

## **First two groups of new members of cabinet sworn in on Tuesday in Greece**



The second group of new members of the cabinet, following a reshuffle, arrived at the presidential mansion to be sworn in at 11:45 on Tuesday, in the presence of President of the Hellenic Republic Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

As for the first group, before entering the presidential mansion they each did a rapid test for coronavirus as a precaution.

The second group includes Thodoris Livanios, who was appointed deputy minister to the prime minister, Christos Tarantilis who takes over from Stelios Petsas as government spokesperson, Zetta Makri and Angelos Syriggos, who have been appointed as deputy education ministers, Maria Syreggela, as deputy labour minister, and Giorgos Kotsiras, as a deputy justice minister.

Archbishop of Athens and All Greece Ieronymos did not conduct the ceremony for the second group, who are all deputy ministers.

Earlier, the first six of the new ministers and deputy ministers joining the government or switching portfolios were sworn in by Archbishop Ieronymos at the

presidential mansion at 11:00, in the presence of President Sakellariopoulou and the prime minister. The new members of cabinet were split up into three groups for the swearing-in ceremony, as a measure to protect against the spread of Covid-19.

The first group included Kostis Hatzidakis, the new labour minister, Kostas Skrekas who is taking over the environment ministry, Makis Voridis who will lead the interior ministry, Spilios Livanos who is the new rural development minister, Vassilis Kontozamanis who has become alternate health minister and Stelios Petsas, who is now alternate interior minister.

The next group will be sworn in 12:30, while Giorgos Amyras, the new deputy environment minister, and Nikolaos Giatromanolakis, the new deputy culture minister, will be sworn into office via a civil affirmation.

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