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12TH ANNUAL ROLL CALL – How Our MPs Performed In 2016

In this, the 12th annual Roll Call, Trans Tasman's Editors have a look at how the looming fight for a fourth term might be affecting the Govt, and how jostling for a cabinet seat may have affected performances in the past 12 months. As always we look at how MPs carried out their duties in Caucus, Cabinet, Committee, the House, their electorate and the influence they bring to bear in their various forums. As usual the MPs are ranked by the Trans Tasman Editors and their highly respected team of Capital insiders.

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Cabinet Ministers					
Name	Seat/list	Responsibilities	Comments	2015 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	Another globe-trotting year helping NZ make its mark on the world. Key's extraordinary media schedule at home could be why he's seemed a bit subdued at times. But the ship is steady and no one questions his vital importance to winning a fourth term. But he'll need a stellar 2017 to do it.	7.5	8.5
<i>English, Bill</i>	List	Deputy Prime Minister Minister of Finance Minister Responsible for HNZC	The Government's ultimate steady pair of hands and the only Minister given full marks by the NZ Herald's "Mood of the Boardroom." English's vast experience is behind a quiet competence that gives him the ability to take the heat out of issues that threaten to run out of control.	8	8.5
<i>Brownlee, Gerry</i>	Ilam	Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister of Defence Leader of the House Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission	He's on top of his portfolios although they sometimes seem a heavy load. Christchurch could have been a burn-out burden and he's still carrying it. Patience with the media tends to run thin and he's not one to look for publicity. He'll need more of it next year. Defence rates his performance there.	6	6.5
<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	If anyone wants to know how to handle media pressure, watch Steven Joyce. The unflappable Minister of everything is across a huge number of issues and opposition attacks haven't thrown him off balance. Inclined to exaggerate successes but he could be forgiven that in another good year.	6.5	7
<i>Bennett, Paula</i>	Waitakere	Minister of Climate Change Issues Minister for Social Housing Minister of State Services Associate Minister of Finance Associate Minister of Tourism	Plenty of ideas on ways to tackle homelessness, one of the issues Labour thinks will sink the Government in next year's election. To make sure it doesn't, she's going to have to deliver. Bennett isn't afraid to try something new and she's a risk-taker. Needs to build on her Westie charm.	7	7
<i>Coleman, Jonathan</i>	Northcote	Minister of Health Minister for Sport and Recreation	Not a bad year keeping the lid on the health system while Labour's Annette King did her best to blow it off. Things may not be as rosy as Coleman likes to say but under the surface he's worked hard with clinicians to understand their issues and problems.	6	6
<i>Adams, Amy</i>	Selwyn	Minister of Justice Minister for Courts Minister of Broadcasting Minister for Communications	She's faced some tough issues and handled them in her quietly competent way. Strong grasp of detail in her lead portfolio and it's easy not to notice how much she's doing because she doesn't make a lot of noise about it. Should be given more exposure in election year.	7.5	8.5
<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	Won praise and respect from across the House for the way he's handled Treaty negotiations. Labour didn't fault him as a raft of settlement Bills went smoothly through the system and he still had to handle security legislation. A totally committed Minister.	6	7.5

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<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	He's not being suggested as a future leader for nothing. Bridges is an engaging politician with infectious enthusiasm for his transport and energy projects. He's had a good year and he'll be an asset next year.	7	7.5
<i>Parata, Hekia</i>	List	Minister of Education	One of cabinet's movers and shakers but not for much longer. Decision to retire was a surprise for a Minister seen as effective despite a few historic bad calls. May be reshuffled out next year.	6.5	7
<i>Tolley, Anne</i>	East Coast	Minister for Social Development	Another Minister doing big things, committed to the huge care of vulnerable children restructure which will be her legacy. Tolley has a lot riding on it and she's putting her heart into it.	6	7
<i>Smith, Nick</i>	Nelson	Minister for the Environment Minister for Building and Housing	If wild enthusiasm won points, he'd be a 10. Smith charges in where others fear to tread, takes the falls and comes up fighting. The housing shortage is a beast and he'll have to tame it - or show it can be tamed - before the election.	5	5
<i>McCully, Murray</i>	East Coast Bays	Minister of Foreign Affairs Associate Minister for Sport and Recreation	May not stand again in the next election, and if he's done his dash it's been a good one. Still dogged at home by the Saudi sheep scandal but he's had a good year on the international scene. John Key's quiet helper at the Security Council meeting which was one of the PM's highlights this year.	8	8
<i>Collins, Judith</i>	Papakura	Minister of Police Minister of Corrections	She's back, showing how Corrections should be handled and championing the police against opposition criticism. The sizzle's still there.	N/A	6
<i>Guy, Nathan</i>	Otaki	Minister for Primary Industries Minister for Racing	A lot more self-assured this year and was able to show he knows his stuff. The hesitancy which made his grip on issues appear to be loose has largely gone. The dumped fish controversy really tested him.	5	5.5
<i>Kaye, Nikki</i>	Auckland Central	Minister for ACC Minister of Civil Defence Minister for Youth Associate Minister of Education	Another good year, cut short by serious illness but the fighter is expected to be back in the ring. She's already done enough to prove she's worth promoting.	5	5.5
<i>Woodhouse, Michael</i>	List	Minister of Immigration Minister of Revenue Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety	Recovered from the worm farm fiasco, given Revenue when Collins took over Police. Came through a testing time over the Panama Papers, another competent year.	7	7
<i>McClay, Todd</i>	Rotorua	Minister for State Owned Enterprises Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs Minister of Trade	Given Trade when Tim Groser left. Has picked up speed as he has gone along in a difficult portfolio. Did well in EU talks, but embarrassed the PM on China steel dumping.	6	6
<i>Sam Lotu-liga, Peseta</i>	Maungakiekie	Minister of Local Government Minister for Ethnic Communities Minister for Pacific Peoples Associate Minister of Health	A lot more comfortable with Local Government than he was with Corrections, but he still has problems dealing with media and questions in the House. Needs to be faster on his feet. Local government reforms ran into trouble with councils and had to be delayed.	5.5	4.5
<i>Barry, Maggie</i>	North Shore	Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister of Conservation Minister for Senior Citizens	Raised her profile with ambitious predator-free target, confident in front of the cameras and capable in the House. Charms the blue rinse brigade	4.5	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	Briefly fired up over the Havelock North water contamination crisis because he's the local MP. Doing a lot of work in his Associate Transport role which doesn't get much media traction because Bridges handles the big stuff. Seen as a weak link.	3	3

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<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	She's a good speaker in the House and could be used for stronger portfolios than the ones she stuck with - hard to make an impact with those.	3	4.5
<i>Wagner, Nicky</i>	Christchurch Central	Minister of Customs Minister for Disability Issues Associate Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Associate Minister of Conservation	Doesn't miss a chance to get Customs into the spotlight, coping well with her responsibilities but a bunch of associate roles doesn't offer much exposure.	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	Poor performer in the media and needs some serious training. Makes her look incompetent when she isn't. Gets hammered for not speaking up for women, a soft target for the opposition. Did well on LINZ and OIO issues.	5	4.5
<i>Goldsmith, Paul</i>	List	Minister of Commerce Minister of Consumer Affairs Associate Minister for ACC	A lot of detailed work in the Commerce portfolio which is rarely visible, it's a thankless portfolio in terms of media attention.	5	5.5
SUPPORT PARTY MINISTERS					
<i>Dunne, Peter</i>	Ohariu	Minister of Internal Affairs Associate Minister of Conservation Associate Minister of Health	Seamless restructuring of the Fire Service another demonstration of his competence. Becoming more strident in his criticism of the Govt which has led to speculation he's decided this is his last term.	5	6
<i>Flavell, Te Ururoa</i>	Waiariki	Minister for Maori Development Minister for Whanau Ora Associate Minister for Economic Development	Some heavy legislation this year which he's steering through safely. Still needs to blow his own trumpet more often - Works well with other Ministers and is delivering for Maori.	5	6
National Back Benchers					
<i>Bakshi, Kanwaljit</i>	List	Deputy Law and Order Select Committee	All he'll be remembered for this year is the Indian students and faulty fridges disaster. Maybe it's better he doesn't say anything, just works away in Committees and asks the odd patsy.	3	2
<i>Barclay, Todd</i>	Clutha-Southland		Electorate office problems were hushed up. Given a hurry up, and now represents local Queenstown issues more effectively.	3	2
<i>Bayly, Andrew</i>	Hunua	Deputy Chair Regulations Review Select Committee	Drafted a useful member's Bill on meth testing, takes Committee work seriously. Like the others, it's hard to get noticed on National's back benches.	3	4
<i>Bennett, David</i>	Hamilton East	Chair Finance and Expenditure Select Committee	Becoming part of the furniture but he's a spirited debater and isn't shy about what he thinks of Winston Peters (who calls him baldy).	3	4
<i>Bishop, Chris</i>	List	Deputy Chair Finance and Expenditure Select Committee	Trevor Mallard's decision not to stand again in Hutt South means Bishop's day is coming, he should take the seat next year. Strong campaign is guaranteed, he'll be rewarded.	5	5.5
<i>Borrows, Chester</i>	Whanganui	Deputy Speaker	He won't take any nonsense in the House and MPs know it. More power to his arm, we say. Not expected to stand again.	4	4.5
<i>Carter, David</i>	List	Speaker	Insists he enjoys the job, wants it again and says rumours of a foreign posting were rubbish. There's no evidence they weren't. Often accused of bias but he's been tough on some Ministers this year.	4	5.5
<i>Dean, Jacqui</i>	Waitaki	Chair Justice and Electoral Select Committee	Select Committee chair is probably her career high point. Good when she speaks, needs to do more of it to be noticed.	3.5	3.5
<i>Doocey, Matt</i>	Waimakariri	Deputy Chair Social Services Select Committee	Routine supporter of Government Bills, hasn't done anything worth noticing but, as we say, it's a tough life on the back bench.	3	3

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<i>Dowie, Sarah</i>	Invercargill	Deputy Chair Government Administration Select Committee	An earnest MP, another one who is given menial tasks. Can't say she's done anything that warrants an upgrade.	3	3
<i>Foster-Bell, Paul</i>	List	Deputy Chair Education and Science Select Committee	A genuinely nice guy, which won't help his career. Put the RSA booze Bill through the House, to popular acclaim.	2	3
<i>Hayes, Jo</i>	List		Fizzy MP and an enthusiastic speaker, a bit difficult to know what she's on about at times.	3	3.5
<i>Hudson, Brett</i>	List	Deputy Chair Commerce Select Committee	A serious speaker who thinks about what he says, but he isn't going to be a mover or a shaker.	2.5	3
<i>Korako, Nuk</i>	List	Chair Maori Affairs Select Committee	What was he thinking with his ridiculous airport lost property Bill? Didn't seem to realise what was actually in it, caucus should have shot it down.	2.5	2
<i>Kuriger, Barbara</i>	Taranaki-King Country	Deputy Chair Health Select Committee	Former Dairy Woman of the Year knows her agricultural stuff but gets no chance to show it. Doing good work on the health committee.	2	4
<i>Lee, Melissa</i>	List	Chair Commerce Select Committee	Part of National's ethnic diversity who showed promise to begin with but that was 2008 and it's all gone now. Past her use-by date.	2	2
<i>Macindoe, Tim</i>	Hamilton West	Chief Whip	Safe pair of hands as senior whip. He's doing his apprenticeship, should expect promotion.	5	5
<i>McKelvie, Ian</i>	Rangitikei	Chair Primary Production Select Committee	Has done a good job on his committee steering through animal welfare legislation and dealing with lots of submissions.	3	4
<i>Mitchell, Mark</i>	Rodney	Chair Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee	Gaining credit from others for the way he runs an important Committee, so he's making progress. Widely admired by his superiors.	2.5	5
<i>Muller, Todd</i>	Bay Of Plenty	Deputy Local Government and Environment Select Committee	Still being mentioned as leadership material but isn't doing much to demonstrate why. Maybe he's being wise and breathing through his nose during his first term. Effective in Committee.	3	4
<i>Naylor, Jono</i>	List	Deputy Chair Justice and Electoral Select Committee	Calling it quits after one term, so what go into him? No one has bothered finding out.	3	2
<i>Ngaro, Alfred</i>	List	Chair Social Services Select Committee	Can't say he's a stand-out but he puts on a good show in the House on Govt Bills.	4.5	5
<i>O'Connor, Simon</i>	Tamaki	Chair Health Select Committee	Respected around the House for the way he runs his Committee, a good promotion prospect.	4	5
<i>Parmar, Parmjeet</i>	List		Ambitious MP shooting for the Mt Roskill seat. In line for promotion if she's successful.	4	5
<i>Pugh, Maureen</i>	List		Speaks strongly for the West Coast.	N/A	3
<i>Reti, Shane</i>	Whangarei	Deputy Chair Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee	Works hard in his electorate. More active in the House this year.	3	3.5
Ross, Jamie- Lee	Botany		Impressive attack politician who should be given more space to work in.	4	4.5
<i>Scott, Alastair</i>	Wairarapa	Deputy Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee	Another Committee man in danger of lapsing into obscurity, if he hasn't already.	3	3
<i>Simpson, Scott</i>	Coromandel	Chair Local Government and Environment Select Committee	Good speaker when he gets a chance, which isn't often. Lacks interest.	2.5	2
<i>Smith, Stuart</i>	Kaikoura	Deputy Primary Production Select Committee	Really needs to raise his game. Surely he can do better. Will the quake be an opportunity? Kudos for the weekly newsletter though.	2	2.5
<i>Tisch, Lindsay</i>	Waikato	Assistant Speaker	Standing down after a good stint as an Assistant Speaker, handled the House well.	4	4

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<i>Williamson, Maurice</i>	Pakuranga		A diplomatic posting in Los Angeles - could he have been difficult to dislodge without the lure?	3	3
<i>Yang, Jian</i>	List	Chair Education and Science Select Committee	Another solid Committee man doing a good job in his constituency.	3	3
<i>Young, Jonathan</i>	New Plymouth	Chair Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee	Hardly any profile but he hammered Andrew Little in New Plymouth in 2014, which couldn't have done much for the Labour leader's self-esteem.	3	3
United Future					
<i>Dunne, Peter</i>	Ohariu	See support party Ministers		5	6
ACT					
<i>Seymour, David</i>	Epsom	Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Minister of Education and Minister of Regulatory Reform.	Another vigorous year from a support party leader who isn't shy about laying into the Government. Slipped a bit on last year's performance but he's still making waves.	8.5	7
Maori					
<i>Fox, Marama</i>	List		A lot more assertive this year, you won't die wondering what she's thinking. Her outspoken presence is what the party needs - badly.	3	4.5
<i>Flavell, Te Ururoa</i>	Waiairiki	See support party Ministers		5	6
Labour					
<i>Ardern, Jacinda</i>	List		Pleasant MP who smiles a lot - needs to do more because she's had an unremarkable year despite holding the justice portfolio.	5	4
<i>Clark, David</i>	Dunedin North		Very good at blaming the Government for anything that goes wrong. Loses half a point for tedious repetition.	4	3.5
<i>Cosgrove, Clayton</i>	List		We said it was probably time he went, and he's decided it is. He's done his dash, and did it well before being relegated.	3	3
<i>Cunliffe, David</i>	New Lynn		We said he should set something up outside politics, and he has. Leaving to become a consultant after being given minor roles following disastrous election result under his leadership. Didn't hold grudges though, worked diligently under Little and was a strong debater.	4	5
<i>Curran, Clare</i>	Dunedin South		Says a lot more than is ever reported, partly because she can be a bit bewildering. Must keep it simple and pack more punch.	3.5	4
<i>Davis, Kelvin</i>	Te Tai Tokerau		Cracked open the Serco scandal and made the most of it. Must resist going over the top. A good year.	6	6.5
<i>Dyson, Ruth</i>	Port Hills	Chair Government Administration Select Committee	Still lurching along, she's rejuvenation material but doesn't look like going. Labour won't pick a fight over it. Good debater, competent chair of Government Administration Select Committee.	2	3
<i>Fafoi, Kris</i>	Mana		Worked hard in his really tough electorate. Needs to be judged on more than what's visible.	3	3.5
<i>Goff, Phil</i>	Mt Roskill		Left Parliament in the best possible way, with no regrets and triumph in Auckland. Parting shot to Ministers: "You haven't seen the last of me." They know it, he's going to give them problems.	5.5	5
<i>Henare, Peeni</i>	Tamaki Makaurau		Thoughtful, intelligent speaker who can make a point without ranting. Improving, and will probably continue to do so.	3	4

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<i>Hipkins, Chris</i>	Rimutaka		Fought the education battle against a resurgent Hekia Parata, noisy on bulk funding and partnership schools.	6	6
<i>King, Annette</i>	Rongotai	Deputy Leader	Andrew Little's invaluable deputy. Keeps the caucus in line and, occasionally, the leader. Still on top of her health portfolio.	6.5	6
<i>Lees-Galloway, Iain</i>	Palmerston North		One of the boys who makes the noise, not all of it worth much but he didn't miss many opportunities. Strong debater although he descends into diatribes.	5	3
<i>Little, Andrew</i>	List	Leader	The leadership is solid, and this alone gives Little a good year. Still needs to sound more like an alternative PM and less like a union leader, too much of the "angry Andrew" may be turning voters off. Some loose-lipped comments worried the caucus but he's worked hard and learned a lot about using the media.	6	6.5
<i>Mahuta, Nanaia</i>	Hauraki-Waikato	Deputy Maori Affairs Select Committee	There because of who she is, not what she does, which isn't much. When she does react it's usually too little and much too late.	4	2
<i>Mallard, Trevor</i>	Hutt South		Labour's Speaker-in-waiting has given up his seat for the list, and could see Hutt South go to Chris Bishop. Associate Speaker role keeps the former top gun quiet, handles the House well.	4	4
<i>Moroney, Sue</i>	List		Forced the Govt to use its financial veto to kill her paid parental leave Bill, gaining good publicity for Labour along the way. Not much since then though.	3	3
<i>Nash, Stuart</i>	Napier		Criticism of the police drew a complaint from the top, was told to tone it down. Takes on Collins, who is one hell of an adversary. Spirited stuff.	5	5
<i>O'Connor, Damien</i>	West Coast -Tasman		Plenty to say on primary industries, led the attacks on Nathan Guy during the fishing by-catch uproar and had a good year.	4.5	5
<i>Parker, David</i>	List		An MP with integrity and a fine career. Has been effective in the house on RMA and the Saudi sheep deal. Strong on policy and finance.	4	6
<i>Robertson, Grant</i>	Wellington Central		Labour's strongest debater in the House but he isn't landing any hits on Bill English. Must get traction in the finance portfolio.	4	4.5
<i>Rurawhe, Adrian</i>	Te Tai Hauauru		Quiet MP who has points to make but they get lost in his low-key speeches, must put some fizz into it or he'll go completely flat.	3.5	3
<i>Salesa, Jenny</i>	Manukau East		Smart MP and a quick learner. More experience needed, she's got potential.	3	4
<i>Sepuloni, Carmel</i>	Kelston		Social development is a big portfolio and she needs to work harder on it. Complaining about the Government isn't enough, she needs to give Andrew Little some reasons to keep her on.	4	3
<i>Shearer, David</i>	Mt Albert		Does his homework, a good grip on foreign affairs backed by personal experience. Thoughtful and reasoned debater.	4	5
<i>Sio, Su'a William</i>	Mangere		Picked up on the plight of Auckland's homeless and made an impact, much better year.	2.5	3
<i>Tirikatene, Rino</i>	Te Tai Tonga		Another disappointing year. No cut through on fisheries, arguments lack focus.	2	2
<i>Twyford, Phil</i>	Te Atatu		A strong year on housing, and he had plenty to work with. A bit excitable, sometimes over the top but can't be faulted for effort and endurance.	6	5.5

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<i>Wall, Louisa</i>	Manurewa		Not a standout year and she isn't living up to her billing. Committed to her causes, needs more than heartfelt speeches.	4.5	3
<i>Whaitiri, Meka</i>	Ikaroa-Rawhiti		Many outside Parliament have never heard of her. Needs to change this or she'll be forgotten inside Parliament as well.	3	2
<i>Williams, Poto</i>	Christchurch East		This MP has potential. Good work on her portfolios, serious contributor in the House.	4	4.5
<i>Woods, Megan</i>	Wigram		Energetic debater, good profile and media-savvy but she's in danger of becoming a bore with her endless nagging about Christchurch.	4	4
Greens					
<i>Browning, Steffan</i>	List		Knows organics better than anyone else in Parliament but rarely proves his value. Needs to be proactive, low profile could cost him a winnable place on the party list.	3	2
<i>Clendon, David</i>	List		A much better year with strong contributions on prisons, more active with the media. A quiet man who needs to spark up his debating chamber performance.	3	3.5
<i>Davidson, Marama</i>	List		A good first year, worked hard and made her presence known in Parliament. A bit naive but she'll wise up.	N/A	2
<i>Delahunty, Catherine</i>	List		Holds dearly to her beliefs, passionate about Maori issues and worked hard on the clean water campaign. Is it her last term?	2	2
<i>Coates, Barry</i>	List		Already showing himself to be an effective debater. Did well on his anti-TPP speech	N/A	2
<i>Genter, Julie Ann</i>	List		Made a good fist of the finance portfolio before it shifted to Shaw, didn't say anything silly or get out of her depth. Still strong on transport.	4	5.5
<i>Graham, Kennedy</i>	List		A student of international affairs, he's respected around the House, although rarely agreed with.	4	3
<i>Hague, Kevin</i>	List		A graceful exit from Parliament with his eight years of service recognised. The Greens will miss his experience of the health sector.	5	3
<i>Hughes, Gareth</i>	List		A good grip on energy issues and a tireless campaigner for sustainability. Still looks a lot younger than 35, maybe it's what the beard is about.	5	5
<i>Logie, Jan</i>	List		Total commitment to women's rights and her war against abuse. Sometimes excessive but she wouldn't think so.	4	3
<i>Mathers, Mojo</i>	List		Genuine concerns about animal welfare but you wouldn't really know it. Now she's got conservation, and she'll have to raise her profile.	3	3
<i>Roche, Denise</i>	List		Honest, caring, intense in a quiet way not getting her any attention. An upgrade for trying hard.	4	4.5
<i>Sage, Eugene</i>	List		The environment is right up there for the Greens and Sage needs to let Parliament and the public know it more often.	4	4
<i>Shaw James</i>	List	Co-Leader	The smart half of the co-leadership but he defers to Turei because she's been there longer than him - if they think it's the way it has to be, then get over it. Shaw should be the senior leader.	5.5	6

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<i>Turei, Metiria</i>	List	Co-Leader	Relentless left-wing socialist with a tinge of green. Turei puts in the hard yards but she's far out. She'd be hard to handle in a coalition Govt and the prospect of having her as deputy PM is just plain scary.	4	4
NZ First					
<i>Ball, Darroch</i>	List		Plenty of media statements but no exposure. Eclipsed by his leader, as are his colleagues.	2	2.5
<i>Bindra, Mahesh</i>	List		Ex Dept of Corrections employee tried to get into the Serco scandal but didn't seem to know how.	2	1
<i>Bond, Ria</i>	List		Maiden speech still her best, tries but didn't get a chance to say much. Unremarkable year.	2	2
<i>Mark, Ron</i>	List		One of the boys who makes the noise. Aggressive and sometimes badly behaved. Got stuck in on local Government and defence issues.	3.5	4
<i>Martin, Tracey</i>	List	Deputy leader	Had plenty to say on education, a bit screechy and over the top but she's hard not to notice.	2	2
<i>Mitchell, Clayton</i>	List		He's one who is easy not to notice.	2	2
<i>O'Rourke, Denis</i>	List		Does his homework, provokes Ministers into responding. Good on transport.	5	4
<i>Paraone, Pita</i>	List		Quiet, sensible and respected MP who has the ear of the Treaty Negotiations Minister. Finlayson acknowledges his input.	2	3
<i>Peters, Winston</i>	Northland	Leader	Parliament's action man held more public meetings this year than the other leaders put together. Fired up, feisty and abrasive, Peters is gearing up for a strong campaign as the polls indicate he's going to be king-maker again. He'll pile on the pressure next year.	7	7.5
<i>Prosser, Richard</i>	List		Seizes opportunities to make his mark, although he's sometimes a bit wide of it. Good effort though.	2.5	2
<i>Stewart, Barbara</i>	List		A quiet year and could have made more of the health portfolio. Needs to get a tighter grip on mainstream issues, tends to get side-tracked.	4	2
<i>Tabuteau, Fletcher</i>	List		An MP with presence and promise. Thoughtful speaker who needs to push a bit harder.	3	3.5

2016 Politician Of The Year - Amy Adams

Our politician of the year is a quiet achiever. She's had an outstanding year as Justice Minister. She's handled a huge workload with calm confidence, and through it she's been media-friendly, unflappable and accessible. Adams doesn't look for headlines, but she got them for the calls she made on compensation for David Bain and Teina Pora. Those are the announcements she'll be best remembered for during 2016, and they were just the tip of an iceberg. Adams put more Bills through Parliament than any other Minister, and they demonstrate the extent of her responsibilities and undertakings. She's worked on new ways to keep victims of crime safer, particularly in the aftermath of family violence. Alongside this, her Evidence Amendment Bill protects young and vulnerable witnesses who find themselves in court through no fault of their own. The Coronial system was revamped to make it more efficient through a range of amendments to existing law. The escape and recapture of Phillip John (Traynor) Smith threw up serious deficiencies in offender identity procedures, and Adams had to sort it out with her Enhancing Identity Verification and Border Processes Legislation Bill. She's launched a review of the Search and Surveillance Act, and put a Bill through to improve the way the Human Rights Commission works. Justice is Adams' lead portfolio, the others are courts, broadcasting and communications. So she's updated century-old courts legislation and set up a pilot for dedicated sexual violence courts. And the communications portfolio means she's in charge of the Govt's \$2bn ultra-fast broadband rollout. You won't hear Adams ranting at opposition parties across the floor of the House. She's too busy getting on with the job.

