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***Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters: Peru and Chile:  
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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters

**Portfolio**                      **Foreign Affairs**

On 1 July 2019, Cabinet:

- 1        **authorised** the absence of the Rt Hon Winston Peters from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from 2 to 8 July 2019, to travel to:
  - 1.1      Santiago, Chile for a bilateral visit;
  - 1.2      Lima, Peru to attend the Pacific Alliance Summit;
- 2        **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3        **approved** the expenditure of up to \$33,605 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4        **agreed** that in his absence:
  - 4.1      Hon Shane Jones act as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control and Minister for Racing;
  - 4.2      Hon Dr David Clark act as Minister for State Owned Enterprises.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Chair  
Cabinet

**PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: RT HON WINSTON PETERS: PERU AND CHILE**

I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Peru and Chile from 2 – 8 July 2019. The reason for the proposed visit is to accept the invitation to attend the Pacific Alliance Summit in Lima, Peru on 4 – 5 July, and to undertake a brief bilateral visit to Santiago on 3 July, with Chile being New Zealand's most like-minded partner in Latin America. The Prime Minister's approval has been given in principle.

**Travel Objectives: Peru (3 – 5 July)**

2 The objectives of the visit to Peru are to advance New Zealand's interests with respect to securing a free trade agreement with the Pacific Alliance, which comprises Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Chile, and to further enhance our bilateral political relations with key partners in Latin America, including the host country Peru.

3 The Pacific Alliance is the most dynamic and outward-looking trade and economic grouping in the region, and the summit is probably the highest profile of the Latin American regional meetings. New Zealand was an early and active supporter of the Pacific Alliance's ambitious and comprehensive approach, and began exploring options for deepening economic ties with it in 2014. There is strategic and commercial value for New Zealand in securing an FTA with the Pacific Alliance. This includes joining a high quality regional integration initiative with the potential to act as a bridge between Latin America and Asia; deepening New Zealand's bilateral relationships with the Pacific Alliance members; and seeking to eliminate tariffs on New Zealand exports to the region.

4 New Zealand's senior-level participation at the Pacific Alliance Summit would demonstrate our political commitment to regional integration and provide the opportunity to meet with Pacific Alliance counterparts. Attendance at the summit in Lima would also

demonstrate political support to Peru, s6(a)

, and which has recently re-opened its embassy in Wellington.

### **Chile (2 – 3 July)**

5 The objective of a short bilateral visit to Chile en route to the Pacific Alliance Summit is to continue to build on the strong and positive momentum in the relationship with our most like-minded partner in the region. Chile's and New Zealand's values and interests often strongly align and we work closely with Chile on important global issues such as disarmament, climate change and ensuring that trade benefits all our citizens.

s6(a)

6 Chile is a long-standing partner on regional trade liberalisation initiatives, dating back to the 'P3' negotiations (Singapore, Chile and New Zealand), which became the foundation for the CPTPP. s6(a)

In Santiago, we have been given indications that a meeting with President Piñera has been scheduled, in addition to a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

### **Travel**

7 We propose to depart New Zealand on Tuesday 2 July 2019 and return to New Zealand on the morning of Monday 8 July 2019. This travel would take place during the first week of the July recess; I would not miss any Cabinet meetings during this time.

### **Ministerial Party**

8 I propose to be accompanied on the visit by a Private Secretary (Foreign Affairs) from my office. The travel costs for the private secretary and I would be a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.

## Acting Ministers

9 I propose that Hon Shane Jones act in my Foreign Affairs, Disarmament and Racing portfolios, and that Hon Dr David Clark act in my State Owned Enterprises portfolio.

## Costs of Travel

10 The projected costs of the proposed travel for the Ministerial Party to be covered by a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel are:

Airfares	\$23,049
Accommodation:	\$1,770
<small>(Note: Indications are that the host Government in Peru will cover some of the accommodation and transport charges of the delegation, so final costs should be lower than projected.)</small>	
Hospitality and gifts:	\$2,754
Transport, interpretation:	\$3,032
<small>(Note: see above regarding transport costs in Peru.)</small>	
Meals	\$1,400
Contingency	\$1,600 (5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,605</b>

Expenditure of up to \$33,605 for travel expenses is proposed to be a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.

## Proactive Release

11 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

12 I recommend that Cabinet:

- a) **approve** my proposed travel to Chile and Peru from 2 – 8 July 2019;

- b) **note** that I will be accompanied by a Private Secretary (Foreign Affairs) in my office;
- c) **approve** expenditure of up to \$33,605 for travel expenses for the official delegation as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel;
- d) **agree** that Hon Shane Jones act in my Foreign Affairs, Disarmament and Racing portfolios, and that Hon Dr David Clark act in my State Owned Enterprises portfolio from Tuesday 2 July 2019 until 6am on Monday 8 July 2019.

**Approved for lodgement**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Minister of Foreign Affairs