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## Cabinet Shuffles: Harper and McGuinty Make Changes to their Cabinet Team

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Prime Ministers and Premiers change their Cabinets for many reasons: politics, new priorities, retirements, past performance, and regional balance. In Ontario, the primary reason for change was obvious --- the departure of key Cabinet members over the past year. The Premier used the openings to promote two well-regarded Toronto MPPs, Brad Duguid to Energy and Infrastructure and Kathleen Wynne to Transportation.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Harper's shuffle addressed different challenges. The Prime Minister needed someone with political clout to implement budget cuts (Stockwell Day's move to Treasury Board), reward an impressive Quebec MP with the important Natural Resources portfolio (Christian Paradis), and give the National Security file to someone with experience in justice issues (Vic Toews).

Both the Premier and Prime Minister also used the opportunity to move Ministers whose performance did not meet expectations, or are not likely to run in the next election.

What's most interesting however is that, at a time of economic crisis, the Prime Minister and the Premier made no changes to their respective Ministers of Finance. Both Ministers have performed well in difficult times and stability was viewed as more important than political chicanery.

For a full list of changes with the Ontario cabinet, please see:

<http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2010/01/new-decade-new-challenges-new-cabinet.html>

For a full list of changes to the Federal cabinet, please see: <http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/media.asp?id=3076>

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