

The CARICOM Quasi-Cabinet

Heads of Government have also established a Quasi-Cabinet arrangement with a view to further advancing specific issues/areas within the Community. The decision to establish the Quasi-Cabinet was taken at their Seventh Special Meeting (October 1999, Trinidad and Tobago), convened to deliberate on a Vision for the future of the Region. Within the Quasi-Cabinet, individual Heads of Government have responsibility for critical areas of Community Development.

The Quasi-Cabinet Portfolio allocation is set out overleaf.

As part of efforts to strengthen the Quasi-Cabinet functioning, Heads of Government undertook a review of the Portfolio allocations in July 2010, at their Thirty-First Regular Meeting held in Jamaica.

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS WITHIN THE CARICOM QUASI-CABINET

PORTFOLIOS		MEMBER STATE
1.	EXTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS	Jamaica
2.	SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY (Including Monetary Union)	Barbados
3.	HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS	St. Kitts and Nevis
4.	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (including Information and Communications)	Grenada
5.	TOURISM	The Bahamas
6.	SERVICES	Antigua and Barbuda
7.	AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION AND FOOD SECURITY (including the Regional Transformation Programme - RTP)	Guyana
8.	SECURITY (Drugs and Illicit Arms)	Trinidad and Tobago
9.	TRANSPORT (Maritime and Aviation) ¹	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
10.	LABOUR (including intra-Community movement of skills)	Dominica
11.	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ² (including Environment and Disaster Management ³ Water ⁴ and Climate Change),	Saint Lucia

¹ The area of transport was re-assigned to the Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines at the Fourteenth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government (14-15 February 2003, Trinidad and Tobago) given the importance of that sector to the development of the Community (in particular, its strategic links to the tourism industry) and in view of the substantial work undertaken by that Member State on regional transport matters over the past several years.

² During the Informal Session of the Thirteenth Special Meeting (4-5 April 2008, Trinidad and Tobago), following prior consultations by the Secretary-General with the Prime Ministers of Belize and Saint Lucia, Heads of Government agreed to reassign this portfolio to Saint Lucia.

³ Montserrat will work closely with Saint Lucia, given its special interests in Disaster Management.

⁴ At their Twenty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conference (4-7 July 2004, Grenada) Heads of Government agreed that owing to the critical importance of water to the Region and the potential disastrous effects of climate change on this sector, the issue of water should be incorporated in the Quasi-Cabinet portfolio under Sustainable Development.

PORTFOLIOS		MEMBER STATE
12.	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL COOPERATION (including Culture, Gender, Youth and Sport)	Suriname
13.	JUSTICE AND GOVERNANCE	Belize ⁵
14.	ENERGY ⁶	Trinidad and Tobago

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⁶ At the Twenty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Conference (4-7 July 2004, Grenada), Heads of Government agreed to allocate lead responsibility for Energy to Trinidad and Tobago