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NEW CABINET MINISTERS APPOINTED

VANCOUVER – Premier Gordon Campbell today announced new responsibilities for three cabinet ministers and the appointment of a new member to cabinet.

The changes were prompted by Gary Collins' announcement today that he is resigning his seat in the Legislature to accept a new career opportunity in the private sector.

“On behalf of all British Columbians, I want to thank Gary for his 13 years of public service and we all wish him the very best in his new career,” said Campbell. “The cabinet changes I am announcing today reflect the experience and commitment of all four individuals. I am confident that each of them will perform exceptionally in their new roles. I know the entire cabinet and government caucus welcomes them in their new responsibilities as we work to build a better future for all British Columbians.”

Deputy Premier Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George-Mount Robson, currently serving as Minister of Advanced Education, will be appointed Minister of Health Services.

Colin Hansen, MLA for Vancouver - Quilchena, currently serving as Minister of Health Services, will be appointed Minister of Finance.

Ida Chong, MLA for Oak Bay - Gordon Head, currently serving as Minister of State for Women's and Seniors' Services, will be appointed Minister of Advanced Education.

Wendy McMahon, MLA for Columbia River-Revelstoke, currently serving as Government Caucus Chair, will be appointed Minister of State for Women's and Seniors' Services.

Graham Bruce, MLA for Cowichan-Ladysmith, Minister of Skills Development and Labour, will be appointed Government House Leader.

The ministers will be sworn into office by the lieutenant-governor tomorrow.

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1 backgrounder(s) attached.

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