



Cabinet Shuffle

Prime Minister Stephen Harper shuffled his Cabinet today, as part of his efforts to 'recalibrate' government.

Changes to the Cabinet include:

- **Rona Ambrose:** moved from Labour to Public Works
- **Christian Paradis:** moved from Public Works to Natural Resources
- **Lisa Rait:** moved from Natural Resources to Labour
- **Vic Toews:** moved from President of the Treasury Board to Public Safety
- **Peter Van Loan:** moved from Public Safety to International Trade
- **Stockwell Day:** moved from International Trade to President of the Treasury Board and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway
- **Jean-Pierre Blackburn:** moves from Revenue to Veterans Affairs (for resigning Greg Thompsons)
- **Keith Ashfield** is new to Cabinet and assumes the portfolio of Minister of Revenue
- **Diane Ablonczy:** moves from Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism to Min. of State for Seniors
- **Rob Moore** assumes the role of Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism

For the complete list of Cabinet members, please see the PMO website:

<http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/cabinet.asp?featureId=8&pageId=38>

As a result of the changes in Cabinet, there are also changes in the Cabinet Committees:

Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning

Provides strategic direction on government priorities and expenditure management, ratifies committee recommendations and approves appointments.

Chair

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Joseph Harper

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Lawrence Cannon

Members

The Hon. Marjory LeBreton

The Hon. Chuck Strahl

The Hon. Peter Gordon MacKay

The Hon. Stockwell Day

The Hon. Vic Toews

The Hon. Jim Prentice

The Hon. John Baird

The Hon. Tony Clement

The Hon. James Michael Flaherty

The Hon. Josée Verner

The Hon. Christian Paradis

Cabinet Committee on Operations

Provides the day-to-day coordination of the government's agenda, including issues management, legislation and house planning, and communications.

Chair

The Hon. Jim Prentice

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Jay D. Hill

Members

The Hon. Robert Douglas Nicholson
The Hon. Marjory LeBreton
The Hon. Peter Van Loan
The Hon. Gerry Ritz
The Hon. Jason Kenney
The Hon. James Moore
The Hon. Gail Shea
The Hon. Denis Lebel*

*The Minister of State (Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec) will attend meetings of the Committee.

Treasury Board

Responsible for accountability and ethics, financial, personnel and administrative management, comptrollership, approving regulations and most orders-in-council.

Chair

The Hon. Stockwell Day

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Rona Ambrose

Members

The Hon. James Michael Flaherty
The Hon. Jay D. Hill
The Hon. Diane Ablonczy*
The Hon. Steven John Fletcher*

Alternates

The Hon. Beverley J. Oda
The Hon. Keith Ashfield
The Hon. Gary Lunn*
The Hon. Denis Lebel*

*The Minister of State (Seniors) and the Minister of State (Democratic Reform) will attend meetings of the Treasury Board. The Minister of State (Sport) and the Minister of State (Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec) will attend meetings of the Treasury Board as alternates as required.

Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs

Considers health care, justice, Aboriginal, training and skills development, culture, and immigration policy issues.

Chair

The Hon. Chuck Strahl

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Diane Ablonczy*

Members

The Hon. Pierre Blackburn
The Hon. Diane Finley
The Hon. Josée Verner
The Hon. Jason Kenney
The Hon. James Moore
The Hon. Leona Aglukkaq
The Hon. Gary Lunn*
The Hon. Rob Moore*

*The Minister of State (Seniors) will be the Vice-Chair and attend meetings of the Committee. The Minister of State (Sport), the Minister of State (Status of Women) and the Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) will attend meetings of the Committee.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Growth and Long-term Prosperity

Considers both sectoral issues including, international trade, sustainable development, natural resources, fisheries, agriculture, transport, infrastructure and communities, and regional development, as well as longer-term matters concerning Canada's economic growth and prosperity, including follow-up on Advantage Canada and multi-year infrastructure plans set out in Budget 2007.

Chair

The Hon. Tony Clement

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Diane Finley

Members

The Hon. Rona Ambrose
The Hon. John Baird
The Hon. James Michael Flaherty
The Hon. Peter Van Loan
The Hon. Gerry Ritz
The Hon. Christian Paradis
The Hon. Lisa Raitt
The Hon. Gail Shea
The Hon. Keith Ashfield

Cabinet Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security

Considers foreign affairs, international development, public and national security, and defence policy issues.

Chair

The Hon. Peter Gordon MacKay

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Robert Douglas Nicholson

Members

The Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn
The Hon. Beverley J. Oda
The Hon. Lawrence Cannon
The Hon. Vic Toews
The Hon. Peter Van Loan
The Hon. Gordon O'Connor*
The Hon. Rob Merrifield*
The Hon. Peter Kent*

*The Minister of State and Chief Government Whip, the Minister of State (Transport) and the Minister of State of Foreign Affairs (Americas) will attend meetings of the Committee.

Cabinet Committee on Environment and Energy Security

Considers environment and energy security policy issues.

Chair

The Hon. John Baird

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Christian Paradis

Members

The Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn
The Hon. Jim Prentice
The Hon. Leona Aglukkaq
The Hon. Lisa Raitt
The Hon. Lynne Yelich*
The Hon. Gary Goodyear*
*The Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) will be the Vice-Chair and attend meetings of the Committee. The Minister of State (Western Economic Diversification) and the Minister of State (Science and Technology) will attend meetings of the Committee.

Cabinet Committee on Afghanistan

Considers issues related to Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

Chair

The Hon. Lawrence Cannon

Vice-Chair

The Hon. Beverley J. Oda

Members

The Hon. Jean-Pierre Blackburn
The Hon. Peter Gordon MacKay
The Hon. Vic Toews

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