

## Ministerial List: Notes on Changes

- There has been a restructuring of some portfolios and other Ministerial responsibilities, and a modernising of some Ministerial titles.
- National Security and Intelligence: There is a new portfolio (National Security and Intelligence) – this portfolio will be held by the Prime Minister who will be responsible for leading the national security system and for setting the overall policy for that system. Ministerial responsibility for the NZSIS and GCSB will be held separately, by Hon Christopher Finlayson. As Mr Finlayson will also be continuing in the role of Attorney-General, the Minister of Justice (Hon Amy Adams) will be the Acting Attorney-General for the purposes of any specific statutory responsibilities that need to be performed by the Attorney-General in this area.
- Housing: The three Ministers with primary responsibilities in the Housing area are:
  - Hon Bill English, who is being appointed to a new responsibility of “Minister Responsible for HNZC”;
  - Hon Paula Bennett, who is being appointed to a new “Social Housing” portfolio;
  - Hon Dr Nick Smith, who will be the “Minister for Building and Housing” (this portfolio is a merger of the former Housing and Building & Construction portfolios).
- The separate Commerce and Consumer Affairs portfolios have been merged into a single “Commerce and Consumer Affairs” portfolio, to be held by Paul Goldsmith.
- The title of the former Labour portfolio has been changed to “Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety”. Hon Michael Woodhouse will assume Ministerial responsibility for this portfolio.
- The former “Maori Affairs” portfolio has been retitled “Minister for Maori Development”, to reflect a more forward-looking focus. This portfolio will be held by Te Ururoa Flavell.
- Similarly, the “Pacific Island Affairs” portfolio, which will be held by Hon Peseta Sam Lotu-Iiga, has been retitled “Minister for Pacific Peoples”; and the “Ethnic Affairs” portfolio has been retitled “Minister for Ethnic Communities”.
- David Seymour is to be appointed as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary after the return of the Writ. This is because Parliamentary Under-Secretaries cannot be appointed before the return of the Writ, in accordance with the Constitution Act 1986.