





4G leadership taking shape

The latest promotions mean all six men tipped to be top leaders are now full ministers. We chart their careers since they entered politics.

	May 2011	Aug 2012	Sept 2013	May 2014	2015	2016
 Heng Swee Keat 55	Becomes Education Minister after the general election, the first new MP to be made full minister since 1984	Made chair of Our Singapore Conversation	Named chairman of SG50 Jubilee celebrations		Made Finance Minister after the general election, as well as chairman of the Committee on the Future Economy	
 Chan Chun Sing 47	Made Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, and Minister of State for Information, Communications and the Arts	Remains Acting Minister for Social and Family Development when the ministry is renamed, and is promoted to Senior Minister of State for Defence	Promoted to full minister at Social and Family Development, and is Second Minister for Defence		Moved to Prime Minister's Office in April, and becomes labour chief in May. He also becomes deputy chairman of the People's Association and Party Whip.	
 Tan Chuan-Jin 47	Becomes Minister of State for Manpower as well as National Development	Appointed Acting Manpower Minister and Senior Minister of State for National Development	Gives up National Development portfolio to focus on Manpower	Promoted to full minister	Becomes Minister for Social and Family Development in April.	
 Lawrence Wong 43	Made Minister of State for Education and Defence	Named Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State for Communications and Information		Promoted to full minister, becomes Second Minister for Communications and Information	Named Minister for National Development in October	Appointed Second Minister for Finance in August, to help Mr Heng



Ong Ye Kung, 46

2011
Contests Aljunied GRC, but PAP team loses to WP. Becomes NTUC deputy secretary-general in June.

2013
Joins Keppel Corporation as director of group strategy.

2015
Elected in Sembawang GRC, and named Acting Minister for Education, in charge of higher education and skills, as well as Senior Minister of State for Defence.

2016
Promoted to full minister from November.



Ng Chee Meng, 48

2015
Elected in Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC. Becomes Acting Education Minister, focusing on schools, and Senior Minister of State for Transport.

2016
Promoted to full minister from November.