



# Premier Announces Deputy Minister Assignments

In consultation with Ministers and senior government officials, Premier Aariak's appointments make best use of their knowledge and skills. "The way forward depends on developing and utilizing our best resources, the people of Nunavut, including those in our public service," said Premier Aariak. "Today's appointments do just that, returning several deputies to get maximum benefit from their strengths and developing the skills of others."

Markus Weber will assume the role of Deputy Minister of Executive and Secretary to Cabinet after serving the previous government for four years as Deputy Minister of Justice.

David Omilgoitok will re-assume the responsibilities of Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, a portfolio he held previously for six years.

Simon Awa will become the Deputy Minister of Environment, a post he previously held from 2004-2008, where he can best apply Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and support the seal industry.

Aluki Rojas will bring her skills to the Department of Human Resources as Deputy Minister, where she had made progress in increasing Inuit Employment and developing a stronger public service.

Coovian Flanagan will return to the Department of Justice as Deputy Minister, where she can apply her 17 years of experience in policing, community justice and corrections.

The reassignments are effective on November 25, 2008.

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