

Schedule of Responsibilities Delegated to Associate Ministers

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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.

Hon Gerry Brownlee
Leader of the House

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As at 21 July 2009

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.

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<p>ACC</p> <p>Associate Minister for ACC</p>	<p>Hon Pansy Wong</p>	<p>All matters relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACC operations relating to individual claimants; • injury prevention and the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy; • the New Zealand Ambulance Strategy; • review of the ACC disputes resolution process; • the Injury Surveillance Ministerial Advisory Panel and Information Manager; • the Ministerial Advisory Panel on Work-Related Gradual Process, Disease or Infection; <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Climate Change Issues</p> <p>Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues (International Negotiations)</p>	<p>Hon Tim Groser</p>	<p>Representing New Zealand in international negotiations on climate change issues;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Commerce</p> <p>Associate Minister of Commerce</p>	<p>Hon Rodney Hide</p>	<p>Oversight of the Commerce Commission and the ongoing operation of the Commerce Act 1986;</p> <p>Assisting the Minister of Commerce in policy development work relating to the Commerce Act 1986 and the Commerce Commission, and in future appointments to the Commerce Commission.</p>

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<p>Conservation</p> <p>Associate Minister of Conservation</p>	<p>Hon Kate Wilkinson</p>	<p>All matters relating to the day-to-day management of the Department of Conservation, including the exercising of existing statutory authorities under the Conservation Act 1987 and related legislation and the Resource Management Act 1991, and all other legislation affecting the Department's operations;</p> <p>All matters related to the settlement of Treaty claims which fall within existing government policy;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Corrections</p> <p>Associate Minister of Corrections</p>	<p>Hon Dr Pita Sharples</p>	<p>Leadership on a new crime prevention approach to address Maori over-representation in the criminal justice system;</p> <p>Development of, in consultation with the Minister of Corrections, an holistic approach for offender management and processes to ensure effectiveness for Maori offenders;</p> <p>Overall responsibility for the Maori Strategic Plan 2008/2013, including responsibility for the development and/or strengthening of strategies, policies, assessments and programmes relevant to that Plan;</p> <p>Responsibility for work relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the improvement of restorative justice conferences in prisons between offenders and their victims; • the review and enhancement of prison-based reintegration units;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the development of effective reintegration initiatives that meet the needs of Maori offenders and their whanau, including restorative justice.
<p>Defence</p> <p>Associate Minister of Defence</p>	<p>Hon Heather Roy</p>	<p>Leadership on and overall responsibility for policy and administration of issues relating to personnel, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recruitment, readiness, retention and non-operational force structures supporting these outcomes; training; human resource issues (remuneration and other conditions of service); Defence Medical Services; Reserve Forces; New Zealand Cadet Force; limited service volunteers; honours and awards; <p>Leadership on and overall responsibility for policy and administration of issues relating to infrastructure and support services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Defence estate (land, buildings, chattels and financial arrangements); support services related to Defence property and infrastructure, including joint and commercial provision; <p>Defence industry (domestic and export);</p>

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		<p>Oversight of the Air Combat Force disposal and Joint Command and Control System projects;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Disability Issues</p> <p>Associate Minister for Disability Issues</p>	<p>Hon Pansy Wong</p>	<p>Responsibility for managing the government's relationship with the disability sector, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with providers, disabled people and stakeholder groups to manage and resolve issues and concerns as they arise; • advising Ministers on initiatives, policies and programmes that would strengthen and enhance outcomes for disabled people; • representing the government in relation to the government's international obligations under the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of Disabled People; <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Economic Development</p> <p>Associate Minister for Economic Development</p>	<p>Hon Dr Wayne Mapp</p>	<p>Matters relating to business-science linkages, including the role of public research organisations in supporting economic development;</p> <p>Maintaining an overview of Auckland's innovative capabilities in relation to the above;</p>

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		<p>Ensuring that evaluations of the effectiveness and efficiency of programmes delivered through Vote Economic Development are an effective part of the policy process;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Education</p> <p>Associate Minister of Education</p>	<p>Hon Heather Roy</p>	<p>All matters relating to Special Education and the Independent School sector;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence in relation to Special Education and the Independent School sector;</p> <p>Involvement with the development of policies in Secondary Schools, including trades in schools and youth guarantee;</p> <p>Involvement with developing NCEA achievement standards for business and computer science;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Associate Minister of Education</p>	<p>Hon Dr Pita Sharples</p>	<p>All matters relating to Kaupapa Maori Education, including Puna reo development (tribal dialects), Kohanga reo, Kura and governance and management training for Kura boards;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence in relation to Kaupapa Maori Education;</p> <p>Involvement in work relating to the expansion and extension of Kotahitanga;</p> <p>Involvement in work relating to Wananga;</p> <p>Involvement with the development of transition education from school to further education, including implementation of the Youth Guarantee and Trades in Schools policy;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>

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<p>Energy and Resources</p> <p>Associate Minister of Energy and Resources</p>	<p>Hon Pansy Wong</p>	<p>Responsibility for the operation and effective investigation, compliance, enforcement and communication regime for gas and electrical safety;</p> <p>Bioprospecting policy development;</p> <p>Gas Industry Company Ltd matters, including policy development and implementation;</p> <p>Attendance at international Ministerial energy-related meetings as and when required;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Finance</p> <p>Associate Minister of Finance</p>	<p>Hon Simon Power</p>	<p>Responsibility for the exercise of the Minister of Finance's functions and powers under the Overseas Investment Act 2005, except in respect of those matters where there may be a conflict with the State Owned Enterprises portfolio;</p> <p>Responsibilities of the Minister of Finance in relation to proposals made as the Minister responsible for Vote Finance;</p> <p>Responsibilities of the Minister of Finance to approve (jointly with the relevant Vote Minister or Minister responsible for an appropriation) expenditure or changes in appropriations and baselines in cases where the amount involved is less than \$5 million in each financial year;</p> <p>Assistance with work relating to expenditure control.</p>

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Associate Minister of Finance	Hon Steven Joyce	<p>Day to day responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance in his role as a shareholder in all SOEs, CRIs, and the following other entities in which the Minister has a shareholder (or equivalent) interest: TVNZ; Radio NZ; Public Trust; Venture Investment Fund; and Research and Education Advanced Network New Zealand; excluding powers in relation to capital injections and approvals of financing, and any statutory powers relating to directors or boards;</p> <p>Where a conflict arises in relation to Hon Simon Power's responsibilities under the State Owned Enterprises portfolio, responsibilities, functions and powers of the Minister of Finance under the Overseas Investment Act 2005;</p> <p>Assistance on work relating to expenditure control.</p>
Foreign Affairs Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs	Hon Tim Groser	General assistance in the portfolio.
Health Associate Minister of Health	Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman	<p>Functions and responsibilities relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mental health; • therapeutic products; <p>Assistance with primary health care policy and implementation.</p>

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Associate Minister of Health	Hon Tariana Turia	Functions and responsibilities relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maori health (including Maori provider development); • Disability Support Services funded and managed by the Ministry of Health for people under 65 years of age; • breast and cervical screening programmes; • communicable diseases (infectious and notifiable diseases, but excluding immunisation); • sexual health; • diabetes; • tobacco.
Associate Minister of Health	Hon Peter Dunne	Functions and responsibilities relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicines Strategy New Zealand (and assisting with PHARMAC); • the National Drug Policy, including alcohol; • problem gambling; • suicide prevention; • oral health; Assistance with the public/private health sector interface.

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<p>Immigration</p> <p>Associate Minister of Immigration</p>	<p>Hon Kate Wilkinson</p>	<p>Residence appeals referred by the Residence Review Board for consideration of approval as exceptions to government residence policy;</p> <p>Requests for exceptions to government residence policy that have not been through the Residence Review Board process;</p> <p>Requests for special directions;</p> <p>Requests to reconsider temporary entry applications;</p> <p>Requests for permits under section 35A from people who are not entitled to apply because they are in New Zealand unlawfully;</p> <p>Reconsideration of cases after court action.</p>
<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Associate Minister for Infrastructure</p>	<p>Hon Steven Joyce</p>	<p>General assistance in the portfolio.</p>
<p>Justice</p> <p>Associate Minister of Justice</p>	<p>Hon Nathan Guy</p>	<p>All matters relating to Justices of the Peace;</p> <p>The implementation of real estate reform;</p> <p>Tribunal reform;</p> <p>Occupational reform within the Justice portfolio;</p> <p>Statutes Amendment Bills;</p> <p>Agreed aspects of international law;</p>

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		<p>Responses to recommendations of the Regulations Review Committee;</p> <p>The Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993;</p> <p>The Telecommunications (Interception Capability) Act 2004;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Local Government</p> <p>Associate Minister of Local Government</p>	<p>Hon John Carter</p>	<p>Responsibility for monitoring the costs that local government imposes on ratepayers and the compliance costs of central government regulation on local government;</p> <p>Policy responsibility for local government portfolio matters relating to vehicles on beaches;</p> <p>Facilitating an effective working relationship between the Local Government, Environment, and Building and Construction portfolios.</p>
<p>Maori Affairs</p> <p>Associate Minister of Maori Affairs</p>	<p>Hon Georgina te Heuheu</p>	<p>Responsibility for Broadcasting matters within the portfolio, including matters relating to the Maori TV Services Act, Iwi Radio Licence Agreements, Te Mangai Paho, and the Maori Television Service;</p> <p>Responsibility for work on enhancing Maori performance, business facilitation and advice;</p> <p>Responsibility in relation to the Maori Land Court and Te Ture Whenua Maori Land Act;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the above matters;</p> <p>Assisting the Minister of Maori Affairs on portfolio related matters relating to:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanau Ora, including developing initiatives in literacy, numeracy, trade training and cadetships; • Maori tourism and the creative sector.
<p>Rugby World Cup Associate Minister for the Rugby World Cup</p>	<p>Hon Gerry Brownlee</p>	<p>General assistance in the portfolio.</p>
<p>Social Development and Employment Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment</p>	<p>Hon Tariana Turia</p>	<p>Responsibility for Maori and Pacific employment issues in relation to the portfolio;</p> <p>Responsibility for the government's response to addressing, and reducing the impact of, Family Violence;</p> <p>Responsibility for the New Zealand Carers' Strategy;</p> <p>Responsibility for community development programmes and associated funding administered by the Ministry of Social Development's Family and Community Services group;</p> <p>Assistance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whanau ora/Maori issues within the portfolio; • maatua whangai to determine how this should develop within Child, Youth and Family; <p>Assisting the Minister for Social Development and Employment in leading the response to Youth Justice issues;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as may be agreed from time to time.</p>

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<p>Tertiary Education</p> <p>Associate Minister for Tertiary Education</p>	<p>Hon Dr Wayne Mapp</p>	<p>All matters relating to research in the tertiary sector, including the Performance-Based Research Fund and Centres of Research Excellence;</p> <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation;</p> <p>Involvement with policy development relating to the tertiary sector;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>
<p>Tourism</p> <p>Associate Minister of Tourism</p>	<p>Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman</p>	<p>All matters relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental performance of the tourism sector; • local and regional tourism issues; • major events, including the tourism aspects of the Rugby World Cup 2011; • Maori tourism; • the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute; • grants programmes; • residual land management responsibilities; <p>Ministerial correspondence relating to the delegation;</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>

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<p>Transport</p> <p>Associate Minister of Transport</p>	<p>Hon Nathan Guy</p>	<p>Day to day oversight of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maritime policy, aviation policy (including international air services matters), and rail safety policy; • Crown agency relations in respect of Maritime New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Aviation Security Service, and the Transport Accident Investigation Commission; • the New Zealand Transport Agency in respect of its responsibility for rail safety and land transport user fees and charges (including driver and operator licensing, warrant of fitness and certificate of fitness, and toll collection). <p>Ministerial correspondence related to the delegation.</p> <p>Other initiatives as agreed from time to time.</p>