

## Vietnam's New Leadership:

### The 16th National Assembly, April 2026

Within the first three working days – April 6 to 8, 2026 – Vietnam's 16th National Assembly (Quốc hội khóa XVI) completed the full restructure of the state apparatus for the 2026–2031 term. All legislative, executive, and judicial leadership positions were confirmed. This briefing summarises the key appointments and their portfolio responsibilities as a practical reference for businesses and stakeholders engaged across the Australia–Vietnam corridor.

### National Assembly Leadership

- **Chairman: Trần Thanh Mẫn** – Doctor of Economics; former Chairman of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee. Continuing as Chairman of the 16th National Assembly.

Six Vice Chairpersons were confirmed:

Name	Background
Đỗ Văn Chiến	Agricultural engineer; Politburo member; former Minister–Chairman, Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs
Nguyễn Khắc Định	Doctor of Law; former Chairman of the NA Law Committee
Nguyễn Thị Thanh	Doctor of Economic Management; former Secretary, Ninh Bình Provincial Party Committee
Nguyễn Hồng Diên	Doctor of Public Administration; former Minister of Industry and Trade
Nguyễn Đoàn Anh	Lieutenant General, Vietnam People's Army; former Deputy Chief of the General Staff
Nguyễn Thị Hồng	Master of Development Economics; former Governor, State Bank of Vietnam (2020–2026)

- **State Auditor General: Nguyễn Hữu Nghĩa** – Doctor of Finance and Banking; former Secretary, Hưng Yên Provincial Party Committee.

### The Four Constitutional Offices

- **State President: Tô Lâm** – Four-star General; PhD in Law; Professor of Security Science. Concurrently serves as General Secretary of the CPV, re-elected at the 14th National Party Congress, January 23, 2026.
- **Prime Minister: Lê Minh Hưng** – Former Governor, State Bank of Vietnam (2016–2020); Politburo member; former Chairman, CPV Central Committee's Organisation Commission.



- **Vice State President: Võ Thị Ánh Xuân** – Master of Public Administration; previously served as Acting State President (January–March 2023 and March–May 2024).
- **Chief Justice, Supreme People’s Court: Nguyễn Văn Quảng** – Doctor of Law; former Secretary, Đà Nẵng Municipal Party Committee. Continuing from the 15th-term Supreme People’s Court.
- **Procurator General, Supreme People’s Procuracy: Nguyễn Huy Tiến** – Doctor of Law; over three decades in the procuracy system; former Director of the Department for Public Prosecution and Supervision of Corruption Investigations.

### Cabinet Structure

The new Government comprises **23 members** – reduced from 26 in the previous term: 1 Prime Minister, 6 Deputy Prime Ministers, 14 Ministers, and 3 Heads of ministerial-level agencies.

#### Six Deputy Prime Ministers – Under Decision No. 666/QĐ-TTg

Deputy PM	Background	Key Portfolios
<b>Phạm Gia Túc</b> ( <i>Standing</i> )	Politburo member; former Chief, Party Central Committee Office	Industry, trade, energy, transport, infrastructure, national planning
<b>Phan Văn Giang</b> ( <i>also Defence Minister</i> )	Four-star General; PhD in Military Sciences; former Chief of the General Staff	Defence, East Sea affairs, overseas Vietnamese, international organisations
<b>Phạm Thị Thanh Trà</b> ( <i>first female Deputy PM</i> )	Master of Education Management; former Secretary, Yên Bái Provincial Party Committee	Health, home affairs, social affairs, labour, culture and tourism
<b>Hồ Quốc Dũng</b>	Master of Law; former Chairman, Bình Định Provincial People’s Committee	AI, semiconductors, innovation, science and technology, agriculture, climate
<b>Nguyễn Văn Thắng</b>	PhD in Economics; former Minister of Finance and former Minister of Transport	FDI, ODA, capital markets, banking, International Financial Centre
<b>Lê Tiến Châu</b>	Doctor of Law; former Secretary, Hải Phòng City Party Committee	Judicial reform, education, anti-corruption



### 14 Ministers

Portfolio	Minister	Background
National Defence	Gen. Phan Văn Giang	Four-star General; PhD in Military Sciences; also serves as Deputy Prime Minister
Public Security	Gen. Lương Tam Quang	Four-star General; Bachelor of Law (Crime Investigation)
Foreign Affairs	Lê Hoài Trung	PhD in Law; MA in International Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University, USA); career diplomat; Politburo member
Home Affairs	Đỗ Thanh Bình	Master of Economics; former Deputy Minister of Home Affairs
Justice	Hoàng Thanh Tùng	Master of Law; CPV Central Committee member
Finance	Ngô Văn Tuấn	Master of Finance-Banking; former State Auditor General
Industry and Trade	Lê Mạnh Hùng	PhD in Chemistry (Petrochemical Science); CPV Central Committee member
Agriculture and Environment	Trịnh Việt Hùng	PhD in Business Administration; Master of Agricultural Economics
Construction	Trần Hồng Minh	PhD in Bridge, Road and Underground Construction; CPV Central Committee member
Culture, Sports and Tourism	Lâm Thị Phương Thanh	Master of Law; CPV Central Committee member
Science and Technology	Vũ Hải Quân	PhD in Information Technology (University of Trento, Italy); AI specialist; former President, Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City
Education and Training	Hoàng Minh Sơn	PhD in Automation Engineering; former Rector, Hanoi University of Science and Technology
Health	Đào Hồng Lan	Master of Economics; CPV Central Committee member
Ethnic and Religious Affairs	Nguyễn Đình Khang	Master of Economic Management; former President, Vietnam General Confederation of Labor

### 3 Heads of Ministerial-Level Agencies

Agency	Head	Background
<b>State Bank of Vietnam</b> (Governor)	Phạm Đức Ấn	Master of Business Administration; former Chairman, Agribank Board of Directors
<b>Government Inspectorate</b> (Chief Inspector)	Nguyễn Quốc Đoàn	PhD in Criminal Science; former Secretary, Lạng Sơn Provincial Party Committee
<b>Government Office</b> (Minister-Chairman)	Đặng Xuân Phong	PhD in Economics; former Secretary, Ninh Bình Provincial Party Committee



### **Outlook: The New Government's Opening Agenda**

In his inaugural address to the 16th National Assembly, Prime Minister Lê Minh Hung described the 2026–2031 term as “a historic window of opportunity,” committing the Government to a target of over 10 per cent average annual GDP growth. He identified science and technology, innovation, and digital transformation as the primary drivers of productivity and strategic autonomy.

Three strategic breakthroughs were set out from the outset: institutional reform – with 2026 designated as a decisive year to comprehensively resolve long-standing regulatory bottlenecks; infrastructure development; and human resource quality enhancement. The Prime Minister also committed to resolving thousands of stalled investment projects, including in renewable energy, by mid-2026.

For AVPI stakeholders and businesses engaged across the Australia–Vietnam corridor, the new leadership's opening commitments point to a more decisive, reform-oriented government – with clearly identified counterparts across trade, investment, technology, and social policy portfolios.



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