

## **Statement**

## **Federal Cabinet Shuffle**

July 15, 2013 Iqaluit, NU

Premier Eva Aariak released the following statement:

"I note with interest, the changes that Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made to his Cabinet today. Nunavut's relationship with the federal government is particularly important to the future of our young territory. With new faces around the federal Cabinet table comes new work in ensuring decision-makers in Ottawa are well aware of Nunavut's needs and unique situation in Confederation.

I am pleased that Nunavut's Member of Parliament, Leona Aglukkaq, was appointed Minister of the Environment.

As a Nunavummiutaq she will bring an Arctic perspective to the issues of climate change, pollution of our oceans and the need to balance economic development with environmental protection. We are hopeful that this new role will contribute to the impact Minister Aglukkaq can have as Chair of the Arctic Council.

On behalf of the Government of Nunavut, I congratulate all of the new Ministers and look forward to continued collaboration with the federal government on issues of mutual interest and concern to Nunavummiut."

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