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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

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(CAB-19-SUB-0397 refers)***

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MEMORANDUM TO CABINET

PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: PRIME MINISTER

Proposal

I seek the approval of Cabinet for my absence from New Zealand from the morning of Wednesday 14 August to the evening of Friday 16 August to undertake official travel to Tuvalu.

Background

2. The purpose of my travel is to represent New Zealand at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting (the PIF), which is the apex event on the Pacific political calendar.

3. This is an important opportunity for New Zealand to reinforce its Pacific partnerships,
6(a)

and advance key policy objectives in line with the Pacific Reset, namely:

- Strengthening Pacific regionalism 6(a) ;
- Demonstrating climate change leadership;
- Advancing security and stewardship of maritime resources and boundaries;
- Strengthening regional security; and
- Advancing Pacific well-being, prosperity and resilience.

4. In addition to considering regional priorities I will also have, during the PIF, opportunities for substantive bilateral engagement with counterparts.

5. The Minister for Pacific Peoples, Hon Aupito William Sio, will represent New Zealand from 11-14 August, including at the formal opening of the PIF on 13 August, and will depart shortly after I arrive on the afternoon of 14 August. I will attend the key Forum meetings and stay until the Forum Dialogue Partners' meeting concludes on 16 August.

6. A media contingent from New Zealand will travel with me.

Prime Ministerial Party

7. I will be accompanied by my Ministerial Advisor, my Press Secretary, officials from DPMC and MFAT, and Police Protection Service officers.

8. NZDF staff will also be in Tuvalu providing logistical support to the delegation.

Estimated Cost

9. The cost of the travel is estimated to be:

Accommodation & meals

9(2)(f)(iv)

Gifts, miscellaneous & contingency

Total:

10. The above costs will be a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel). The costs for the DPMC and MFAT officials, the NZDF staff, and the Police Protection Service officers, will be a charge to their respective votes.

11. Some costs associated with accommodation, hospitality and transport will be met by the host government.

12. The party will travel to and from Tuvalu by RNZAF aircraft.

Proactive Release

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

Acting Ministers

14. In my absence, I propose that Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence; Hon Grant Robertson will act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and Hon Tracey Martin will act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

Recommendations

15. I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. approve my absence from New Zealand from the morning of Wednesday 14 August to the evening of Friday 16 August to represent NZ at the PIF, to be held in Tuvalu;
- b. note that the Minister for Pacific Peoples , Hon Aupito William Sio , will represent NZ at the opening of the PIF on Tuesday 13 August;
- c. agree that I will be accompanied by my Ministerial Advisor, my Press Secretary, officials from DPMC and MFAT, NZDF staff, and Police Protection Service officers;
- d. approve the estimated expenditure of ^{9(2)(f)(iv)} for the Prime Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- e. note that the costs for the DPMC and MFAT officials, the NZDF staff, and the Police Protection Service officers, will be a charge to their respective votes;
- f. note that the host government will assist with some accommodation, hospitality and transport costs;
- g. note that travel to and from Tuvalu will be by RNZAF aircraft;
- h. note that a media contingent from NZ will travel with me;
- i. agree that Rt Hon Winston Peters will act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence; Hon Grant Robertson will act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, and Hon Tracey Martin will act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

Authorised for Lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
PRIME MINISTER



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 12 August 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand from the morning of Wednesday 14 August 2019 to the evening of Friday 16 August 2019, to travel to Tuvalu, to represent New Zealand at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting (the PIF);
- 2 **noted** that the Minister for Pacific Peoples, Hon Aupito William Sio, will represent New Zealand at the opening of the PIF on Tuesday 13 August 2019;
- 3 **agreed** that she be accompanied by two members of staff;
- 4 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to ^{9(2)(f)(iv)} for the Prime Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 5 **noted** that she will also be accompanied by officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand Defence Force staff, and Police Protection Service officers, whose travel costs will be met by their respective votes;
- 6 **noted** that the host government will assist with some accommodation, hospitality and transport costs;
- 7 **noted** that travel to and from Tuvalu will be by RNZAF aircraft;
- 8 **noted** that a media contingent from NZ will travel with her;
- 9 **agreed** that in her absence:
 - 9.1 Rt Hon Winston Peters act as Prime Minister and Minister for National Security and Intelligence;
 - 9.2 Hon Grant Robertson act as Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage;
 - 9.3 Hon Tracey Martin act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet

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