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## **ELISABETH BORNE REPLACING RUGY IS APPOINTED MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT**

### **NOT MINISTER OF STATE YET SAYS HONORED**

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**USPA NEWS** - Elisabeth Borne, the current Minister of Transport, has been appointed the new Minister of the Environment and Energy Transition. It will thus replace the precipitate departure of Francois De Rugy, who had to resign, following the allegations published by MEDIAPART, about the diners to the Lobster and the public funding for the renovation of his apartment and more recently the use of his expenses of Parliamentarian. She will thus occupy a dual role within the government without being Minister of State (her two predecessors, Francois de Rugy and Nicolas Hulot, they were).

### **EXPRESS APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF ECOLOGY FOLLOWING FRANCOIS DE RUGY'S RESIGNATION**

A few hours after the resignation of François de Rugy as Minister of the Transition Ecological and Solidarity, cornered by the revelation of Mediapart, the name of his replacement was officially announced Tuesday late evening. Currently Minister of Transport, Elisabeth Borne will thus occupy a dual position within the government. It was therefore an express reshuffle, illustrated by the handover that was organized this Wednesday at 13:30, in the Ministry of Ecology, Paris.-----

Francois de Rugy, expressed his pain and "a great relief", during the handover. Indeed, after a very tumultuous week of revelations, from the press in particular of MEDIAPART, the Independent Journal of Investigation, François de Rugy ended up resigning to the government on Tuesday. Elisabeth Borne recovers the Ministry of Ecological Transition, in addition to that of Transport. When handing over power Wednesday. François de Rugy evoked an "error committed paid at the most cruel price".

### **A SADDENESS AND PAINFUL SPEECH FOR THE OUTGOING MINISTER, FRANÇOIS DE RUGY-----**

"In sincerity and emotion you pass the witness is for me a double relief," continued François de Rugy addressing Elisabeth Borne. "First of all, political relief because I know your competence, I know your commitment, your sense of state, your determination to drive ecological transformations against all economic, social and political inertia." It is also a more personal relief. Everyone will understand it and everyone will understand me. If the political engagement brings satisfaction, it also carries difficulties, pains. For the one who engages (...) but also for his family, the family entourage "continues the minister, glancing at his wife, present on the forecourt. Ten months ago, when I agreed to respond to the request of the President of the Republic to head the ministry, I knew it was a challenge, that I did not choose the facility. I did it out of a spirit of responsibility. Yesterday, making my personal decision difficult, I put the collective interest before my personal interest.

François de Rugy pronounces his farewell speech, while recalling his commitment to ecology, his choice to have taken it to the political level, ends by referring to the revelations of Mediapart that led him to resign. "I believe that no clumsiness, no mistake paid at the most cruel price can erase" years of politics in favor of ecology, he said. According to him, his action can not be judged "images, it is judged actions and achievements".

### **SIBETH NDIAYE THE SPOKESWOMAN SAID PRESIDENT MACRON PRAISED THE WORK DONE BY DE RUGY**

At the end of the Council of Ministers, government spokeswoman Sibeth Ndiaye revealed what Emmanuel Macron had said about the resignation of François de Rugy. "The President of the Republic praised the work done by François de Rugy and he praised the commitment he had throughout his career on the topics of ecological transition, diversity, protection of the environment and He praised his sense of responsibility that led him to leave the government rather than hinder the action of the majority. " "The Prime Minister said that investigations that are underway, emanating from the general secretariat of the government, will be published in the coming days," said Sibeth Ndiaye. The spokeswoman also said that the head of state had asked his ministers to be scrupulous and attentive to the separation of their private and professional activities. The NGO Greenpeace worried about the "downgrading" of the Ministry of Ecological Transition, new Minister Elisabeth Borne not having the title of Minister of State unlike its predecessors. "Even though this charge was primarily symbolic, it is a worrying signal," said Greenpeace General Manager Jean-François Julliard. It calls on the government to grant "a real priority to the climate and environmental crisis, especially through its financial arbitrations".

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