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### **Overseas Travel: Governor-General**

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO THE OLYMPICS

### Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to Paris for the Olympic Games from 22 July to 2 August 2024.

### Purpose of Travel

- 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 2023, paragraph 1.13).
- 3 The objective of this trip is to demonstrate New Zealand's recognition of the importance of the Olympics to France by sending appropriate, high-level representation. The Governor-General's attendance fills the requirement for high-level New Zealand representation while also fulfilling her commitments as patron of the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC). New Zealand has been represented by Governors-General at previous summer Olympic games (excluding Tokyo 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

### Travel and accommodation

- 4 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.
- 5 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from Paris on commercial flights.
- 6 The accommodation for the Governor-General and her party was secured by the NZOC. The NZOC has placed the Governor-General at the hotel which acts as New Zealand House – the base for the New Zealand contingent at the Olympics. This is where many of the events involving Dame Cindy will take place.

### Travel Costs

- 7 The cost of the trip is approximately s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv). This total includes costs for flights, accommodation, airport facilitation and vehicle hire.
- 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 international

travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010.

- 9 The expenses of the Protection Services officers will be met from Vote Police.

### Consultation

- 10 The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade has been consulted in the development and implementation of the Governor-General's travel 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 2 August 2024 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

### Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet:
- 1.1 **note** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 22 July to 2 August 2024 to undertake a visit to the Olympic Games in Paris;
  - 1.2 **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies and two Government House staff (the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Protection Service officers;
  - 1.3 **note** that the total cost of the visit is approximately <sup>s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv)</sup> ;
  - 1.4 **note** that these costs will be met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the international travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010; however, the costs of the two Protection Services officers will be met from Vote Police;
  - 1.5 **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 22 July to 2 August 2024 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Prime Minister



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Overseas Travel: Governor-General

**Portfolio**                      **Prime Minister**

On 22 July 2024, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 22 July to 2 August 2024 to undertake a visit to the Olympic Games in Paris, France;
- 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 total cost of the visit for the Governor-General’s party from Government House to Paris, France will be approximately s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv)
- 4        **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;
- 5        **noted** that the Governor-General’s party will be accompanied by two Protection Service officers, whose travel costs will be met from Vote Police;
- 6        **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet