



Proactive Release

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Governor General's travel to Australia

The following documents have been included in this release:

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, will travel to Australia from 2 to 6 June 2021.

Summary

- 2 At the invitation of the Prime Minister, the Governor-General undertakes a programme of international travel, representing New Zealand in the Head of State role (Cabinet Manual 2017, paragraph 1.13).
- 3 The principal purpose of the visit is to resume reciprocal visits by Governors-General between New Zealand and Australia. This visit had originally been scheduled to take place in 2020, but was delayed by the COVID-19 response.
- 4 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by Sir David Gascoigne and three Government House staff (the Acting Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor, and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Protection Service officers.

Travel

- 5 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from Australia on commercial flights. The itinerary does not include Victoria.

Financial implications

- 6 The cost of the visit is approximately s9(2)(f)(iv), for flights between Australia and New Zealand. s6(a)

- 7 The costs for the Governor-General and party will be met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010.

- 8 The expenses of the Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

Consultation

- 9 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has been consulted in the development and implementation of the Governor-General's programme and this Cabinet paper.

Proactive release

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

Administrator of the Government

- 11 During the absence of the Governor-General from 2 to 6 June 2021 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. **note** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 2 to 6 June 2021 to undertake a visit to Australia;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Sir David Gascoigne, the Acting Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor, and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House, and two Protection Service officers;
3. **note** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to Australia will be approximately s9(2)(f)(iv);
4. **note** that these costs will be met from the appropriation under permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010; however, the travel expenses of the two Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
5. **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 2 to 6 June 2021 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Overseas Travel: Governor-General

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 31 May 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 2 to 6 June 2021 to undertake a visit to Australia;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Sir David Gascoigne, the Acting Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor, and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House;
- 3 **noted** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party will be approximately s9(2)(f)(iv) as a charge to Vote: Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- 4 **noted** that the Governor-General's party will be accompanied by two Diplomatic Protection Service officers, whose travel expenses will be met from Vote: Police;
- 5 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General, the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet