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Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern (CAB-22-SUB-0347 refers)

Title of minute: Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister (CAB-22-MIN-0347 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Australia from 9 – 10 June for my first meeting with Prime Minister Albanese.

Report

- 1 This was a dedicated, short trip to Sydney to meet with Australia's newly elected Prime Minister, Hon Anthony Albanese. I was the first leader to be received by the Prime Minister in Australia. The visit cemented our relationship and emphasised its value in an increasingly volatile geostrategic environment.

Bilateral meeting

- 2 s6(a) [Redacted] The meeting also presented an opportunity to showcase the bilateral relationship through next year's celebrations of 40 years of Closer Economic Relations and 80 years of diplomatic relations.

- 3 On people issues, Prime Minister Albanese outlined his vision to support a pathway to citizenship for New Zealanders living in Australia. s6(a) [Redacted]

- 4 On the issue of 501 deportations to New Zealand, I made it clear that New Zealand did not oppose Australia's deportation of criminals that have been in Australia a short time. Rather, New Zealand opposed deportations of those that were essentially Australians, having lived their lives in Australia. s6(b)(i) [Redacted]

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s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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Finally, I noted that New Zealand had put on record our commitment to take 150 of Australia's asylum seeker refugees. s6(a)

s6(b)(i)

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Moving to indigenous reform, Prime Minister Albanese highlighted the work his Government had ahead of it to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart, including constitutional recognition, s6(b)(i)

noted that a number of my key Ministers belonged to the Māori caucus and committed to having a strong Māori contingent join me for my visit to Australia in July. I offered them for possible meetings with opposition/Shadow Ministers, if that would be useful to the Government.

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s6(a), s6(b)(i)

I also took the opportunity to outline New Zealand's plans for a Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit in the margins of UNGA77 in New York this September.

s6(b)(i)

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We exchanged notes on measures put in place to address the rising cost of living. s6(b)(i)



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Discussing climate change, I referenced the agriculture sector and its intersect with climate change as an issue New Zealand was grappling with. I also noted that we were looking to decarbonise our fleet of government transport s6(a)



Media

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Although this was a short visit, the timing offered an opportunity for me to announce on Australian channels that New Zealand was open for business, and welcome Australian tourists to New Zealand in time for school holidays and the ski season. I undertook interviews on Sunrise and the TODAY Show to promote New Zealand as a holiday destination, and Air New Zealand flying the route. Prime Minister Albanese and I also participated in a promotional photo for FIFA in support of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 that will be co-hosted by Australia and New Zealand.

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Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Prime Minister

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Cabinet

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Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 29 August 2022, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Prime Minister under CAB-22-SUB-0347 on her travel, from 9 to 10 June 2022, to Sydney, Australia, to meet with Australia's newly elected Prime Minister, Hon Anthony Albanese.

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Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

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