



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General's Travel to the United Kingdom

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 THE UNITED KINGDOM

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to the United Kingdom from 22 July to 3 August 2022.

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 for the Governor-General to attend the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, as patron of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (which manages New Zealand's participation at the Commonwealth Games). The Governor-General will attend official and sporting events, including announcement of New Zealand's flag-bearer at the naming ceremony.
- 4 The Governor-General will also attend an audience with the Prince of Wales at Sandringham House.
- 5 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by Dr Richard Davies and two Government House staff (the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Protection Service officers.

Travel

- 6 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from the United Kingdom on commercial flights.

Financial implications

- 7 The cost of the visit is approximately s9(2)(f)(iv). The costs comprise s9(2)(f)(iv) for flights and s9(2)(f)(iv) for accommodation, ground transport, and incidental expenses for the official party from Government House, excluding the Protection Service officers.
- 8 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.
- 9 The expenses of the Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

Consultation

- 10 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

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

Administrator of the Government

- 12 During the absence of the Governor-General from 22 July to 3 August 2022 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 22 July to 3 August 2022 to undertake a visit to the United Kingdom;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary, 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 the United Kingdom 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 22 July to 3 August 2022 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 25 July 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 22 July to 3 August 2022 to undertake a visit to the United Kingdom;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary, and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House;
- 3 **noted** that the Governor-General's party will also be accompanied by two Protection Service officers, whose travel costs will be met from Vote Police;
- 4 **noted** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to the United Kingdom will be approximately s9(2)(f)(iv) ;
- 5 **noted** that the above cost 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;
- 6 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 22 July to 3 August 2022 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

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