

Proactive Release

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Title of paper: Report on Overseas Travel of Under-Secretary Fletcher Tabuteau: Melbourne, Australia

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(CAB-19-MIN-0257 refers)



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Report on Overseas Travel: Fletcher Tabuteau MP

Portfolio **Regional Economic Development**

On 4 June 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Regional Economic Development (Fletcher Tabuteau MP) under CAB-19-SUB-0257 on his travel, from 18 to 20 January 2019, to Melbourne, Australia to undertake portfolio related meetings and attend a stakeholder event hosted by ANZ Senior Manager of Government Relations & Corporate Responsibility.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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Fletcher Tabuteau MP

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**REPORT ON OVERSEAS TRAVEL OF UNDER-SECRETARY FLETCHER
TABUTEAU: MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

1 I recommend that Cabinet note this report regarding the travel that I undertook in my capacity as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development to Melbourne, Australia from 18 – 20 January 2019.

2 In Melbourne the meeting held with Regional Development Victoria provided an opportunity to discuss, compare and contrast policies of respective governments that aim to enhance regional economic development. Specifically, the meeting met the following objectives:

- Demonstrated the importance the New Zealand Coalition Government places on regional economic development through the Provincial Growth Fund;
- Progressed opportunities for further collaboration between Regional Development Victoria and economic development agencies in New Zealand;
- Reaffirmed the objectives of the Provincial Growth Fund as agreed by Cabinet;
- Explored opportunities for further collaboration between Regional Development Victoria and the Provincial Development Unit with respect to risk and assurance programmes.

3 The meeting held with senior executives from ANZ, including the Director of Project & Export Finance, Senior Manager of Government Relations & Corporate Responsibility and Head of Housing Strategy provided a high level overview of Australian regional economic development from a banking perspective. Specifically, the meeting met the following objectives:

- Demonstrated the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors in regional economies;
- Progressed opportunities to showcase the Provincial Growth Fund with ANZ customers in regional New Zealand;
- Discussed public infrastructure investment and where applicable the role ANZ is playing in supporting customers to invest in regional Australia

4 The stakeholder event hosted by ANZ Senior Manager of Government Relations & Corporate Responsibility was attended by ANZ colleagues, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Australia and others.

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5 I plan to release this paper in part within 30 business days. All redactions will be made in line with the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendation

6 I recommend that Cabinet **note** this report.

Fletcher Tabuteau MP
Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development