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New Ministers Announced

Prime Minister Helen Clark has announced a major reallocation of ministerial portfolio responsibilities. Helen Clark said the government was renewing and refreshing itself for the third term in government. "Experienced ministers need new challenges and we have a significant number of new ministers to fill the slots of those retiring," Ms Clark said.

Some key changes in allocation are:

- Minister for Tertiary Education – Michael Cullen (Michael Cullen is Deputy Prime Minister as well as Minister of Finance, he is a Labour list MP and has been in Parliament since 1981).
- Associate Minister for Tertiary Education – Jim Anderton (Jim Anderton is Leader of Jim Anderton's Progressive Party and is also Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Forestry, Minister of Fisheries and Minister of Biosecurity. He is MP for Wigram).
- Minister of Education – Steve Maharey (As Minister of Education Steve Maharey will look after the compulsory education sector. He is also Minister of Research, Science and Technology and Crown Research Institutes, he is MP for Palmerston North).
- Minister of Building Issues – Clayton Cosgrove (Clayton Cosgrove has only just been appointed to Cabinet, he is also Minister of Statistics, Associate Minister of Finance and Associate Minister of Immigration. He is MP for Waimakariri).
- Minister of Housing – Chris Carter (Chris Carter was previously the Minister of Building Issues, this term as well as Minister of Housing Chris Carter is Minister of Conservation and Minister of Local Government. He is MP for Te Atatu).
- Minister of Labour – Ruth Dyson
- Minister of Commerce – Lianne Dalziel
- Minister of Youth Affairs – Nanaia Mahuta

Registered Master Builders Carters 2005 Apprentice of the Year Winners

The inaugural Registered Master Builders Carters 2005 Apprentice of the Year competition has concluded with the announcement of the winners at awards ceremonies nationwide.

Building on the success of 2004, the competition was expanded to five regions this year – Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington and Christchurch.

The competition aims to foster and encourage the training and development of young carpentry apprentices.

Each of the events was well attended by entrants and their families, local dignitaries and representatives from Registered Master Builders Associations, Carters and the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO).

Each entrant was judged on their practical skills, knowledge of the building sector and materials, and the way they related to people. Endorsement from their employer and education institution was also taken into consideration.

Congratulations to the following carpentry apprentices announced as winners in each region.

Auckland Region

Winner: James Sutton of Unitec Apprenticeship Training Trust, Auckland
2nd Place: Phillip Newport of Colin Bird Builder, Auckland
3rd Place: Paul Thompson of Grant Spink Builders, Whangaparaoa

Waikato Region

Winner: **David Speight of Rod Percival Builders, Whitianga**
2nd Place: William Johnston of Glenn Diffey Builders, Hamilton
3rd Place: Matt Looker B R of Metcalfe Construction, Hamilton
Highly
Commended: Myles Gorden of Michael Poritt Builder, Hamilton

Bay of Plenty Region

Winner: **Samuel Garrity of Edinbridge Resources Ltd, Tauranga**
Highly
Commended: Troy Grimwood of Brad Halliwell Builders, Taupo
Cory Harwood of WL Anderton Builders, Whangamata

Wellington Region

Winner: **Willie Davis of Simon Roche Ltd, Wellington**
2nd Place: Jesse Dyson of Wellington Interbuild Ltd, Wellington
3rd Place: Aaron Stephens of Fletchers Construction Co Ltd, Wellington

Canterbury Region

Winner: **Pierre Gargiulo of DJ Hewitt Builders, Christchurch**

Each of the winners received an Outward Bound Leadership course to the value of \$3500 and study grant worth \$2500.

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