including raising the quality of Te Reo teaching;</p> <p>Oversight of the current Ka Hikitia strategy and leading work on a new replacement strategy;</p> <p>Leading work on integrating Māori families and whanau, hapu and iwi with the education system to create a cohesive focus on Māori learners' education success;</p> <p>Leading work around responding to Post-Treaty Settlements where this relates to education, including the Kaupapa Inquiry Programme;</p> <p>Leading work to respond to the Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust's Waitangi Tribunal claim and subsequent recommendations;</p> <p>Responsibility for the functions of the Chairperson of the Ngārimu VC and 28<sup>th</sup> (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board, pursuant to section 4 of the Ngārimu VC and 28<sup>th</sup> (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Act 1945;</p> <p>Leading the relationship with iwi and their organisations;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| Associate Minister of Education | Hon Jenny Salesa   | <p>Oversight of the current Pasifika Education Plan and leading work on a new replacement strategy, and leading the relationship with Pasifika organisations;</p> <p>Responsibility for programmes and initiatives to support tertiary education sector research funding, and leading a review into the Performance-Based Research Fund to ensure that research in the tertiary education sector continues to be encouraged and rewarded;</p> <p>Responsibility for policy, funding rules and regulation in relation to:</p>   |



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|                                 |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State integrated schools;</li> <li>• private schools;</li> </ul> <p>Responsibility for ensuring the education system supports refugees and those for whom English is a second language (ESOL);</p> <p>Leading work around ensuring more young people are given opportunities to undertake education and training in the construction and building industry;</p> <p>All matters relating to the maintenance of an affordable and equitable school transport service;</p> <p>Functions and responsibilities relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the governance and funding of the New Zealand Council for Education Research;</li> <li>• the Pacific Island Polynesian Education Foundation and engagement with the Board;</li> <li>• the work undertaken by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO;</li> </ul> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| Associate Minister of Education | Hon Tracey Martin  | <p>Responsibilities relating to the work undertaken by and contracted through the Ministry of Education's Learning Support Group, including Resources and Specialist Support (ORS), Resource Teachers: Learning and Behaviour Service (RTLB), Te Kahu Toi, Intensive Wraparound Service (IWS), Behaviour Support, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L), Early Intervention Support, Incredible Years, Blind and Low Vision (BLENNZ), and the Physical Disability Service. (The Minister of Education retains responsibility for Special Schools and Special Residential Schools, for the role of State schools to be inclusive, and for the design of the Special Education Grant and the way it is used by schools);</p> <p>Relationships with disability organisations;</p>  |

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|           |                    | <p>Responsibilities relating to the work currently being undertaken on truancy and transience, including leading a review into this work in general and the attendance service in particular;</p> <p>Leading a review of the provision of education for children in care, including contracted services;</p> <p>Oversight of the Ministry of Education's roles in relation to duties under any Vulnerable Children's Plan that may be approved under the Vulnerable Children's Act 2014;</p> <p>Leading a review of the quality of social work pre-service tertiary education qualifications, including the number of providers;</p> <p>Responsibilities relating to Alternative Education, including leading a review to improve the learning, employment and social outcomes for students, and identifying initiatives that reduce the flow of young people into Alternative Education;</p> <p>Leading a review of the range of policies and actions dealing with bullying, poor mental health and other factors that act against student wellbeing;</p> <p>Oversight of the implementation of the Ministry of Education's Sexuality Education Guidelines, including ensuring intensive intervention and adequate levels of support for Rainbow youth in the compulsory education system;</p> <p>Responsibilities relating to fulfilling the commitments in the New Zealand Labour Party and New Zealand First Coalition Agreement to restore funding for gifted students, to pilot counsellors in primary schools, and to offer free driver training to all secondary students;</p> <p>Responsibilities relating to Teen Parent Units;</p> |

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|   |                          | <p>Leading the relationship with parent-led early childhood education services (Playcentre and certificated playgroups, but not kohanga reo), and for funding and regulatory arrangements specific to these services;</p> <p>Oversight of NZSTA's contract with the Ministry of Education to deliver a fully integrated range of services free to all boards of trustees to support and enhance boards' capability in governance and employment;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |
| <p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for the Environment</p> | <p>Hon Nanaia Mahuta</p> | <p>Matters within the Environment portfolio relating to urban water management, including three waters infrastructure and services (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater);</p> <p>Day-to-day responsibilities, functions and powers in relation to biodiversity management, including the Minister for the Environment's responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991 and Environment Act 1986 as they relate to the National Policy Statement for Biodiversity;</p> <p>Day-to-day responsibilities, functions and powers in relation to the Minister for the Environment's role in air quality management, as set out in the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004.</p> |

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| Associate Minister for the Environment                     | Hon Eugenie Sage   | <p>Responsibilities relating to waste and resource efficiency, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all matters related to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008;</li> <li>• waste policy and strategy, waste data, waste minimisation funding, product stewardship accreditation, and transition to a circular economy;</li> <li>• the waste disposal levy;</li> <li>• the Waste Advisory Board;</li> <li>• the Community Environment Fund;</li> <li>• the Litter Act 1979 and developing litter policy;</li> </ul> <p>Responsibilities and functions as the responsible Minister for the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under the Crown Entities Act 2004 and the Environment Protection Authority Act 2011, including assisting the Minister for the Environment in setting the strategic direction of the EPA, jointly appointing (with the Minister) appropriate members to the EPA Board, and business-as-usual oversight of the operations of the EPA, but excluding specified statutory functions and powers;</p> <p>Leading work on marine protection issues, in consultation with other marine Ministers as appropriate, with the exception of matters relating to the proposed Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary, and the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012;</p> <p>Other matters as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Finance</p> | Hon Dr David Clark | <p>Responsibilities relating to proposals made by the Minister of Finance in relation to those appropriations in Vote Finance for which he is responsible;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to Budgets and fiscal management;</p>  |

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|                               |                    | <p>Assistance on work relating to expenditure control, with a particular focus on social sector portfolios;</p> <p>Responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grant, decline and impose conditions on applications for consent (including making decisions regarding offers that the Crown buy “special land”);</li> <li>• revoke consents and vary conditions of consent;</li> <li>• grant, decline and impose conditions on individual exemptions under the Act;</li> </ul> <p>Day-to-day responsibilities, functions and powers in relation to the Minister of Finance’s role as a shareholder in Crown Research Institutes (this delegation is subject to specified exclusions, eg relating to directors’ appointment and remuneration, approval of major transactions, changes to the companies’ constitutions, requirements to pay a dividend to the Crown, and issuing new shares);</p> <p>Responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance in relation to community trusts;</p> <p>Responsibilities of the Minister of Finance in relation to appropriations in Vote Sport and Recreation for which the Minister for Sport and Recreation is responsible.</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| Associate Minister of Finance | Hon David Parker   | <p>Assistance on work relating to monetary policy and review of the Reserve Bank Act 1989;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to the Tax Working Group;</p> <p>Responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance under the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (other than deciding applications for consent or exemptions under the Act), and policy work on overseas investment;</p>   |

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|                               |                    | <p>Day-to-day responsibilities, functions and powers in relation to the Minister of Finance's role as a shareholder in the following Crown-owned companies: Airways Corporation of NZ Ltd, Animal Control Products Ltd, AsureQuality Ltd, Electricity Corporation of NZ Ltd, Kordia Group Ltd, Landcorp Farming Ltd, Meteorological Service of NZ Ltd, NZ Post Ltd, Quotable Value Ltd, Solid Energy NZ Ltd, Transpower NZ Ltd, Crown Asset Management Ltd, Education Payroll Ltd, Health Benefits Ltd, Predator Free 2050 Ltd, Research and Education Advanced Network NZ Ltd, and The Network for Learning Ltd (this delegation is subject to specified exclusions, eg relating to directors' appointment and remuneration, approval of major transactions, changes to the companies' constitutions, and requirements to pay a dividend or net surplus to the Crown);</p> <p>Day-to-day responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance relating to the Public Trust (this delegation is subject to specified exclusions, eg relating to board appointments, providing Crown funding or advancing money to the Public Trust, requirements to pay a profit or surplus funds to the Crown, consent to borrowing, and determinations about amounts of reserves);</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| Associate Minister of Finance | Hon Shane Jones    | <p>Assistance on work relating to infrastructure funding;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to monetary policy and review of the Reserve Bank Act 1989;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to the Tax Working Group;</p> <p>Assistance with any decisions coming to the Minister of Finance as Governor of the Asian Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank in relation to the Pacific Islands;</p>   |

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|  |                       | Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.   |
| Associate Minister of Finance                            | Hon James Shaw        | <p>Assistance on work relating to the Green Investment Fund and, once the Fund is established, oversight of the Fund;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to the development of sustainable development indicators;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>   |
| <p><b>Health</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Health</p> | Hon Jenny Salesa      | <p>Responsibility for policy and service delivery relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maori and Pacific health;</li> <li>• the Health Promotion Agency;</li> <li>• tobacco;</li> <li>• problem gambling;</li> <li>• healthy school environments;</li> </ul> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |
| Associate Minister of Health                             | Hon Julie Anne Genter | <p>Responsibility for policy and service delivery relating to the following areas (with the exception of responsibility for abortion and wage settlements, which is retained by the Minister of Health):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climate change and health;</li> <li>• population health (built environments);</li> <li>• women's health (including breast and cervical screening);</li> <li>• sexual health;</li> <li>• disability support services (Ministry of Health-funded for under 65 year olds);</li> </ul> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |

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| <p><b>Housing and Urban Development</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development</p> | <p>Hon Jenny Salesa</p> | <p>Operational client issues relating to public and emergency housing (this includes the resolution of client issues relating to the assessment of public housing eligibility, the calculation of housing subsidies, housing register management, tenancy reviews management, the placement of public housing tenants, tenancy management and operational processes, and housing maintenance and other quality issues);</p> <p>Operational matters relating to temporary accommodation services (including the continued provision of post-disaster temporary accommodation services in the Greater Christchurch, Kaikoura and Edgcumbe regions);</p> <p>Operational matters relating to Special Housing Areas (specifically the approval of new Special Housing Areas under the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act 2013);</p> <p>Housing responses for Pacific Peoples, and for groups with particular needs (eg people with disabilities or mental health issues, and people exiting the corrections system);</p> <p>Partnerships with broader housing sector stakeholder groups;</p> <p>Relationship management with Community Housing Providers;</p> <p>Implementation of the regulatory framework for the community housing sector (including the Community Housing Regulatory Authority) and managing related key relationships;</p> <p>Managing relationships and housing responses in regional centres with high public housing demand;</p> <p>Matters relating to the Local Government role in public housing;</p> <p>Social Housing Fund Legacy, including the delivery of Social Housing Fund projects;</p> |



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|  |                               | <p>Relationship management with Emergency and Transitional Housing Providers and the Auckland Emergency Housing Network;</p> <p>Implementation of actions on homelessness arising out of the National Housing Strategy;</p> <p>Implementation of Housing First initiatives.</p>   |
| <p><b>Immigration</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Immigration</p> | <p>Hon Kris Faafoi</p>        | <p>Residence appeals referred by the Immigration and Protection Tribunal for consideration of approval as exceptions to government residence instructions;</p> <p>Requests for exceptions to government residence instructions;</p> <p>Requests for special directions;</p> <p>Requests to reconsider temporary entry applications;</p> <p>Requests for visas under section 61 of the Immigration Act 2009 from people who are not entitled to apply for a visa because they are in New Zealand unlawfully;</p> <p>Reconsideration of cases after court action.</p> |
| <p><b>Justice</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Justice</p>         | <p>Hon Aupito William Sio</p> | <p>All matters relating to Justices of the Peace, with the exception of appointments of Justices of the Peace in the Associate Minister's electorate;</p> <p>Appointments to, and monitoring of, the following Crown entities: Public Trust and the Real Estate Agents Authority;</p> <p>Appointments to, and monitoring of, a number of specified Ministry of Justice-administered tribunals and statutory bodies;</p>   |

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|  |                          | <p>Occupational regulation policy, statutes and tribunals relating to second-hand dealers and pawnbrokers, private security personnel and private investigators, and real estate agents;</p> <p>Youth Justice matters;</p> <p>Ministerial exemptions under section 157 of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009;</p> <p>Exemptions under the Real Estate Agents Act 2008;</p> <p>The provision of protective fiduciary services by the Public Trust;</p> <p>The development and passage of the Child Protection Bill and Justice-related Statutes Amendment Bills;</p> <p>A number of specified statutory functions, relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• directions under the Criminal Proceeds (Recovery) Act 2009;</li> <li>• appointment under section 6A of the Arbitration Act 1996;</li> <li>• authorisations under section 9(1)(i) to (j) of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957;</li> <li>• requests for consent under section 177 of the Senior Courts Act 2016;</li> </ul> <p>Other functions, responsibilities and matters within the Justice portfolio that may be agreed from time to time.</p> |
| <p><b>Local Government</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Local Government</p> | <p>Hon Meka Whaitiri</p> | <p>All matters, including policies, relating to the Dog Control Act 1996;</p> <p>All matters relating to the Lake Taupo Harbourmaster function;</p>   |

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|   |                            | <p>Functions and responsibilities for all offshore islands for which the Minister of Local Government is the territorial authority;</p> <p>All matters relating to Treaty settlement provisions as they relate to the local government sector;</p> <p>All functions and responsibilities relating to the independent Maori Statutory Board established under Part 7 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| <p><b>Māori Development</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Māori Development</p>   | <p>Hon Willie Jackson</p>  | <p>All matters relating to Te Puni Kōkiri Cadetships;</p> <p>All matters relating to Taiohi Ararau (Passport to Life);</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>   |
| <p><b>Pacific Peoples</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Pacific Peoples</p>       | <p>Hon Carmel Sepuloni</p> | <p>Representing the Pacific Peoples portfolio at Ministerial group meetings, as agreed from time to time;</p> <p>Responsibility for matters within the Pacific Peoples portfolio relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disability;</li> <li>• Pacific Arts.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Social Development</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Social Development</p> | <p>Hon Peeni Henare</p>    | <p>Assisting the Minister for Social Development, specifically through providing oversight as to how the Social Investment Agency and Social Investment Board are incorporating Māori perspectives in their work.</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |

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| <p><b>State Services</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of State Services (Open Government)</p>  | <p>Hon Clare Curran</p>    | <p>Leadership of the two yearly National Action Plan, including delivery of the current Plan and development of the next Plan for 2018-20 (individual portfolio Ministers retain responsibility for their agencies and legislative responsibilities);</p> <p>Representing the government as the Minister with responsibility for Open Government Partnership, both domestically and internationally;</p> <p>All work around official information and the Official Information Act 1982 under the current purview of the State Services Commission, including proactive release;</p> <p>Leadership of the development of an Open Government Strategy;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| <p><b>Trade and Export Growth</b></p> <p>Associate Minister for Trade and Export Growth</p> | <p>Hon Damien O'Connor</p> | <p>Representation of the government in selected international meetings and negotiations, including APEC, as agreed from time to time.</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |
| <p><b>Transport</b></p> <p>Associate Minister of Transport</p>                              | <p>Hon Shane Jones</p>     | <p>Responsibility for matters relating to the Crown's purchase of services from KiwiRail, for the purposes of regional economic development that are not covered by equity support for its operations (which are the responsibilities of the Shareholding Ministers);</p> <p>Working with the Minister of Transport to agree the final Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS);</p>  |

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|                                 |                       | <p>Responsibility for matters relating to regional roading, within the setting of the GPS, with particular reference to State highways and regional roads;</p> <p>Responsibility for matters relating to the government's Ports, Freight, and Logistics for the Upper North Island Study, and for ensuring that these ports are considered as part of an integrated ports, freight and logistics system, including any policy work arising from the Study.</p>  |
| Associate Minister of Transport | Hon Julie Anne Genter | <p>Responsibility for walking and cycling policy, including policy development and consequential Regulations (excluding Budget-related decisions);</p> <p>Responsibility for the electric vehicles programme, and the vehicle greenhouse gas emissions programme, including policy development and consequential Regulations (excluding Budget-related decisions);</p> <p>Responsibility for all land transport Rules and Regulations, unless otherwise specifically advised by the Minister of Transport;</p> <p>Responsibility for all transport safety matters (aviation, maritime, rail and road), including policy development and making of all relevant Rules and consequential Regulations, unless otherwise specifically advised by the Minister of Transport;</p> <p>Day-to-day oversight of Crown agency relations in respect of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission and Maritime New Zealand (excluding Budget-related decisions);</p> <p>Responsibility for all maritime transport matters, including policy development and making of all relevant Rules and consequential Regulations, unless otherwise specifically advised by the Minister of Transport;</p> |

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|           |                    | <p>Responsibility for the provision of weather forecasting services (currently provided under contract by MetService), in terms of the Meteorological Services Act 1990 (excluding Budget-related decisions);</p> <p>Responsibility for transport research and statistics, and the associated publications throughout the year;</p> <p>General assistance in the portfolio, in particular in relation to setting the strategic direction for the transport sector, ensuring alignment between strategy, policy and regulations within the land transport sector, and policy development to integrate transport (including public transport) and urban development.</p> |

## Portfolios with Parliamentary Under-Secretaries

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| <p><b>Ethnic Communities</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Ethnic Communities</p> | <p>Michael Wood MP</p>        | <p>Assisting with the government’s engagement with ethnic communities on matters relating to crime prevention and safety;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>  |
| <p><b>Foreign Affairs</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs</p>        | <p>Fletcher Tabuteau MP</p>   | <p>General assistance in the portfolio, in particular in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand’s relations with Pacific Island countries;</li> <li>• priorities for the New Zealand Aid Programme, as agreed from time to time;</li> <li>• issues which require coordination between the Foreign Affairs, and Trade and Export Growth portfolios;</li> <li>• targeted efforts to expand relations with non-traditional partners, including in regions such as Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa;</li> <li>• disarmament and arms control (including serving as Chair of the Public Advisory Committee on Disarmament and Arms Control);</li> </ul> <p>Representing the government in bilateral engagements and at regional and multilateral meetings offshore, at the Minister of Foreign Affairs’ request;</p> <p>Representing the government in engagements with official visitors from overseas, and interactions with foreign missions in New Zealand, at the Minister of Foreign Affairs’ request;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |

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| <p><b>Justice</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues)</p>        | <p>Jan Logie MP</p>           | <p>Assisting with the government’s engagement with the non-government sector on the design of an integrated and responsive family violence system (in particular, leadership and discussion with providers and other experts on the Justice-related aspects of the system);</p> <p>Overseeing the Ministry of Justice’s operational work to implement the Family and Whānau Violence Legislation Bill;</p> <p>Overseeing the Ministry of Justice’s current work to implement operational initiatives to improve the experience of sexual violence complainants in the justice system (these operational initiatives respond in part to the Law Commission’s 2015 report <i>The Justice Response to Victims of Sexual Violence: Criminal Trials and Alternative Processes</i>), and developing a proposed response to the Law Commission’s recommendations that fall within the Justice portfolio (Parts B and C of the report), for the Minister’s consideration;</p> <p>Involvement in the government’s work programme to end domestic and sexual violence;</p> <p>Other initiatives relating to family and sexual violence matters as agreed from time to time.</p> |
| <p><b>Regional Economic Development</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development</p> | <p>Fletcher Tabuteau MP</p>   | <p>Assistance on matters relating to economic development agencies, with a focus on improving nationwide standards and more responsive management structures;</p> <p>Maintaining an overview of the state and progress of Regional Economic Action Plans across New Zealand;</p>  |



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|           |                               | <p>Identifying and promoting programmes across government that could contribute to supporting the Regional Economic Action Plans, including He kai kei aku ringa and related Māori initiatives;</p> <p>Working with the Minister of Tourism to promote those tourism-related matters that are within regional development responsibilities, in particular tourism infrastructure;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p> |