



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: London 14-19 September, and New York 20-26 September 2022

The following documents have been included in this release:

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Title of minute: Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister (CAB-22-MIN-0382 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister
Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: London 14-19 September, and New York 20-26 September 2022

1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to London from 14 to 20 September, to attend the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and to New York from 20 to 26 September, to attend the High Level Week of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Reason for Travel to London

2 My travel to London, if approved, will allow me to represent the Government, alongside Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, at the State Funeral of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

3 The programme of events in London will include a number of official engagements and commemorative events (including an Audience with His Majesty The King) culminating in the State Funeral on Monday 19 September.

Reasons for Travel to New York

4 My travel to the New York, if approved, will represent New Zealand's first in-person attendance at UNGA since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. I will leverage my attendance to advance New Zealand's foreign and trade policy interests, and underscore our commitment to the multilateral system.

5 The objectives of my attendance at High Level Week are to:

- a) Demonstrate, at the most senior level, New Zealand's commitment to strengthening international rules and an effective multilateral system.
- b) Support resolution of global challenges, particularly climate change, human rights, global health security, and peace and security (including Russia's invasion of Ukraine).
- c) Progress key foreign policy interests, including by co-hosting a Leader's Summit on the Christchurch Call to Action, engaging in bilateral meetings, and amplifying the Pacific voice internationally.

Multilateral considerations

6 My visit to New York will provide an important signal, both domestically and internationally, that New Zealand is reconnecting with the world. It will allow us to secure and reaffirm important relationships with individuals, regional alliances, and global partnerships.

7 UNGA High Level Week is the largest annual gathering of world leaders. High Level Week represents a major foreign policy opportunity for New Zealand to reaffirm our commitment to both the multilateral system, and the liberal values which underpin it. During High Level Week I will engage with political leaders, and participate in a range of events to advance New Zealand's strategic priorities and objectives.

Outline of proposed visit to New York

8 On Tuesday 20 September, I will co-host a Leader's Summit on the Christchurch Call to Action to Eliminate Terrorist and Violent Extremist Content Online with the President of France.

9 The remainder of my programme, from Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 September, will focus on our engagement at the United Nations, including bilateral meetings with political leaders, and delivering New Zealand's National Statement at the General Assembly. I will also attend Leaders-level side events in support of: political leadership on pandemic preparedness; the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index initiative (of importance to our Pacific whanau); and a UN Leader's Network side event on Food Security.

Travel

10 If travel is approved, I will depart New Zealand for London on Wednesday 14 September. I will travel from London to New York following the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I will return to New Zealand from New York on a direct Air New Zealand service on the morning of Monday 26 September.

Prime Ministerial Party

11 If Cabinet approves my travel, I will be accompanied in London by my partner, my Senior Private Secretary and Chief Press Secretary. In New York, I will be accompanied by my Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief Press Secretary, who will meet me in New York after travelling on the inaugural Air New Zealand flight, as had been my original intention. The DPMC Foreign Affairs Advisor and New Zealand Police Protection Service officers will accompany me throughout. Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) will travel to New York.

Estimated Costs

s9(2)(f)(iv)

13 Costs associated with the travel of MFAT and DPMC officials, and the New Zealand Police Protective Services officers will be a charge to their respective votes.

Acting Ministers

14 If my travel is approved, I propose that Hon Grant Robertson act as Acting Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services. Hon Grant Robertson will also act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence on 14 September. From 15 September, Hon Andrew Little will act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence. Hon Kelvin Davis will act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction for the duration.

15 My responsibilities as Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage will revert to the primary Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni.

Recommendations

16 I recommend that Cabinet:

- **Authorise** my absence from New Zealand from 14 September to 26 September to travel to London and New York;
- **Agree** that I will be accompanied in London by my partner, my Senior Private Secretary, and Chief Press Secretary;

- **Agree** that I will be accompanied in New York by my Chief of Staff, my Deputy Chief Press Secretary, officials from DPMC, MFAT, and officers from the New Zealand Police Protective Service

- s9(2)(f)(iv)

- **Note** that the costs of the DPMC and MFAT officials and the New Zealand Police Protection Services officers will be a charge to their respective votes;
- **Agree** that in my absence Hon Grant Robertson act as Acting Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, and Minister for National Security and Intelligence (14 September only), that Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence (from 15 September onwards) and that Hon Kelvin Davis act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.
- **Agree** that my Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage responsibilities revert to the primary Minister.

– Authorised for lodgement –


Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Prime Minister
Minister for National Security and Intelligence
Minister for Child Poverty Reduction
Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services
Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 12 September 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand from 14 to 26 September 2022 to travel to London to attend the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and New York to attend the High-Level Week of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly;
- 2 **agreed** that the Prime Minister will be accompanied in London by her partner, Senior Private Secretary, and Chief Press Secretary;
- 3 **agreed** that the Prime Minister will be accompanied in New York by her Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief Press Secretary, officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and officers from the New Zealand Police Protective Service;
- 4 s9(2)(f)(iv)
- 5 **noted** that the costs of the DPMC and MFAT officials and the New Zealand Police Protection Services officers will be a charge to their respective votes;
- 6 **agreed** that in her absence:
 - 6.1 Hon Grant Robertson act as:
 - 6.1.1 Prime Minister;
 - 6.1.2 Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services;
 - 6.1.3 (14 September 2022 only) Minister for National Security and Intelligence;
 - 6.2 (from 15 September) Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence;
 - 6.3 Hon Kelvin Davis act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

Rachel Hayward
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet