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**Intended for**

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

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### Cabinet Committees: Terms of Reference and Membership

- 1 The Prime Minister has agreed to the updated terms of reference and membership of Cabinet committees. The Cabinet committees are:
  - 1.1 the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH);
  - 1.2 the Cabinet Business Committee (CBC);
  - 1.3 the Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC);
  - 1.4 the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV);
  - 1.5 the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV);
  - 1.6 the Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERS);
  - 1.7 the Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee (GOV);
  - 1.8 the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG);
  - 1.9 the Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee (MCR); and
  - 1.10 the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC).
- 2 The updated Cabinet committee terms of reference and membership are attached.

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

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

**Membership**

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

***Hon Grant Robertson (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon Andrew Little

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Kris Faafoi

Hon Willie Jackson

Hon Jan Tinetti

Hon Aupito William Sio

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

**Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

**Timing**

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

**Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)**

To consider policy issues, appointments, bills, and regulations, and other matters that require decisions before the next scheduled relevant Cabinet committee meeting, when other committees are not meeting and the House of Representatives is adjourned. CBC will meet only on a strictly if required basis.

**Membership**

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

***Hon Grant Robertson (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Dr Megan Woods

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon Andrew Little

Hon David Parker

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Damien O'Connor

Hon Stuart Nash

**Relevant Portfolios**

All portfolios

**Timing**

Meets during non-sitting weeks if required

## Cabinet Priorities Committee (CPC)

- Consider overall government priorities and major strategic issues.
- Consider significant issues as determined by the Prime Minister or Cabinet. Implementation aspects of these issues will be considered by the appropriate committee, once major policy directions have been set.
- Responsible for the overall coordination of the delivery of the government's priorities.

### Membership

**Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

***Hon Grant Robertson (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Dr Megan Woods

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon Andrew Little

Hon David Parker

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Damien O'Connor

Hon Stuart Nash

### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Frequency

Meets monthly, or as required

## Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV)

To consider strategy and policy relating to New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19 and building an inclusive, sustainable economy.

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

**Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)**

***Hon Dr Megan Woods (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Chris Hipkins

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Hon David Parker

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Damien O'Connor

Hon Stuart Nash

Hon Kris Faafoi

Hon Willie Jackson

Hon Michael Wood

Hon Dr David Clark

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

Hon Meka Whaitiri

Hon Phil Twyford

Rino Tirikatene, MP

Dr Deborah Russell, MP

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>1</sup>

ACC

Agriculture

Biosecurity

Broadcasting and Media

Building and Construction

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Customs

COVID-19 Response

Digital Economy and Communications

Education

Economic and Regional Development

Emergency Management

Energy and Resources

Environment

Finance

Food Safety

Forestry

Housing

Immigration

Infrastructure

Land Information

Local Government

Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Māori Development

Oceans and Fisheries

Pike River Re-entry

Racing

Research, Science and Innovation

Revenue

Rural Communities

Small Business

Statistics

State Owned Enterprises

Tourism

Trade and Export Growth

Transport

Workplace Relations and Safety

### Timing

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

<sup>1</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.

## Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV)

To consider strategic and policy matters relating to the environment, climate change, sustainable energy use, natural resources, and resource management.

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
 Hon Grant Robertson  
 Hon Kelvin Davis  
**Hon Dr Megan Woods (Deputy Chair)**  
**Hon David Parker (Chair)**  
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
 Hon Damien O'Connor  
 Hon Stuart Nash  
 Hon Willie Jackson  
 Hon Michael Wood  
 Hon Kiri Allan  
 Hon Phil Twyford  
 Rino Tirikatene, MP

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>2</sup>

Agriculture	Local Government
Biosecurity	Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
Climate Change	Māori Development
Conservation	Oceans and Fisheries
Economic and Regional Development	Research, Science and Innovation
Emergency Management	Rural Communities
Energy and Resources	Transport
Environment	Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
Forestry	

### Timing

Meets fortnightly during sitting weeks

<sup>2</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.

## Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERS)

- Oversight of the national security and intelligence sector, and to consider strategic, policy, and legislative matters relating to the sector, foreign affairs, defence (excluding Defence procurement), and significant hazards.
- Coordinate and direct national responses to major crises or circumstances affecting national security (either domestic or international).

*ERS, or a subcommittee of ERS as determined by the Prime Minister, will have Power to Act where the need for urgent action and/or operational or security considerations require it.*

### Membership

#### **Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (Chair)**

Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Andrew Little

Hon David Parker

#### ***Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Damien O'Connor

Hon Kris Faafoi

Hon Peeni Henare

Hon Kiri Allan

Hon Dr David Clark

*With the addition of the relevant portfolio Minister as appropriate.*

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>3</sup>

Biosecurity

COVID-19 Response

Customs

Digital Economy and Communications

Disarmament and Arms Control

Emergency Management

Defence

Foreign Affairs

GCSB

Health

Immigration

National Security and Intelligence

NZSIS

Police

### Timing

Meets monthly, or as required

<sup>3</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.

## Cabinet Government Administration and Expenditure Review Committee (GOV)

- Consider strategic and policy matters relating to the public sector and government expenditure, including significant sector infrastructure and investment proposals (e.g. defence, schools, hospitals).
- Consider matters relating to local government and emergency management.

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

**Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)**

Hon Dr Megan Woods

***Hon Chris Hipkins (Deputy Chair)***

Hon David Parker

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Stuart Nash

Hon Peeni Henare

Hon Jan Tinetti

Hon Michael Wood

Hon Kiri Allan

Hon Dr David Clark

Hon Meka Whaitiri

Dr Deborah Russell, MP

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>4</sup>

Corrections

Emergency Management

Defence

Digital Economy and Communications

Education

Emergency Management

Finance

Health

Infrastructure

Internal Affairs

Local Government

Revenue

State Owned Enterprises

Public Service

Statistics

Transport

### Frequency

Meets fortnightly during sitting weeks

<sup>4</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.



## Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)

To consider the legislation programme, draft Bills and regulations, government responses to petitions, select committee reports, and Law Commission reports. LEG may also consider minor policy issues relating to these matters.

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

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Hon Grant Robertson

**Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)**

Hon Andrew Little

Hon David Parker

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Kris Faafoi

***Hon Michael Wood (Deputy Chair)***

Hon Kiri Allan

Hon Dr David Clark

Kieran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Timing

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

## Cabinet Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti Committee (MCR)

To consider strategic and policy matters relating to Treaty of Waitangi settlement negotiations and the delivery of post-settlement commitments, the Crown's Treaty obligations, the revitalisation of te reo Māori, and opportunities that exist in the post-Treaty settlement environment.

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern  
 Hon Grant Robertson  
**Hon Kelvin Davis (Chair)**  
***Hon Andrew Little (Deputy Chair)***  
 Hon David Parker  
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
 Hon Damien O'Connor  
 Hon Stuart Nash  
 Hon Peeni Henare  
 Hon Willie Jackson  
 Hon Kiri Allan  
 Hon Meka Whaitiri

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>5</sup>

Agriculture  
 Attorney-General  
 Conservation  
 Economic and Regional Development  
 Environment  
 Local Government  
 Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti  
 Māori Development  
 Oceans and Fisheries  
 Rural Communities  
 Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations  
 Whānau Ora

### Timing

Meets monthly, or as required

<sup>5</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.

## Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC)

To consider strategic and policy matters which support an equal, inclusive, and fair standard of living for all New Zealanders, including education, health, justice, income support, homelessness, public housing and residential tenancy issues, and the health and social impacts of COVID-19.

### Membership

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Hon Grant Robertson

Hon Kelvin Davis

Hon Dr Megan Woods

**Hon Chris Hipkins (Deputy Chair)**

**Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Chair)**

Hon Andrew Little

Hon Poto Williams

Hon Damien O'Connor

Hon Kris Faafoi

Hon Peeni Henare

Hon Willie Jackson

Hon Jan Tinetti

Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

Hon Aupito William Sio

Hon Meka Whaitiri

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan

### Relevant Portfolios<sup>6</sup>

ACC

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Child Poverty Reduction

Children

Community and Voluntary Sector

Corrections

Courts

COVID-19 Response

Disability Issues

Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities

Education

Health

Housing

Justice

Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Māori Development

Pacific Peoples

Police

Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Rural Communities

Seniors

Social Development and Employment

Sport and Recreation

Veterans

Whānau Ora

Women

Youth

### Frequency

Meets weekly during sitting weeks

<sup>6</sup> This is an indicative list of portfolios relevant to the committee's consideration. Portfolios may be listed under more than one committee. Papers should be submitted to the most relevant committee for the subject matter.