



## Proactive Release

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**[Proactive Release] Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio**

The following documents have been included in this release:

**Title of Paper:** Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio (CAB-22-SUB-0275)

**Title of Minute:** Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio (CAB-22-MIN-0275)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

**Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio: 1-2 August 2022**

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval for myself and Ministers Sepuloni and Sio to travel to Apia, Samoa from 1 August 2022 to 2 August 2022 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between Samoa and Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 2 I have approved the travel in-principle, and House leave has been sought from the Party Whip.

**Purpose of Travel**

- 3 Our travel to Apia has three objectives:
  - 3.1 To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship, which underpins the bilateral relationship between Samoa and Aotearoa New Zealand
  - 3.2 To reaffirm our role as Samoa's closest bilateral partner, building on the outcomes of Samoan Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa's recent visit to Aotearoa New Zealand, which deepened relationships with the Government of Samoa and
  - 3.3 To reaffirm Aotearoa New Zealand's support for Samoa's economic recovery and resilience as Samoa opens its borders to non-Samoan citizens on 1 August.
- 4 The Government of Samoa has prepared a visit programme reflecting the importance of the relationship between our two countries, including meetings with the Head of State, and with the Prime Minister and her Cabinet. There will also be an 'Ava welcome ceremony, an official reception and an inspection of the Guard of Honour and Flag Raising ceremony. s9(2)(f)(iv) ; officers and crew will participate in the Guard of Honour and Flag Raising ceremony, the official reception, and host a reception on the final day.

**Ministerial Party**

- 5 I will be accompanied by my Senior Ministerial Advisor and a Press Secretary, as well my Foreign Affairs Advisor from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and New Zealand Police Protective Services officers.

- 6 Minister Sio will be accompanied by one member of his staff.
- 7 Representatives of each of the political parties currently in parliament have been invited to join the delegation. Iwi representatives, Pacific community representatives and religious leaders have also been invited.

8 s9(2)(f)(iv)

### Travel Costs

- 9 List the estimated costs of the travel:

Airfares:	Not applicable (RNZAF flight)
Accommodation:	s9(2)(f)(iv)
Food and Hospitality:	
Contingency (20%)	
<b>Total:</b>	

### Acting Ministers


- 10 Ministers will be acting in the following portfolios on 1-2 August:

Portfolio	Acting Prime Minister/Minister
Prime Minister Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services Child Poverty Reduction	Hon Kelvin Davis
National Security and Intelligence	Hon Andrew Little
Responsibilities as Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage to revert to the Acting Minister	Hon Kiri Allan
Social Development and Employment	Hon Priyanka Radhakrishnan
Accident Compensation Corporation	Hon Willie Jackson
Arts, Culture and Heritage	Hon Kiri Allan
Courts	Hon Kiri Allan
Pacific Peoples	Hon Poto Williams

### Proactive release

- 11 I propose the release of this paper be delayed until after the visit to Samoa. The visit will be announced by press release after Cabinet consideration of this paper and before departure from New Zealand.

## Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet:
  - 1.1 Authorise my absence from New Zealand and the absence of Ministers Sepuloni and Sio, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from 1 August 2022 to 2 August to travel to Apia, Samoa to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between Samoa and Aotearoa New Zealand;
  - 1.2 Agree that I be accompanied by two of my staff, and Minister Sio be accompanied by one member of his staff;
  - 1.3 Approve the estimated expenditure of s9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs [Members of the Executive – Travel];
  - 1.4 Agree that I will be accompanied by the Foreign Affairs Advisor in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and New Zealand Police Protective Services officers, as a charge to their respective votes;
  - 1.5 s9(2)(f)(iv)  

  - 1.6 Note that I will be accompanied by representatives from each of the political parties currently represented in parliament, with their costs met by Parliamentary Services;
  - 1.7 Note that a delegation of Samoan community representatives, religious leaders and iwi representatives will be included in the delegation, with their costs met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
  - 1.8 Agree that in the absence of myself, Minister Sepuloni and Minister Sio:
    - 1.8.1 Hon Kelvin Davis will be Acting Prime Minister, Acting Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, Acting Minister for Child Poverty Reduction
    - 1.8.2 The Prime Minister's Associate Arts, Culture and Heritage responsibilities will revert to the Acting Minister
    - 1.8.3 Hon Andrew Little will be Acting Minister for National Security and Intelligence
    - 1.8.4 Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan will be Acting Minister for Social Development and Employment
    - 1.8.5 Hon Willie Jackson will be Acting Minister for Accident Compensation Corporation

1.8.6 Hon Kiri Allan will be Acting Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Acting Minister for Courts

1.8.7 Hon Poto Williams will be Acting Minister for Pacific Peoples

1.9 Note that leave from Parliament has been sought from by the Party Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Prime Minister

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio

Portfolio Prime Minister

On 25 July 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister and that of Hon Carmel Sepuloni and Hon Aupito William Sio from Aotearoa New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from 1 to 2 August 2022 to travel to Apia, Samoa to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between Samoa and Aotearoa New Zealand;
- 2 **agreed** that she be accompanied by two members of staff, and Minister Sio be accompanied by one member of his staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to <sup>s9(2)(f)(iv)</sup> for the travel expenses of the ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **agreed** that the ministerial party be accompanied by the Foreign Affairs Advisor from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and New Zealand Police Protective Services officers, whose travel costs will be met by their respective Votes;
- 5 <sup>s9(2)(f)(iv)</sup>
- 6 **noted** that they will also be accompanied by representatives from each of the political parties currently represented in Parliament, with their costs met by Parliamentary Services;
- 7 **noted** that Samoan community representatives, religious leaders and iwi representatives will be included in the delegation, with their costs met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- 8 **agreed** that in the absences of the Ministers:
  - 8.1 Hon Kelvin Davis act as Prime Minister, Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services and Minister for Child Poverty Reduction;
  - 8.2 Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence;

- 8.3 Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan act as Minister for Social Development and Employment;
  - 8.4 Hon Willie Jackson act as Minister for ACC;
  - 8.5 Hon Kiri Allan act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage and Minister for Courts;
  - 8.6 Hon Poto Williams act as Minister for Pacific Peoples;
- 9 **noted** that leave from Parliament has been sought from the Party Whip.

Rachel Hayward  
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

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