

MINISTER DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION

Once the full Cabinet process, and review by the government caucus, has been completed, the Minister is able to confirm his/her decision on who is to be appointed. In most cases this will be clear from the fact that the Minister has taken certain names through to the conclusion of the process. However, if any questions have been raised about any of the proposed appointments during the Cabinet process, the Minister may choose to revisit one or more of his/her original proposals.

The Cabinet process regarding appointments is generally not a decision-making process. In nearly all cases, the Minister is empowered to make the decision to appoint, or to recommend that the Governor-General makes an appointment. The Cabinet process is intended as an important consultation that may result in a Minister reviewing intended decisions.