

Ceremonies to swear in new members of Greek government cabinet concluded



The ceremonies to swear in the new members of the cabinet, as well as those that were transferred to different ministries during a reshuffle the previous day, were concluded before President of the Hellenic Republic Katerina Sakellaropoulou and Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis on Tuesday, with the arrival of the last group of eight new deputy ministers at the presidential mansion.

The last group sworn in using a religious oath included Stavros Kalafatis, deputy minister of the interior, Sofia Voultepsi, deputy migration and asylum minister, Giorgos Stylios, the deputy digital governance minister, Kostas Katsafados, the deputy shipping and island policy minister, Yiannis Economou, deputy rural development minister and Sofia Zacharaki, the deputy tourism minister.

The last two deputy ministers, Giorgos Amyras at the environment ministry and Nikolaos Giatromanolakis at the culture ministry, were sworn into office via a civil affirmation.

As for the previous two groups, they were given a rapid test for Covid-19 before entering the presidential mansion.

The second group of new members of the cabinet was sworn in at 11:45 and included 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 were 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.

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.

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