

## Jamaica's First Cabinet

The Cabinet of the Government of Jamaica is the principal instrument of government policy. It consists of the Prime Minister, and a minimum of thirteen other Ministers of Government, who must be members of one of the two Houses of Parliament.

However, not more than four members of the Cabinet may be members of the Senate. The Minister of Finance must be an elected member of the House of Representatives.

**JAMAICA'S FIRST CABINET 1962 HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT JAMAICA**

Jamaica's Governors-General from 1962-2012

6 August 1962 – 30 November 1962: Sir Kenneth William Blackburne

1 December 1962 – 28 February 1973: Sir Clifford Clarence Campbell

28 February 1973 – 27 June 1973: Sir Herbert George Holwell Duffus (Acting)

27 June 1973 – 31 March 1991: Sir Florizel Augustus Glasspole

31 March 1991 – 1 August 1991: Edward Zacca (Acting)

1 August 1991 – 15 February 2006: Sir Howard Felix Hanlan Cooke

15 February 2006 – 26 February 2009: Sir Kenneth Octavius Hall

26 February 2009 – Present: Sir Patrick Linton Allen

Jamaica's Leaders from 1962-2012

First and only Premier: The Right Excellent Norman Washington Manley, M.M., Q.C., B.C.L., LL.D (Hon.) (July 1959 – July 1962)

First Prime Minister: The Right Excellent Sir William Alexander Bustamante, G.B.E., LL.D (Hon.) (Aug. 6, 1962 – Feb. 27, 1967)

Second Prime Minister: The Most Honourable Sir Donald Burns Sangster, ON, KCVO (Feb. 22, 1967 – April 11, 1967)

Third Prime Minister: The Most Honourable Hugh Lawson Shearer, ON, PC, OJ, LL.D (Hon) (April 11, 1967 – March 2, 1972)

Fourth Prime Minister: The Most Honourable Michael Norman Manley, ON, OM, OCC (March 2, 1972 – Nov. 4, 1980, & Feb. 13, 1989 – Mar. 30, 1992)

Fifth Prime Minister: The Most Hon. Edward Phillip George Seaga, ON, P.C., LL.D. (Hon.) (Nov. 4- 1980 – Feb. 13, 1989)

Sixth Prime Minister: The Most Honourable Percival Noel James Patterson, ON, OCC, PC, QC (Mar. 30, 1992 to Mar. 30, 2006)

Seventh Prime Minister: The Most. Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, O.N., M.P. (Mar. 31, 2006 – Sept. 10, 2007 & Jan. 5, 2012 – Present)

Eighth Prime Minister: The Hon. Orette Bruce Golding (September 11, 2007 – 2011)

Ninth Prime Minister: The Hon. Andrew Michael Holness, M.P. (Oct. 23, 2011 – Dec. 28, 2011)

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