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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **STATUS OF CURRENT MINISTERS**

The Crown Law Department would like to clarify to the public the position under the Constitution regarding the appointment of Cabinet Ministers.

On Wednesday 22 December 2010 Lord Tu'ivakano was appointed by His Majesty, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, as the new Prime Minister of Tonga.

Accordingly Lord Tu'ivakano replaced Dr Feleti Sevele as the Prime Minister of Tonga.

The replacement of the Prime Minister however does not automatically mean that all the other Cabinet Ministers were also replaced.

Under clause 51 of the Constitution, the Cabinet Ministers who served under the previous Prime Minister still retain their appointments as Ministers under caretaker mode, until His Majesty appoints new Cabinet Ministers on the advice of the new Prime Minister Lord Tu'ivakano.

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