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Overseas Travel: Governor-General - October 2024

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO NIUE

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to Niue for Constitution Day celebrations from 19 to 22 October 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 Governor-General has a special responsibility for the Realm countries of Niue, the Cook Islands and Tokelau. Each Governor-General pays a visit to the Realm countries during their term of office to reaffirm the relationship between those countries and New Zealand. This is an appropriate time for the Governor-General to visit Niue as it allows her to attend Niue's Constitution Day celebrations on 19 October during the 50th anniversary of self-governance in free association with New Zealand.

Travel

- 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 s6(d) Protection Service officers. The party will travel on commercial flights.

Travel Costs

- 5 The estimated cost of trip is s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv). This total includes all anticipated costs that 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.
- 6 The expenses of the Protection Services officers will be met from Vote Police.

Consultation

- 7 The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade has been consulted in the development and implementation of the Governor-General's travel programme. MFAT and Government House are working closely on plans for this visit.

Proactive release

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

Administrator of the Government

9 During the absence of the Governor-General from 19 to 22 October 2024, the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Recommendations

10 I recommend that Cabinet:

10.1 **note** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 19 to 22 October 2024 to undertake a visit to Niue;

10.2 **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 ^{s6(d)} Protection Service officers;

10.3 **note** that the total cost of the visit is approximately ^{s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv)}

10.4 **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 ^{s6(d)} Protection Services officers will be met from Vote Police;

10.5 **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 19 to 22 October 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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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 14 October 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand, from 19 to 22 October 2024, to undertake a visit to Niue;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House, and ^{s6(d)} Protection Service officers;
- 3 **noted** that the total cost of the visit is approximately ^{s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv)} [redacted];
- 4 **noted** that:
 - 4.1 the costs of the Governor-General's 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;
 - 4.2 the costs of the ^{s6(d)} Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
- 5 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 19 to 22 October 2024, the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet