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# O'Neill delays cabinet line-up

## Leo Dion is deputy PM

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PRIME Minister Peter O'Neill has appointed East New Britain Governor Leo Dion as the Deputy Prime Minister.

In a surprise move which will generate a wide range of reactions from across the nation, Mr O'Neill announced Mr Dion's appointment at the Government House, despite not living up to his promise of announcing ministerial portfolios for his 22 other Members that were appointed and sworn in yesterday, most of them relatively new.

Among them is woman parliamentarian and Lae MP, Loujaya Toni.

Mr O'Neill said he would announce the portfolios today. The decision to have members sworn in without portfolios irked a few MPs and some elite members of the nation who eagerly waited for the announcement. This was a commitment Mr O'Neill made last Sunday.

"Today concludes our formal line-up of Cabinet, which is a total of 33 as required by our law," Mr O'Neill said.

"Let me take this opportunity to thank all the leaders of the coalition partners and especially the leader of THE Party (Don Polye), the second biggest party on the floor of Parliament, for agreeing to one of their members becoming the Deputy Prime Minister of the country," he said.

"Today's ministerial line-up, as many of you will notice, has got a fresh (outlook)... but I am certain that they will perform to their very best and to the expectations of our people. We will perform to our very best and I think today is a great start to making sure that Papua New Guineans are served..."

Mr Dion said it was a hard call to accept the second top position but assured everyone present that with his experience, he will do his best for the people.

It was reported on the social media yesterday that "Although Leo Dion is a quality choice too - he has the experience, respect and leadership qualities required - from the perspective of purely the numbers' game which is so crucial in PNG politics, it is a rather illogical decision, and one that must have been made with a few distractions in mind - most importantly in this instance - the idea of 'regionalism'."

MPs sworn in as Ministers yesterday and Rimbink Pato, David Arore, Paul Isikiel, Richard Maru, Dr Fabian Pok, Nixon Duban, Jimmy Miringtoro, Tommy Tomscoll, Loujaya Toni, Kerenga Kua, Paru Aihi, Mark Maipakai, Justin Tatchenko, Michael Malabag, Jim Simatab, Byron Chan, Francis Awesa, Benny Allen, Davis Stevens, Steven Pirika Kamma and Boka Kondra.

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## Winning combination

Finally . . . The elections for Papua New Guinea's National Capital District, supposedly the first electorate to be declared, finally came to an end. Sitting Provincial Member Powes Parkop (pictured) was declared yesterday. See story on page 3



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