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Question:

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On what date/s was each letter received.

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Answer:

Have new ministers – and ministers with revised responsibilities – received charter letters from the Prime Minister.

- All Cabinet Ministers and Ministers within the Prime Minister's portfolio have been sent charter letters from the Prime Minister. Assistant Ministers have been copied relevant charter letters.

On what date/s was each letter received.

- Charter letters were sent between 27 October and 11 November.

Can the charter letters be provided.

- No, charter letters cannot be provided. It is a longstanding convention that the nature and content of letters are not disclosed to maintain Cabinet confidentiality.