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10TH ANNUAL ROLL CALL – How Our MPs Performed In 2014

Following an election which delivered a massive win for John Key's National and a drubbing for Labour, in this, the 10th annual Roll Call, Trans Tasman's Editors have ranked the MPs who have left Parliament post-election, as well as the newbies and the old hands who were in the House this year. Roll Call looks at how MPs performed in Caucus, Cabinet, Committee, the House, their electorate and the influence they bring, or are likely, to bring to bear in their various forums. The MPs are ranked by Trans Tasman's highly respected team of Capital insiders.

Cabinet Ministers					
Name	Seat/list	Responsibilities	Comments	2013 Rating	This Year's Rating
<i>Key, John</i>	Helensville	Prime Minister Minister for National Security and Intelligence Minister of Tourism Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services	John Key has taken National through three elections, winning 58 seats in 2008, 59 in 2011 and 60 in 2014. It's an amazing record and there may be more to come. He's still phenomenally popular, and if he comes through a third term without serious damage a fourth could be within his grasp. But he'll have to be careful. Key pushed the boundaries with his "not in my capacity as PM" get out of jail card and he shouldn't chance his arm like it again. Third-term Govts are as much about people management as they are about policy management. Following Dirty Politics and the SIS investigation, the question has to be – whether the PM has the staff in place to support him to a fourth term.	9	9.5
<i>English, Bill</i>	Clutha-Southland	Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Finance Minister Responsible for HNZC	The safest pair of hands in the cabinet. Cautious, dependable, and now mostly steering clear of debating chamber rhetoric. There's nothing he needs to prove and if he sometimes seems boring he couldn't care less. Fiscal prudence is a watchword he takes seriously. Watch the 2015 Budget and the ongoing hubbing of core issues, like housing, as yet another example of his ability to innovate and do things differently. An excellent deputy who doesn't want to be leader, but will he want to stay in Parliament beyond 2017? English is 1990 intake, he could come to the same conclusion Tony Ryall did and quit while he's ahead.	9	9
<i>Brownlee, Gerry</i>	Ilam	Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister of Defence Leader of the House Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	Still rebuilding Christchurch, which is becoming his life's work. He's had the toughest, longest job in cabinet and there's still a lot of work in progress. Brownlee is rarely recognised for what he's achieved, and he should be. He's a good Leader of the House and he'll be a good Defence Minister. His airport security gaffe means he stays on the same ranking as last year - he should have known better. Finds the media tedious.	7	7
<i>Joyce, Steven</i>	List	Minister for Economic Development Minister for Regulatory Reform Minister of Science and Innovation Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment Minister Responsible for Novopay Associate Minister of Finance	Helen Clark had Michael Cullen, John Key has Steven Joyce. He doesn't drop the ball and handles a raft of senior portfolios with calm confidence. Outside of Parliament, he was National's campaign manager and must share some of the credit for its victory. One of Key's closest confidantes and likely to be National's next leader.	7.5	8
<i>Bennett, Paula</i>	Waitakere	Minister of Local Government Minister for Social Housing Minister of State Services Associate Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Tourism	She's a loss to the welfare portfolio. Bennett had skin in the game, it needed her. Key would have been happy for her to stay if she'd wanted to but she opted for a change and broader horizons. Social Housing will test her, it's going to be a third term danger zone, the other portfolios won't. She was a key player in the successful 2014 Election campaign, making sure candidates measured up and did their job.	7.5	7.5

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<i>Coleman, Jonathan</i>	Northcote	Minister of Health Minister for Sport and Recreation	Tony Ryall is a hard act to follow but Coleman is up to the job. The former GP is a natural for the health portfolio and seems happier with it than he was with those he previously held. Coleman has a safety first instinct and wants to take the sector with him. Expect health to be a steady ship.	6.5	7.5
<i>Adams, Amy</i>	Selwyn	Minister of Justice Minister for Courts Minister of Broadcasting Minister for Communications	She's a smart, capable, no-nonsense Minister and she's on top of her portfolios. And she's one to watch - it wouldn't surprise anyone if one day she's National's deputy leader.	6.5	7
<i>Finlayson, Chris</i>	List	Attorney-General Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister in Charge of the NZ Security Intelligence Service Minister Responsible for the GCSB Associate Minister for Maori Development	John Key has faith in the MP who Tariana Turia says is the best Treaty Negotiations Minister NZ has ever had. He'll be getting more attention this term now Key has put him in charge of the SIS and the GCSB. Finlayson will handle them with great care and intense responsibility.	7.5	8
<i>Bridges, Simon</i>	Tauranga	Minister of Energy and Resources Minister of Transport Deputy Leader of the House Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues Associate Minister of Justice	Another one on the rise. He takes it to the opposition, and if he's going to get into trouble it will be an attack which goes wrong. Lives by Judith Collins's credo it's better to give than to receive. Unlikely to pull his head in, but he should think about it.	6.5	7.5
<i>Parata, Hekia</i>	List	Minister of Education	Key believes she's competent and wasn't going to hang her out to dry. He's giving her the benefit of the doubt in delivering on a gutsy vision for the Education sector. She's in the unfortunate position of having every opposition MP, and maybe some others as well, watching her and waiting for the next catastrophe. They could be disappointed, she's more careful and is better at managing her strengths and weaknesses.	5	7
<i>Tolley, Anne</i>	East Coast	Minister for Social Development	Tolley is quietly competent, she'll do her best to keep a huge dept on the rails and isn't likely to cause speed wobbles. Key has made child poverty almost a cabinet-wide responsibility but he'll be expecting Tolley to do some heavy lifting. She should be strong enough.	6.5	7
<i>Smith, Nick</i>	Nelson	Minister for the Environment Minister for Building and Housing	Linking building and housing puts Smith in charge of one of the issues which is going to define National's third term. Dealing with the housing crisis was one of the first priorities Key identified after the election, and he decided Smith was the man for the job. If boundless enthusiasm and a huge work ethic count, he is best suited for the job - if he doesn't upset too many people along the way.	7	7.5
<i>McCully, Murray</i>	East Coast Bays	Minister of Foreign Affairs Associate Minister for Sport and Recreation	Murray McCully put tremendous effort into the campaign for a UN Security Council seat. He created a great team and NZ won. There were others, but he deserves most of the credit. It has scrubbed out the Malaysian diplomat scandal and McCully can look forward to three good years flying the flag. Ongoing tensions with his Ministry and anyone else who crosses him is all managed out of the public domain	6.5	7.5
<i>Guy, Nathan</i>	Otaki	Minister for Primary Industries Minister for Racing	He's gained confidence after what seemed to be an unpromising start, mainly caused by being ill-at-ease in front of the media and being given a hard time because of it. Better suited to tramping around in gumboots. He's a farmer, he talks their language. Deserves a break.	4	5
<i>Kaye, Nikki</i>	Auckland Central	Minister for ACC Minister of Civil Defence Minister for Youth Associate Minister of Education	One of the bright young things but nearly lost Auckland central and must work harder. As Food Safety Minister she fronted much of the Govt's response to Fonterra's contamination catastrophe - it doesn't get much tougher. ACC can be a beast but apart from it she's under-employed.	6.5	6

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<i>Groser, Tim</i>	List	Minister of Trade Minister for Climate Change Issues	Still wrapped up with the endless TPP negotiations and doing his job for NZ. If it ever becomes reality and we win big export concessions he'll be a hero. If we sell out on Pharmac he'll be burned at the stake.	7.5	7.5
<i>Woodhouse, Michael</i>	List	Minister of Immigration Minister of Police Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety	Promoted and brought into cabinet, we said he was one to watch. He's on the way to becoming a permanent fixture, could rise in the ranks again in the next reshuffle.	6	6.5
<i>McClay, Todd</i>	Rotorua	Minister of Revenue Minister for State Owned Enterprises Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs Associate Minister of Trade	Brought into the cabinet along with Woodhouse after holding the revenue portfolio as a Minister outside it. Still has revenue, but now he's got SOEs to go with it. It shouldn't be a problem. Capable, media-friendly MP.	5.5	6.5
<i>Sam Lotu-liga, Peseta</i>	Maungakiekie	Minister of Corrections Minister for Ethnic Communities Minister for Pacific Peoples Associate Minister of Health	Known as the class jester. Strong local campaigner with credibility in the PI community. Enthusiastic about his Pacific Peoples portfolio. Corrections can be a problem, we'll see how he handles it.	4	5
<i>Barry, Maggie</i>	North Shore	Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister of Conservation Minister for Senior Citizens	There were suspicions she was brought into cabinet to make up the female numbers, but Key rates her. Some say she's the most popular National MP after the PM himself, but it's hard to judge. She's made a bright start in Conservation.	3	5.5

Ministers Outside Cabinet

<i>Foss, Craig</i>	Tukituki	Minister for Small Business Minister of Statistics Minister of Veterans' Affairs Associate Minister of Immigration Associate Minister of Transport	Novopay was a hospital pass and Foss fumbled it, which is tough but that's life. Lost the commerce portfolio and has a collection of minor roles. Foss may feel he's been hard done by, but there's little doubt he'll soldier on.	4	3.5
<i>Goodhew, Jo</i>	Rangitata	Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector Minister for Food Safety Associate Minister for Primary Industries Associate Minister for Social Development	With the portfolios she had last time, it was hard to be noticed, and it's still hard. Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector doesn't fire up anyone's profile. She's capable and deserves a better crack at being a Minister.	4	3.5
<i>Wagner, Nicky</i>	Christchurch Central	Minister of Customs Minister for Disability Issues Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Associate Minister of Conservation	Lifted her Christchurch Central majority from 47 in 2011 to 2420 in this year's election. Doing it in what was a safe Labour seat not so long ago deserves recognition. She shouldn't have any problems with her lightweight portfolios.	4.5	5
<i>Upston, Louise</i>	Taupo	Minister for Land Information Minister for Women Associate Minister of Local Government Associate Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment	Promotion was no surprise and she's destined for the cabinet. She'll be expected to hold the line against Labour's fierce females when women's issues come up - which will decide whether she goes up the rankings.	6.5	6.5
<i>Goldsmith, Paul</i>	List	Minister of Commerce Minister of Consumer Affairs Associate Minister for ACC	Deserves reward for twice being National's Epsom fall guy. Shows real promise. He's a good speaker and isn't shy about taking on the opposition. A pity his portfolios aren't going to give him much of an opportunity to mix it in the House.	6.5	6.5

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<i>Dunne, Peter</i>	Ohariu	Minister of Internal Affairs Associate Minister of Conservation Associate Minister of Health	Gets a point for coming through a horrible year with his head/hair up. Dunne has vast experience which he'll need if his new passport cancellation powers are called on after the national security legislation is passed.	4	5
<i>Flavell, Te Ururoa</i>	Waiariki	Minister for Maori Development Minister for Whanau Ora Associate Minister for Economic Development	We'll make a call on Flavell and say he's going to be an outstanding Minister. He has integrity, commitment and the PM's confidence. Not much is going to get past him in a portfolio which is difficult and complicated. Ran an outstanding campaign against some tough competition.	6	6.5

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National Back Benchers					
<i>Bakshi, Kanwaljit</i>	List	Deputy Law and Order Select Committee	A quiet, reserved MP who is said to be a hard-working committee and constituency man. Good for National's ethnic vote.	3	4
<i>Barclay, Todd</i>	Clutha-Southland		Has a background in the public relations sector which could be of use. Has worked in Bill English, Gerry Brownlee and John Key's offices, so has friends in high places. This fresh faced 24 year old is one to watch.	N/A	N/A
<i>Bayly, Andrew</i>	Hunua	Deputy Chair Regulations Review Select Committee	Wants to "be a part of this team that continues to create an environment where businesses can thrive and investment in health, education, infrastructure and housing follows." Has a good brain and independent views.	N/A	N/A
<i>Bennett, David</i>	Hamilton East	Chair Finance and Expenditure Select Committee	Gets up opposition noses in the debating chamber. A feisty MP who has held Hamilton East since 2005 without rising above being a Select Committee chair, which he handles well.	3.5	4
<i>Bishop, Chris</i>	List	Deputy Chair Finance and Expenditure Select Committee	A party insider, he disrupted Trevor Mallard's complacency by taking the fight to him in a well-run campaign. A talented debater he has also impressed with his political nous. Integral to the 2014 campaign.	N/A	N/A
<i>Borrows, Chester</i>	Whanganui		Sidelined to become Deputy Speaker. No apparent reason, other than a need for fresh faces. Former police officer respected on both sides of the House.	6	6
<i>Carter, David</i>	List	Speaker	Hasn't been able to fully fill Sir Lockwood Smith's shoes but is growing into the position. Opposition MPs no longer test him, Ministers don't get away with worthless answers.	7	7
<i>Collins, Judith</i>	Papakura		An icon of dirty politics, it is arguable whether she is more dangerous on the backbench than she is in Cabinet. One way or another, she'll again be a force to be reckoned with. How or when is something Key may worry about.	7.5	4.5
<i>Dean, Jacqui</i>	Waitaki	Chair Justice and Electoral Select Committee	Had been tipped for promotion but again missed out in a crowded field. Dean is a valuable MP, but she's been around since 2005 and if promotion doesn't come soon, rejuvenation may.	5	5
<i>Doocey, Matt</i>	Waimakariri	Deputy Chair Social Services Select Committee	Second attempt at Parliament sees this well qualified man who specialises in healthcare get in. Should be an asset.	N/A	N/A
<i>Dowie, Sarah</i>	Invercargill	Deputy Chair Government Administration Select Committee	As the daughter of two police officers she expects to be a force in the justice area. She also has a strong background in conservation. The Beehive knows she is particularly ambitious and keen to make a name for herself. She is not afraid to put herself forward.	N/A	N/A
<i>Foster-Bell, Paul</i>	List	Deputy Chair Education and Science Select Committee	A good speaker who doesn't get into mud-slinging, which means he isn't making much of an impact. Could sharpen up his act.	3	3.5
<i>Hayes, Jo</i>	List		Did well to get the party vote up in Dunedin South. Has experience in the education and social services sectors as well as health.	N/A	N/A
<i>Hudson, Brett</i>	List	Deputy Chair Commerce Select Committee	Campaigned in Ohariu, and gained a strong party vote. Plans to advocate for middle NZ but has to prove he is more than a lightweight.	N/A	N/A
<i>Korako, Nuk</i>	List	Chair Maori Affairs Select Committee	Ngai Tahu insiders say he is a competitive politician, despite his genial exterior.	N/A	N/A

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<i>Kuriger, Barbara</i>	Taranaki-King Country	Deputy Chair Health Select Committee	Has a strong agricultural background. Wants to help promote regional growth, an area where National will need all the help it can get.	N/A	N/A
<i>Lee, Melissa</i>	List	Chair Commerce Select Committee	Hard working, but faded after a good start followed by the disastrous Mt Albert by-election, when she was hung out to dry. .	3.5	3
<i>Macindoe, Tim</i>	Hamilton West	Chief Whip	National's new chief whip, as we predicted. Has experience as junior whip. Has the nightmare of a massive (and active) backbench to deal with. Unlikely to have any problems in part thanks to his warm and outgoing personality.	5	5.5
<i>McKelvie, Ian</i>	Rangitikei	Chair Primary Production Select Committee	Routine supporter of Govt Bills, 2011 intake with a safe seat who has time to make his mark if he has higher ambition. Effective voice in caucus.	4	5
<i>Mitchell, Mark</i>	Rodney	Chair Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee	Another with a seat for life unless he gives it up or seriously under-performs. Neither seems likely. Serious, low-impact speaker.	6	5
<i>Muller, Todd</i>	Bay Of Plenty	Deputy Local Government and Environment Select Committee	One of three Todds in the caucus, he is described as one of the Bay of Plenty's most seasoned agribusiness leaders. Some say he could be a future PM? Todd was one of Jim Bolger's staff in the 1990s.	N/A	N/A
<i>Naylor, Jono</i>	List	Deputy Chair Justice and Electoral Select Committee	Has been mayor of Palmerston North since 2007 before taking a shot at Parliament. Should bring a wealth of political experience to the caucus.	N/A	N/A
<i>Ngaro, Alfred</i>	List	Chair Social Services Select Committee	One of the hardest working MPs in Parliament. Showing some spirit and getting into the occasional debating chamber scrap. Useful in countering Labour's claims about down-trodden minorities. Deserves a Ministerial post.	4	6
<i>O'Connor, Simon</i>	Tamaki	Chair Health Select Committee	Second term MP, good contributions to debates on legislation. Worthy of better speaking slots in the House. Chairs the Health Select Committee.	3	4
<i>Parmar, Parmjeet</i>	List		Migrated to NZ from India in 1995. Currently serves as a Families Commissioner, Community Representative on the Film and Video Labelling Body, and as Chair of the NZ Sikh Women's Assn.	N/A	N/A
<i>Reti, Shane</i>	Whangarei	Deputy Chair Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee	Another new MP with a medical background, he won his seat by a strong margin. Also has trade experience. Should be an asset.	N/A	N/A
Ross, Jamie- Lee	Botany		Strong attack MP promoted to junior whip. The ultimate apparatchik with a taste for the rough stuff. Likely to be given more responsibilities in the next reshuffle but it's a crowded field.	4	4
<i>Sabin, Mike</i>	Northland	Chair Law and Order Select Committee	Another former police officer who knows what he's talking about. What he has to say is vastly better than the usual waffle. Chairs Law and Order Select Committee.	5	5.5
<i>Scott, Alastair</i>	Wairarapa	Deputy Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee	Seen by locals as being more connected than predecessor. Strong business credentials.	N/A	N/A
<i>Simpson, Scott</i>	Coromandel	Chair Local Government and Environment Select Committee	Serious profile problem here, which is a pity because he's an enthusiastic MP who chairs the Local Govt and Environment Select Committee.	2	4
<i>Smith, Stuart</i>	Kaikoura	Deputy Primary Production Select Committee	Should certainly be able to do better than his predecessor Colin King, who did nothing. Did well to get the nomination ahead of sitting MP King.	N/A	N/A
<i>Tisch, Lindsay</i>	Waikato	Assistant Speaker	Another competent year for the experienced assistant speaker, looks like he's rooted to the role and unlikely to leave it.	4.5	5

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<i>Williamson, Maurice</i>	Pakuranga		Lost his Ministerial job over contact with the police about Donghau Liu. It was a borderline call, supporters think it wasn't justified.	6	5
<i>Yang, Jian</i>	List	Chair Education and Science Select Committee	As close to being invisible as an MP can get, although he chairs the important Education and Science Select Committee. Debating chamber contributions easily forgotten.	3	4
<i>Young, Jonathan</i>	New Plymouth	Chair Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee	Gave Andrew Little a thrashing in New Plymouth so he's got something going for him. Otherwise unremarkable, chairs Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee.	4	4.5
United Future					
<i>Dunne, Peter</i>	Ohariu	See support party Ministers		4	5
ACT					
<i>Seymour, David</i>	Epsom	Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Education and Minister of Regulatory Reform.	A much more stable party leader than his predecessors, and a surprisingly good speaker. Was given a hard time at his first press conference in Parliament over National's patronage, and gave as good as he got. Seymour will be good for ACT. Whether anyone listens to what he says or cares about the party's future is another matter.	N/A	N/A
Maori					
<i>Fox, Marama</i>	List		So far she's called for a new national anthem and nearly cast a vote of no confidence in the government, which her party has pledged to support. "Sorry I stuffed up, Mr Speaker." Should be a fun MP.	N/A	N/A
<i>Flavell, Te Ururoa</i>	Waiariki	See support party Ministers		6	6.5
Labour Front Bench					
<i>Ardern, Jacinda</i>	List		Wasn't ready for the deputy leadership and didn't get it when her patron Grant Robertson was defeated. Despite a better year she still hasn't delivered enough to prove the potential she's considered to have. Time for her to step up.	4.5	5
<i>Clark, David</i>	Dunedin North		A clever MP, sometimes a bit too smart for his own good. Fortunate to be promoted. Puts in a lot of work on his portfolios and watches Ministers, hasn't had any big hits.	5	5.5
<i>Cosgrove, Clayton</i>	List		Dropped from the front bench into unranked territory. Aggressive, media-savvy senior MP didn't deserve such a severe fall from grace. Could lose interest - it's hard to climb back up the ladder.	5	4.5
<i>Cunliffe, David</i>	New Lynn		Campaigned strongly against Key in the debates after initial wobbles. Fell on his sword but still has much needed intelligence and experience to contribute strongly under a Little-led team. History may judge him more kindly than last week's headlines. Is he NZ's Kevin Rudd?	7.5	6
<i>Curran, Clare</i>	Dunedin South		Creative but undisciplined. Generates ideas but lacks structure and detail. Recently stood down as Caucus Secretary. Needs to prove she can be a team player for the whole caucus.	4	4.5
<i>Davis, Kelvin</i>	Te Tai Tokerau		Showed the rest of the party how to campaign and pulled off a real coup defeating Hone Harawira. Rewarded with a front bench seat and the police portfolio. He's up to it.	N/A	N/A

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<i>Dyson, Ruth</i>	Port Hills	Chair Government Administration Select Committee	She's been around since 1993 and had a "dead wood" ranking under Cunliffe. Soldiered on, worked hard for her Christchurch constituents. Still tends to shoot from the hip. Able to handle a wide range of portfolios. Marking time now.	4	3.5
<i>Fafoi, Kris</i>	Mana		Increased his majority in Mana, a tough, time-consuming electorate. Deserves credit for it. Doesn't shine in the House. Frequent Press Gallery feeder, but needs content not comment.	3.5	4
<i>Goff, Phil</i>	Mt Roskill		Poised and dedicated elder statesman. Highly professional and still showing more energy and attacking instinct than most others in the caucus. Doesn't miss much, but his judgement can occasionally fail him at crucial points. He's a problem for Ministers.	7	6
<i>Henare, Peeni</i>	Tamaki Makaurau		One to watch. He certainly has a strong political background and deep mana. He is a great grandson of Taurekareka Henare, who held the Northern Maori seat between 1914 and 1938. His grandfather was James Henare, who had stood for the National Party in five elections between 1946 and 1963. There is much to live up to.	N/A	N/A
<i>Hipkins, Chris</i>	Rimutaka		Failed to fire during the election campaign. Did just enough to avoid the disloyalty tag. Extremely competent whip and a political beast. Another Cunliffe opponent. Hipkins is one of Labour's best off-the-cuff media performers.	7	6
<i>King, Annette</i>	Rongotai	Deputy Leader	Experience does count. In charge of the caucus during the leadership election, she's still got the smarts and pushed the Govt in Parliament.	7	7.5
<i>Lees-Galloway, Iain</i>	Palmerston North		Competent workhorse. Making steady progress. Won well in Palmerston North. Will need to go up a notch from now. Promotion and the labour portfolio gives him a chance to shine. His leader, will be watching him closely.	5	5
<i>Little, Andrew</i>	List	Leader	Former caucus loner who was everyone's second choice for leader except the unions. Not flashy but resolute under pressure – should not be underestimated. Needs to keep all sides of caucus in balance. Now he has to prove he's an electable alternative PM. No one is going to die wondering what Little thinks, he's a tough-talking union man from way back who isn't going to compromise his beliefs. But leadership needs flexibility as well as hard-headed determination, and Little won't succeed if he takes a blunt instrument approach to politics.	4.5	7
<i>Mahuta, Nanaia</i>	Hauraki-Waikato	Deputy Maori Affairs Select Committee	Holds a senior front bench seat because she's a valuable asset and helps Labour win Maori votes. Underestimated by the mainstream media but hasn't done anything to deserve a higher mark.	3	3
<i>Mallard, Trevor</i>	Hutt South		Exemplary performance as Assistant Speaker, no sign so far of the infamously short fuse. Deep understanding of standing orders and dirty politics. Wants to be Speaker next time.	4.5	5.5
<i>Moroney, Sue</i>	List		Gave it her best shot with her paid parental leave bill but it didn't save her from the new leader's axe. She's off the front bench despite putting in the hard yards during a better year with social development. It's a harsh call.	4	4
<i>Nash, Stuart</i>	Napier		Strong campaigner with a big ego. Likely to rise if he can show results and consistent judgment. Watch for a leadership tilt in the future.	N/A	N/A
<i>O'Connor, Damien</i>	West Coast -Tasman		Stayed off the party list and nearly doubled his West Coast-Tasman majority. He is Labour's voice on the farm. Says it like it is and knows his electorate, Labour needs more like him.	6	5.5

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<i>Parker, David</i>	List		A key player in the formation of Labour's manifesto and architect of its ill-fated capital gains tax policy. Solid deputy and good performer. Tinder dry fiscal philosophy. Lost party respect by selling out his leader and vacillating over running for the top job. He did a lot of the heavy lifting and his rating recognises it. Now his political career has foundered. Says he has "no immediate plans" to leave Parliament, but we doubt he'll be standing again.	7	6
<i>Robertson, Grant</i>	Wellington Central		Labour's smiling assassin. A gloomy figure around Parliament after losing the election, but he's rallied since being given the finance portfolio and the number three slot. Excellent debater who should test Bill English. Says he won't try for the top job again. Time will tell.	6	6.5
<i>Rurawhe, Adrian</i>	Te Tai Hauauru		Quiet, thoughtful and policy focused with deep roots in the Ratana movement. May take time to find his feet.	N/A	N/A
<i>Salesa, Jenny</i>	Manukau East		She brings a wealth of public sector experience and a strong background in community contribution. Formerly Principal Advisor Pacific at the Tertiary Education Commission. She should strengthen PI support. Needs to show substance as well as style.	N/A	N/A
<i>Sepuloni, Carmel</i>	Kelston		Little is showing a lot of faith in Sepuloni by putting her on the front bench and giving her social development. Another MP with a "has potential" reputation. Now she's going to have to prove it.	N/A	N/A
<i>Shearer, David</i>	Mt Albert		Loses the leadership and then starts to show how good he can be. Tailor-made for foreign affairs, experience gives him credibility.	3	5
<i>Sio, Su'a William</i>	Mangere		Respected leader of the PI team. Loyal journeyman, who delivered the Pacific Island vote, another big win in Mangere. Tries hard but flounders in Parliament when he has to think on his feet.	4	4.5
<i>Tirikatene, Rino</i>	Te Tai Tonga		Do still waters run deep or are they just still? Has had time to find his feet, and still no impact. Not safe enough in Te Tai Tonga to relax.	2.5	2.5
<i>Twyford, Phil</i>	Te Atatu		He'll suffer frustration overload if he isn't housing Minister after the next election. Relentless opponent is so enthusiastic he sometimes becomes obsessed with trivia.	5.5	6
<i>Wall, Louisa</i>	Manurewa		The Marriage Equality Bill was a hard act to follow and has delivered her an international reputation. She hasn't found another mission. Determined, if not subtle, her challenge is to learn the Wellington game and needs to prove she's not a one-trick pony.	5.5	5
<i>Whaitiri, Meka</i>	Ikaroa-Rawhiti		Needs to do more than just criticise the Govt's water policies, and make some noise. The Greens are much better at it.	4	4
<i>Williams, Poto</i>	Christchurch East		First entered Parliament after winning the 2013 Christchurch East by-election. Has long community work experience - yet to make an impact in Parliament.	N/A	N/A
<i>Woods, Megan</i>	Wigram		Second term MP has been punching above her weight in Parliament. Good organiser in the Wigram electorate, yet to demonstrate her reputed intelligence. Promoted from 24th to 13th, she can handle the responsibility.	4	6

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Greens					
<i>Browning, Steffan</i>	List		MPs scrambled to assure the nation they weren't all lunatic fringers after Browning signed the 'treat Ebola with homeopathy' petition. Now he has to prove he isn't a silly old fool.	3	2.5
<i>Clendon, David</i>	List		Smile, please. He has worthwhile points to make, it's just so depressing listening to him.	2.5	3
<i>Delahunty, Catherine</i>	List		A brighter year, she's had plenty to say about education and more recently human rights - from a hard left perspective, of course.	3	2
<i>Genter, Julie Ann</i>	List		Transport is her thing and she does it well. Fierce opponent of the Govt's highway binge, good speaker who researches the issues.	4	4.5
<i>Graham, Kennedy</i>	List		Lost climate change to Russel Norman. Now the party's global affairs spokesman. It's a rich field for an MP with a formidable intellect.	5	5
<i>Hague, Kevin</i>	List		Arguably the party's most competent MP, and dealing with health and housing will make sure he isn't under-employed. Works well with media.	6	6.5
<i>Hughes, Gareth</i>	List		Intelligent and analytical brain coupled with the passion of an activist. His youthful looks create some credibility challenges. Couldn't possibly belong to any other party.	5	5
<i>Logie, Jan</i>	List		A lot stronger in Parliament this year, but must try not to look like she's about to cry.	3	3
<i>Mathers, Mojo</i>	List		Puts in the work but really needs to make more of an impact on animal welfare, the Greens have let this slide since Sue Kedgley left.	4	3.5
<i>Norman, Russel</i>	List	Co-Leader	After John Key, Norman works the media better than any other party leader. A tough questioner in Parliament who pushes the boundaries. If the Greens had gone into coalition with Labour he would have been hard to handle. Indications during the campaign were he didn't trust his potential partner, but this was when Labour was under David Cunliffe's dubious control. Needs to have a long talk with its new leader.	7	7
<i>Roche, Denise</i>	List		Holds a collection of eight portfolios and apart from industrial relations they're not really high-impact areas. Needs to sort them out and focus on the ones which matter. She's worth her seat.	4	4
<i>Sage, Eugeneine</i>	List		Her lead portfolio is conservation and she's an expert. She needs to let people know it and raise her profile by taking on Maggie Barry.	5	4
<i>Shaw James</i>	List		Regarded by many as more like a National MP than a Green, he has turned heads and is looked on as a possible bridge to a better relationship between the Greens and National. Future male co-leader?	N/A	N/A
<i>Turei, Metiria</i>	List	Co-Leader	Media-friendly and highly strategic co-leader who has taken on child poverty as her field of endeavour this year. It's at the top of the Govt's agenda and she'll find herself up against senior ministers. Turei will relish that, although she's pushing left-wing policies National won't have a bar of. Feisty and determined.	6	6
NZ First					
<i>Ball, Darroch</i>	List		A former Army man, he should do well in the party. Has been the party's VP since 2012.	N/A	N/A

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<i>Bindra, Mahesh</i>	List		Raised in Mumbai he trained for a commission in the Indian Army. His passions are law and order, and public safety. Sounds perfect for the party.	N/A	N/A
<i>Mark, Ron</i>	List		Seen as the leader in waiting, if Shane Jones doesn't try and take up the reins in 2017. Has been in local politics since losing his list seat in 2008. Must get out of the leader's shadow.	N/A	N/A
<i>Martin, Tracey</i>	List	Deputy leader	Makes the most of what Winston Peters leaves for her. Gives the Govt a hard time, she's good with education. And she has to take a bunch of newbies under her wing this year.	5	4
<i>Mitchell, Clayton</i>	List		Was elected as a Tauranga City councillor in 2013, and is against state asset sales and wants to put an end to separatism.	N/A	N/A
<i>O'Rourke, Denis</i>	List		Noisy in the House without giving Ministers any problems, tends to be a bit far out with some of the issues he chooses to attack them on.	4	4
<i>Paraone, Pita</i>	List		Also lost his seat in 2008 and sees promotion of Maori economic, social and cultural development as his main aims.	N/A	N/A
<i>Peters, Winston</i>	List	Leader	Peters was far from satisfied with the election result, although he brought NZ First back with 11 MPs ("All we needed was just 1% more"). Post-election grumpiness is fading, replaced with familiar bad-tempered criticism of the Govt. Does he have the will and the stamina for another three years on the opposition benches and a campaign in 2017?	7	7.5
<i>Prosser, Richard</i>	List		Has kept his head down since the Wogistan crisis, does his job in the House well enough. Worthwhile contributions.	1.5	2
<i>Stewart, Barbara</i>	List		The caring middle-aged lady image is real. A welcome difference to her loud mouthed colleagues, she takes her health portfolio seriously and talks about it quietly.	3	3
<i>Tabuteau, Fletcher</i>	List		Has been a NZ First member since the start of the party and wants policy decided in the best interests of NZ, "not some right wing ideology and corporate interests alone."	N/A	N/A

THE DEPARTED

<i>Ryall, Tony</i>	Bay of Plenty		An experienced, safe pair of hands who will be missed. Ryall ruled health for six years, met his performance targets and never gave the opposition anything to get their teeth into. MP since 1990. However, history may show he didn't necessarily leave his portfolio in a better shape than he found it. The demise of Health Benefits Ltd will sit as a legacy to his time in the role.	7	7
<i>Tremain, Chris</i>	Napier		Had the makings of a good Minister, could have expected promotion. His decision to quit surprised his colleagues. MP since 2005.	6	6
<i>Sharpley, Pita</i>	Tamaki Makarau		Should have quit while he was ahead instead of hanging on for too long to his Ministerial job. A pity, because he was a real force when he helped found the party. In Parliament since 2005.	3	3.5
<i>Turia, Tariana</i>	Te Tai Hauauru		Firmly steered her Whanau Ora policy until the day she left. Her mana will stay with her, she's a loss to Maori politics. In Parliament since 1996.	6.5	7
<i>Auchinvole, Chris</i>	List		He lightened up the debating chamber, which it often desperately needs. He'll be missed for his Select Committee work. MP since 2005.	5	5

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<i>Ardern, Shane</i>	Taranaki-King Country		He'll be remembered for driving his tractor up the steps of Parliament in protest against the "fart tax" but not much else. MP since 1998.	4	3
<i>Calder, Cam</i>	List		A lively speaker and something of a character around the place. May have sensed promotion wasn't in his future. MP since 2009.	3	3
<i>Harawira, Hone</i>	Te Tai Tokerau		Like him or loathe him, Harawira believed in his causes. Opponents ganged up on him to get him out of Parliament, but the killer was accepting Kim Dotcom's patronage. Hard not to feel sorry for the man who was in tears on election night.	2.5	2
<i>Hauti, Claudette</i>	List		Wrongful spending and other issues caused National to realise Claudette had been a mistake. So it cut its losses and told her she would be so far down the list it wouldn't be worth standing again. She got the message. MP since May 2013.	3	1
<i>Hayes, John</i>	Wairarapa		Came to Parliament with a big reputation as a trouble-shooting diplomat but never seemed happy. Worked hard in his electorate which he said was the best part of the job. MP since 2005.	4	4
<i>Heatley, Phil</i>	Whangarei		Parliament is no place for a sacked Minister. Housing simply became an issue too hot for him to handle. In Parliament since 2008.	2	3
<i>Henare, Tau</i>	List		He usually tempered his belligerence with humour and he'll be missed. In Parliament between 1993 and 1999 and since 2005.	5	5
<i>Hutchison, Paul</i>	Hunua		An able chair of the health Select Committee. A gentleman who wasn't considered tough enough to be a Minister. MP since 1999.	6	6
<i>King, Colin</i>	Kaikoura		It's rare for a sitting MP to be dumped by their local electorate committee but it's what happened to Colin King after years of barely noticeable service. MP since 2005.	3	2
<i>Roy, Eric</i>	Invercargill	Deputy Speaker	A capable deputy Speaker. Overcame serious health issues during his long service. Decided it was time to go. MP since 1993.	5.5	5.5
<i>Shanks, Katrina</i>	List		Decided she'd had enough, having no prospect of promotion. Sensible move. MP since 2007.	3.5	3
<i>Wilkinson, Kate</i>	Waimakariri		Another victim of John Key's cabinet broom. Lost her job in a reshuffle after resigning the labour portfolio following the Pike River disaster.	2.5	3.5
<i>Banks, John</i>	Epsom		Well, he didn't go quietly. Resignation was forced on him by electoral fraud charges, which ended a ghastly term in Parliament.	1	1
<i>Jones, Shane</i>	List	Spokesperson for Economic Development, Maori Affairs, Forestry, Building & Construction Associate Fisheries and Associate Finance	Lured away by the Govt's offer of a job junketing around the Pacific. Contrary to some opinions, he would never have been Labour's leader.	5	5
<i>Street, Maryan</i>	List	Spokesperson for State Services Associate Foreign Affairs (ODA / human rights) Disarmament & Arms Control	Battled for years in different portfolios but it wasn't enough for a safe place on the 2014 party list. Former party president. MP since 2005.	3.5	3.5
<i>Mackey, Moana</i>	List	Spokesperson for Science, Environment, Climate Change Associate Health	One of Labour's better performers in Parliament but there weren't enough seats to go around this time. MP since 2003.	4	3
<i>Beaumont, Carol</i>	List	Assistant Whip Spokesperson for Women's Affairs, Consumer Rights & Standards Associate Labour	She just missed out and Parliament has lost a strong consumer rights advocate. In Parliament between 2008 and 2011, and since 2013.	3	2.5

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<i>Fenton, Darien</i>	List	Transport Spokesperson, Tourism Associate Labour, Associate Culture & Heritage, Associate Immigration	Fenton held several portfolios including transport. A trade unionist all her life, she retired to go back to the coalface.	3	2
<i>Robertson, Ross</i>	Manukau East	Assistant Speaker Spokesperson for Racing Associate Disarmament and Arms Control	A long-serving, enthusiastic MP who never made it into cabinet, and was instead given an assistant speaker role. Now in local Govt.	5	5
<i>Prasad, Rajen</i>	List	Spokesperson on Immigration Associate Ethnic Affairs, Associate Social Development (CYFS)	Hardly a top performer but he was a compassionate MP who took up worthy causes. Retiring was his own decision. MP since 2008.	1	1.5
<i>Huo, Raymond</i>	List	Spokesperson for Statistics Associate Ethnic Affairs, Associate Justice Associate Education (Export Education) Associate Building and Construction	The "Raymond Who?" jokes were wearing a bit thin, but he was difficult to remember. Earnest speaker on commercial law bills, didn't make it back on the list this time. MP since 2008.	4	2
<i>Walker, Holly</i>	List		Withdrew from the Green's party list and decided not to seek a second term after having a baby daughter. Came as a surprise to her party.	4	4.5
<i>Lole-Taylor, Asenati</i>	List		After a string of peculiar comments, saying the Reserve Bank shouldn't be foreign-owned was the last straw for NZ First and Lole-Taylor ended up a hopeless 16th on its party list.	2	2
<i>Williams, Andrew</i>	List		One of NZ First's top performers dumped from the list amid rumours of personality clashes. No explanation was offered by the party or Williams.	3	2
<i>Horan, Brendon</i>	List		Sacked from NZ First, formed the Independent Coalition Party which scored a career-ending 0.02% of the party vote.	1	1

2014 Politician Of The Year - John Key

Head and shoulders above the competition, NZ's most popular PM, winner of three elections increasing the number of National seats each time, and now looking towards a fourth term. Key has not only performed strongly at home, he has become an international figure as well, cementing his and NZ's reputation abroad with his election as chairman of the International Democratic Union.

However there are clouds. The fallout from the "Dirty Politics" saga continues. It should have been firmly put to bed in the campaign. And Key's tendency to "forget," or "mishear" the question is becoming a worrying feature of the way he involves himself in the Parliamentary and media discourse.

He has the respect - almost the love - of the voters, he needs to be careful he does not treat them with contempt. A fourth term does beckon, but the PM's tendency to be just a bit smug, a bit arrogant, and at times a bit childish could derail it.

For now he is a titan, but Labour has a new leader and a new sense of purpose, and the next election is a long way away.



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