



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Kris Faafoi

The following documents have been included in this release:

***Title of paper: Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Kris Faafoi
(CAB-19-SUB-0152 refers)***

***Title of minute: Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Kris Faafoi
(CAB-19-MIN-0152 refers)***

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- 9(2)(f)(iv): to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials; and
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Office of the Minister of Civil Defence

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Kris Faafoi

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Geneva, London and Dublin from 10 May 2019 to 20 May 2019 to attend and speak at the Sixth Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction and meet with my counterparts and organisations relevant to my portfolios in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle and House leave has been sought from the Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) has invited me, in my capacity as Minister of Civil Defence, to attend and speak at the Sixth Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 May 2019.
- 4 The Global Platform is a biennial multi-stakeholder forum established by the UN General Assembly to review progress, share knowledge and discuss the latest developments and trends in reducing disaster risk. More than 4,000 participants including ministers, representatives of the private sector and civic society, youth and vulnerable groups will participate in the Global Platform.
- 5 The Global Platform is a critical component of the monitoring and implementation process of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030). The Sendai Framework is a 15-year, voluntary, non-binding agreement which recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders.
- 6 I have been invited to speak at the working session "Innovative Disaster Risk Reduction Investment Modalities". The speech will provide an opportunity to showcase the work that our Government is leading to reform the emergency management system and the development of our soon to be implemented National Disaster Resilience Strategy.
- 7 My travel to Geneva is an ideal opportunity, while I am in the region, to meet with my counterparts and organisations relevant to my portfolios in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- 8 A key reason for travelling to the United Kingdom and Ireland will be to meet with my counterparts to discuss issues relating to cyber security. 6(a)

6(a)

- 9 The New Zealand Customs Service has been working with the United Kingdom to negotiate a bilateral Customs Cooperation Agreement to strengthen our existing customs-to-customs relationship post-Brexit. As this is shortly to be signed, I intend seeking a meeting with Ministerial counterparts to discuss the agreement. This will also be an opportunity to discuss Brexit preparations and to explore ways of leveraging the customs-to-customs relationship to ensure New Zealand exporters are not unduly impacted by Brexit-associated trade disruption.
- 10 In relation to my civil defence portfolio, and to inform to the Emergency Management System Reform work I am leading, I will request a meeting with the Home Secretary. The Home Secretary chairs the Civil Contingencies Committee that deals with major crises such as terrorism or natural disasters.
- 11 I plan to visit organisations relevant to my Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media portfolio including the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Vodafone. I want to meet with the BBC to learn about their platform and audience strategies as well as learning about their Local News Partnership programme. I also intend visiting Dublin-based Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTE).
- 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv)

Ministerial Party

- 12 I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office.
- 13 Officials from the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management will be participating in the Global Platform in Geneva. Officials from other portfolios may attend as appropriate once a final programme has been set.
- 14 Costs for officials will be met by their agencies.

Travel Costs

- 15 List the estimated costs of the travel:

Airfares:

9(2)(f)(iv)

Accommodation:

Contingency

Total:

Acting Ministers

16 The following Ministers will be acting during my absence:

- 16.1 Civil Defence – Hon Mahuta
- 16.2 Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media – Hon Parker (10-15 May), Hon Robertson (16-20 May)
- 16.3 Commerce and Consumer Affairs – Hon Nash
- 16.4 Customs – Hon Lees-Galloway
- 16.5 Associate Immigration - Hon Lees-Galloway.

Proactive release

17 I propose to release this paper proactively, in part, on my return to New Zealand.

Recommendations

18 I recommend that Cabinet:

- 18.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand, from 10 May 2019 to 20 May 2019 to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, London, United Kingdom, and Dublin, Ireland to attend and speak at the Sixth Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction and meet with my counterparts and organisations relevant to my portfolios in the United Kingdom and Ireland;
- 18.2 agree that I be accompanied by one member of my staff and up to six officials travelling as part of the Ministerial party;
- 18.3 approve the estimated expenditure of 9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of myself and my staff member, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs;
- 18.4 note that I will be accompanied by officials from Ministry of Civil of Civil Defence & Emergency Management, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 18.5 agree that in my absence:
 - 18.5.1 Hon Mahuta will be acting Minister for the Civil Defence portfolio
 - 18.5.2 Hon Parker (10-15 May) and Hon Robertson (16-20 May) will be acting Ministers for the Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media portfolio
 - 18.5.3 Hon Nash will be acting Commerce and Consumer Affairs portfolio

18.5.4 Hon Lees-Galloway will be acting Minister for the Customs portfolio

18.5.5 Hon Lees-Galloway will assume the responsibility of the Associate Immigration portfolio.

18.6 note that the House is not sitting during my absence

18.7 note that leave from Parliament has been sought from the Party Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Kris Faafoi

Minister of Civil Defence



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Kris Faafoi

Portfolio **Civil Defence**

On 8 April 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Kris Faafoi from New Zealand, from 10 to 20 May 2019 to travel to:
 - 1.1 Geneva, Switzerland to attend and speak at the Sixth Session of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction;
 - 1.2 London, United Kingdom, and Dublin, Ireland to meet with counterparts and organisations relevant to his portfolios;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to 9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive - Travel);
- 4 **noted** that he will be accompanied in Geneva by officials from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Nanaia Mahuta act as Minister of Civil Defence;
 - 5.2 Hon David Parker act as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media from 10 to 15 May 2019;
 - 5.3 Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media from 16 to 20 May 2019;
 - 5.4 Hon Stuart Nash act as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
 - 5.5 Hon Iain Lees-Galloway act as Minister of Customs;
- 6 **noted** that the House is not sitting during his absence.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Hon Kris Faafoi

Proactively released by Hon Kris Faafoi