



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Date of release: 18 June 2019

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(CAB-19-SUB-0197 refers)***

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MEMORANDUM TO CABINET

PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: PRIME MINISTER

Proposal

I seek the approval of Cabinet for my absence from New Zealand from the evening of Sunday 12 May until the morning of Saturday 18 May to undertake official travel to Paris, France and Singapore.

Background

2. In Paris, the focus of my visit will be the “Christchurch Call to Eliminate Violent Extremism Online” with country and tech company leaders; I will co-host this event with President Macron. I will discuss actions to eliminate violent extremist content online with country and tech company leaders, culminating in agreement on a “Christchurch Call to Action” document. The Call event is likely to include a formal welcome and group photo; a welcome address by President Macron; my keynote address; short interventions from other world leaders and tech industry leaders; formal adoption of the Christchurch Call; a formal press conference with President Macron.

3. I will also host:

- a) A meeting with **tech industry CEOs** as an opportunity for companies to be “heard”; for New Zealand to position itself as a thoughtful contributor, pursuing constructive discussion about the challenges of managing violent extremist content online and our expectation that more must be done. We will also explore how tech companies propose to implement the commitments contained in the Christchurch Call.
- b) A discussion with **civil society** representatives closely engaged on issues of internet freedom, freedom of expression, and the future of the internet, ensuring civil society members understand that we support a free and open internet (including freedom of expression) and want to take a measured yet effective approach to dealing with violent extremist content online.

4. In the margins of the Christchurch Call, I plan to meet with a number of leaders to pursue New Zealand's bilateral interests. I will attend and speak at France's Tech for Good dinner and attend the Tech for Good meeting on the same day.
5. I will be accompanied at a number of these events by the Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media (who has existing commitments in Europe including the G7 Digital Ministers Meeting on 15 May in Paris). Two representatives from New Zealand's digital technology sector will also join me for parts of the programme to assist in civil society engagements.
6. In Singapore, the focus of my visit is to launch the bilateral Singapore-New Zealand Enhanced Partnership. The Enhanced Partnership is a significant milestone in New Zealand's bilateral relationship with Singapore, encompassing activity between more than 20 government agencies from each side. My visit is at the invitation of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, with whom I will launch the Enhanced Partnership through the announcement of a Joint Declaration. I will have bilateral meetings with both Prime Minister Lee and Singapore's President Halimah Yacob.
7. Here I will be accompanied by Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth (who will sign the FTA Upgrade) and one staff member.

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8. I will be accompanied by my Deputy Chief of Staff, my Chief Press Secretary, officials from DPMC and MFAT and Diplomatic Protection Service officers.

Estimated Cost

9. The cost of the travel is estimated to be:

<u>PM</u>	
Airfares	9(2)(f)(iv)
Accommodation & meals	
Functions	
Transport & communications	
Miscellaneous, gifts & contingency	
<u>Hon O'Connor</u>	
Airfares (Singapore only)	
Accommodation & meals	
Transport & communications	

Miscellaneous, gifts & contingency	9(2)(f)(iv)
TOTAL:	

10. The above costs will be a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel). The costs for the DPMC and MFAT officials and the Diplomatic Protection Service officers will be a charge to their respective votes. Costs for the technology sector representatives' travel will be met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

11. Some costs associated with facilitation and ground transport are being met by the host governments and some accommodation costs may also be met.

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12. This paper will be proactively released, subject to any redactions.

Acting Ministers

13. In my absence, I propose that Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 12, 13, 17 and 18 May; Hon Kelvin Davis as Prime Minister from 14 to 16 May and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 14 and 15 May; Hon Andrew Little as Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 16 May; and Hon Grant Robertson as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and Hon Tracey Martin as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, for the entire period.

14. In Hon Damien O'Connor's absence it is proposed that Hon Stuart Nash will act in the Agriculture, Biosecurity, Food Safety and Rural Communities portfolios from 14 to 16 May.

Recommendations

15. I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. authorise my absence from New Zealand from the evening of Sunday 12 May until the morning of Saturday 18 May to undertake official travel to Paris, France and Singapore;
- b. agree that I will be accompanied by my Deputy Chief of Staff, my Chief Press Secretary, officials from DPMC and MFAT, and Diplomatic Protection Service officers;
- c. note that I will be accompanied by Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth and Hon Kris Faafoi, Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media for periods of the travel;
- d. approve the estimated expenditure of 9(2)(f)(iv) for the Prime Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);

- e. note that the costs for Hon O'Connor and his staff member's travel are included;
- f. note that the costs for the technology sector representatives' travel will be met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- g. note that the costs for the DPMC and MFAT officials, and the Diplomatic Protection Service officers, will be a charge to their respective votes;
- h. note that the host governments will assist with some facilitation, ground transport and, possibly, accommodation costs;
- i. agree that during my absence Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 12, 13, 17 and 18 May; Hon Kelvin Davis as Prime Minister from 14 to 16 May and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 14 and 15 May; Hon Andrew Little as Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 16 May; and Hon Grant Robertson as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and Hon Tracey Martin as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, for the entire period.
- j. agree that in Hon Damien O'Connor's absence Hon Stuart Nash will act in the Agriculture, Biosecurity, Food Safety and Rural Communities portfolios from 16 to 18 May.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
PRIME MINISTER



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 6 May 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand from the evening of Sunday 12 May until the morning of Saturday 18 May 2019 to undertake official travel to:
 - 1.1 Paris, France to co-host the “Christchurch Call to Eliminate Violent Extremism Online” event, host meetings with technology industry leaders and civil society representatives, and hold bilateral meetings;
 - 1.2 Singapore to launch the bilateral Singapore-New Zealand Enhanced Partnership, and hold bilateral meetings;
- 2 **agreed** that she be accompanied by two members of staff;
- 3 **agreed** that she be accompanied by Hon Damien O’Connor and Hon Kris Faafoi for periods of the travel;
- 4 **noted** that the costs for Hon Damien O’Connor and his staff member’s travel are included in paragraph 6 below;
- 5 **noted** that Hon Kris Faafoi will already be in Europe at this time, as agreed by Cabinet on 8 April 2019 [CAB-19-MIN-0152];
- 6 **approved** the estimated expenditure of 9(2)(f)(iv) for the Prime Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 7 **approved** additional expenditure of up to 9(2)(f)(iv) (in addition to the 9(2)(f)(iv) already approved) for Hon Kris Faafoi’s extra costs to accompany the Prime Minister in Paris, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 8 **noted** that she will be accompanied by officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and Diplomatic Protection Service officers whose travel costs will be a charge to their respective votes;
- 9 **noted** that the costs for the New Zealand technology sector representatives’ travel will be met by MFAT;

- 10 **noted** that the host governments will assist with some facilitation, ground transport and, possibly, accommodation costs;
- 11 **agreed** that in her absence:
- 11.1 Rt Hon Winston Peters act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 12, 13, 17, and 18 May 2019;
 - 11.2 Hon Kelvin Davis act as:
 - 11.2.1 Prime Minister from 14 to 16 May 2019;
 - 11.2.2 Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 14 and 15 May 2019;
 - 11.3 Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 16 May 2019;
 - 11.4 Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage;
 - 11.5 Hon Tracey Martin act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction;
- 12 **agreed** that in Hon Damien O'Connor's absence, Hon Stuart Nash act as Minister of Agriculture, Minister for Biosecurity, Minister for Food Safety, and Minister for Rural Communities from 16 to 18 May 2019.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi