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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

*This circular provides an updated membership list for Cabinet Committees following the ministerial changes on 24 February 2025.*

- 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 Economic Policy Committee (ECO);
  - 1.4 the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP);
  - 1.5 the Cabinet Foreign Policy and National Security Committee (FPS);
  - 1.6 the Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG);
  - 1.7 the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU);
  - 1.8 the Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR), which will take over the Cabinet 100-Day Plan Committee (100) after the first 100 days of the National, ACT, and New Zealand First Coalition Government have passed.
- 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 Christopher Luxon (Chair)

Hon David Seymour  
 Hon Chris Bishop  
 Hon Brooke van Velden  
 Hon Erica Stanford  
 Hon Judith Collins KC  
 Hon Matt Doocey  
 Hon Nicola Grigg

#### Rt Hon Winston Peters (*Deputy Chair* \*)

Hon Nicola Willis  
 Hon Simeon Brown  
 Hon Shane Jones  
 Hon Louise Upston  
 Hon Tama Potaka  
 Hon Karen Chhour  
 Hon James Meager

*\*until 31 May 2025, at which point Hon David Seymour will become Deputy Chair*

### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Timing

Meets weekly in sitting weeks.

## Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)

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

### Membership

#### Rt Hon Christopher Luxon (Chair)

Hon David Seymour  
 Hon Chris Bishop  
 Hon Brooke van Velden  
 Hon Simeon Brown  
 Hon Paul Goldsmith

#### Rt Hon Winston Peters (*Deputy Chair* \*)

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### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Timing

Meets in recess weeks, if required

## Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO)

To consider policy relating to New Zealand's economy, including small business, agriculture, trade, environment, climate change, and workplace relations matters.

### Membership

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon  
 Hon David Seymour  
 Hon Chris Bishop (*Deputy Chair*)  
 Hon Shane Jones  
 Hon Erica Stanford  
 Hon Louise Upston  
 Hon Todd McClay  
 Hon Andrew Hoggard  
 Hon Penny Simmonds  
 Hon Chris Penk  
 Hon Scott Simpson  
 Jenny Marcroft, MP

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
**Hon Nicola Willis (Chair)**  
 Hon Brooke van Velden  
 Hon Simeon Brown  
 Hon Paul Goldsmith  
 Hon Dr Shane Reti  
 Hon Tama Potaka  
 Hon Simon Watts  
 Hon Mark Patterson  
 Hon Nicola Grigg  
 Hon James Meager  
 Simon Court, MP

### Relevant Portfolios

ACC  
 Agriculture  
 Auckland  
 Biosecurity  
 Building and Construction  
 Climate Change  
 Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
 Conservation  
 Customs  
 Digitising Government  
 Economic Growth  
 Emergency Management and Recovery  
 Energy  
 Environment  
 Finance  
 Food Safety  
 Forestry  
 Housing  
 Hunting and Fishing  
 Immigration  
 Infrastructure  
 Internal Affairs  
 Local Government

Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti  
 Māori Development  
 Media and Communications  
 Oceans and Fisheries  
 Racing  
 Regional Development  
 Resources  
 Revenue  
 RMA Reform  
 Rural Communities  
 Science, Innovation and Technology  
 Small Business and Manufacturing  
 Social Development and Employment  
 South Island  
 Space  
 State Owned Enterprises  
 Statistics  
 Tourism and Hospitality  
 Trade and Investment  
 Transport  
 Universities  
 Vocational Education  
 Workplace Relations and Safety

### Timing

Meets weekly in sitting weeks.

## Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee (EXP)

To:

- review significant expenditure, investment, and procurement proposals, including those with implications for the Budget.
- consider significant regulatory processes, systems, and proposals.
- consider strategic and policy matters relating to the public sector and government administration.

EXP will consider the outcomes of significant expenditure review and regulatory review programmes. Business as usual expenditure and regulatory issues will be considered at other relevant Cabinet committees.

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 Hon Louise Upston  
 Hon Mark Mitchell  
 Hon Simon Watts  
 Hon Chris Penk

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
 Hon Nicola Willis (*Deputy Chair*)  
 Hon Shane Jones  
 Hon Simeon Brown  
 Hon Paul Goldsmith  
 Hon Judith Collins KC  
 Hon Casey Costello  
 Hon Andrew Hoggard  
 Hon Mark Patterson

### Relevant Portfolios

Corrections  
 Defence  
 Digitising Government  
 Education  
 Finance  
 Health  
 Infrastructure  
 Internal Affairs  
 Land Information

Local Government  
 Police  
 Public Service  
 Regulation  
 Revenue  
 RMA Reform  
 Social Development and Employment  
 Transport

### Timing

Meets in the first and third (where applicable) week of each Parliamentary sitting block.

## Cabinet Foreign Policy and National Security Committee (FPS)

- To consider matters relating to foreign policy and external relations.
- Oversight of the national security and intelligence sector, and to consider policy and legislative proposals relating to the sector, to significant hazards, and to defence (excluding defence procurement).
- To co-ordinate and direct national responses to major crises or circumstances affecting national security (either domestic or international).

*FPS, or a subcommittee 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 Christopher Luxon  
 Hon David Seymour  
 Hon Judith Collins KC (*Deputy Chair*)  
 Hon Todd McClay

**Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)**  
 Hon Nicola Willis  
 Hon Mark Mitchell  
 Hon Nicola Grigg

### Relevant Portfolios

Biosecurity  
 Climate Change  
 Customs  
 Defence  
 Emergency Management and Recovery  
 Foreign Affairs  
 GCSB

Health  
 Immigration  
 National Security and Intelligence  
 NZSIS  
 Police  
 Trade and Investment

### Timing

Meets monthly, or as required.

## Cabinet Legislation Committee (LEG)

To consider the legislation programme, draft Bills and secondary legislation, and 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 Christopher Luxon

Hon David Seymour

Hon Shane Jones

Hon Louise Upston (*Deputy Chair*)

Hon Judith Collins KC

Hon Tama Potaka

Hon Casey Costello

Hon Chris Penk

Stuart Smith, MP (Senior National Whip)

Jamie Arbuckle, MP (New Zealand First Whip)

Rt Hon Winston Peters

**Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)**

Hon Brooke van Velden

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Hon Dr Shane Reti

Hon Simon Watts

Hon Nicole McKee

Hon James Meager

Todd Stephenson, MP (ACT Whip)

### Relevant Portfolios

All portfolios

### Timing

Meets weekly in sitting weeks.

## Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee (SOU)

To consider matters relating to improving social outcomes, including healthcare, social housing access, and law and order.

### Membership

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Hon David Seymour

Hon Chris Bishop

Hon Erica Stanford

**Hon Louise Upston (Chair)**

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Hon Casey Costello

Hon Nicola Grigg

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Rt Hon Winston Peters

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Hon Simeon Brown (*Deputy Chair*)

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Hon Dr Shane Reti

Hon Tama Potaka

Hon Nicole McKee

Hon Penny Simmonds

Hon Scott Simpson

### Relevant Portfolios

ACC

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Child Poverty Reduction

Children

Community and Voluntary Sector

Corrections

Courts

Disability Issues

Education

Ethnic Communities

Health

Housing

Justice

Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Māori Development

Mental Health

Pacific Peoples

Police

Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Rural Communities

Seniors

Social Development and Employment

Social Investment

Sport and Recreation

Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations

Universities

Veterans

Vocational Education

Whānau Ora

Women

Youth

### Timing

Meets weekly in sitting weeks.

## Cabinet Strategy Committee (STR)

To:

- consider overall Government priorities and strategic issues;
- monitor the delivery and implementation of the Government's work programme;
- consider significant issues and policy areas as determined by the Prime Minister or Cabinet. Detailed policy development and implementation aspects of these issues will be considered by the relevant policy committee once the strategic direction has been set.

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### Timing

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