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Karolína Peake's tender moment

Even before she's had much time to recover from her overseas vacation, VV Vice Chair Karolína Peake will be asked to make one of her most important political decisions ever. As vice PM for combatting corruption, she'll have to decide whether to post the revised public-procurement proposal on the internet before it's submitted to the second reading of Parliament on Sept. 7. More than 500 substantive changes were proposed during the inter-agency review process, but only a few people at the development ministry - which also happens to be VV territory - know which ones will be incorporated into the important next draft. If Peake helps to fend off any attempts to weaken the bill, she'll gain a tremendous amount of credibility among honest businesspeople and fed-up voters. Her decision might also play a big role in determining whether VV is able to survive beyond the next parliamentary elections.



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