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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET

PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: PRIME MINISTER

Proposal

I seek the approval of Cabinet for my absence from New Zealand from the morning of Saturday 27 July to the evening of Thursday 1 August to undertake official travel to Tokelau. (The travel will include a transit visit to Samoa).

Background

2. The purpose of the visit is to deepen New Zealand's relationship with Tokelau, and affirm our enduring commitment and support to the atolls. Logistically, the visit will require a stop-over in Apia, which will present a valuable opportunity for engagement with Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa.

3. Hon Kris Faafoi will travel as part of the delegation, and a contingent of NZ media will also travel.

Prime Ministerial Party

4. I will be accompanied by my Deputy Chief Press Secretary, my Ministerial Advisor, officials from DPMC, MFAT and NZDF, and Police Protection Service officers.

Estimated Cost

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

PM	
Airfares	9(2)(f)(iv)
Accommodation	
Functions	
Transport & communications	
Miscellaneous, gifts & contingency	

Hon Faafoi	
Airfares	9(2)(f)(iv)
Accommodation	
Miscellaneous & contingency	
TOTAL:	

6. The above costs will be a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel). The costs for the DPMC, MFAT and NZDF officials, and the Police Protection Service officers, will be a charge to their respective votes.

7. Some costs associated with transport, hospitality and meals are being met by the host governments.

8. Travel from Apia, Samoa to the three atolls in the Tokelau group will be by NZDF vessel.

Proactive Release

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

Acting Ministers

10. In my absence, I propose that Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence from the afternoon of Saturday 27 July until the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July ; Hon Kelvin Davis as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on the morning of Saturday 27 July and from the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July to the evening of Thursday 1 August; 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.

11. In Hon Faafoi's absence it is proposed that Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media; Hon Megan Woods act as Minister for Government Digital Services; and Hon Stuart Nash act as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Recommendations

12. I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. approve my absence from New Zealand from the morning of Saturday 27 July until the evening of Thursday 1 August to undertake official travel to Tokelau (and a transit visit to Samoa);
- b. agree that I will be accompanied by my Deputy Chief Press Secretary, my Ministerial Advisor, officials from DPMC, MFAT and NZDF, and Police Protection Service officers;
- c. note that I will be accompanied by Hon Kris Faafoi, and a contingent of NZ media will also 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 this includes the costs of Hon Faafoi's travel;
- f. note that the costs for the DPMC, MFAT and NZDF officials, and the Police Protection Service officers, will be a charge to their respective votes;
- g. note that the host governments will assist with some transport, hospitality and meal costs;
- h. note that travel from Samoa to the atolls in the Tokelau group will be by NZDF vessel;
- i. agree that Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence from the afternoon of Saturday 27 July until the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July; Hon Kelvin Davis as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on the morning of Saturday 27 July and from the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July to the evening of Thursday 1 August; 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 Kris Faafoi's absence it is proposed that Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media; Hon Megan Woods act as Minister for Government Digital Services; and Hon Stuart Nash act as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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 22 July 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand, from the morning of 27 July 2019 until the evening of 1 August 2019, to undertake official travel to Tokelau, with a transit visit to Samoa;
- 2 **agreed** that she be accompanied by two members of staff and Hon Kris Faafoi;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to ^{9(2)(f)(iv)} for the Prime Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that she will be accompanied by officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF), and Police Protection Service officers, whose costs will be met by their respective votes;
- 5 **noted** that she will also be accompanied by a contingent of New Zealand media;
- 6 **noted** that the host governments will assist with some transport, hospitality and meal costs;
- 7 **noted** that travel from Samoa to the atolls in the Tokelau group will be by NZDF vessel;
- 8 **agreed** that in her absence:
 - 8.1 Rt Hon Winston Peters act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence from the afternoon of 27 July until the afternoon of 30 July 2019;
 - 8.2 Hon Kelvin Davis act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence on the morning of 27 July and from the afternoon of 30 July until the evening of 1 August;
 - 8.3 Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage;
 - 8.4 Hon Tracey Martin act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction;

- 9 **agreed** that in Hon Kris Faafoi's absence:
- 9.1 Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister of Broadcasting, Communications and Digital Media;
 - 9.2 Hon Megan Woods act as Minister for Government Digital Services;
 - 9.3 Hon Stuart Nash act as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- 10 **noted** that the House is sitting during her absence.

Martin Bell
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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