

Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

Portfolio **Trade and Export Growth**

On 30 September 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon David Parker from New Zealand, from 8 to 17 October 2019, to travel to:
 - 1.1 Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a bilateral visit and to visit the New Zealand pavilion site for Dubai Expo 2020;
 - 1.2 London, United Kingdom to attend the Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting;
 - 1.3 Berlin, Germany for bilateral discussions;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to s9(2)(f)(iv) 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 Andrew Little act as Attorney-General;
 - 4.2 Rt Hon Winston Peters act as Minister for Trade and Export Growth;
 - 4.3 Hon Nanaia Mahuta act as Minister for the Environment;
- 5 **noted** that the House is not sitting during his absence.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Hard-copy distribution:
Prime Minister
Deputy Prime Minister
Hon David Parker

Office of the Minister for Trade and Export Growth

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

- 1 I seek your approval to travel to Dubai, London and Berlin between 8-17 October 2019.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 On my way to Europe, I propose to visit Dubai for half a day to visit the New Zealand Expo- pavilion site location. The purpose of my visit is to check on the progress that is being made on the New Zealand Expo-pavilion site and to also meet the Minister of State for International Cooperation and Director-General, Dubai Expo 2020.
- 4 The centrepiece of my visit to Europe is to attend the Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting (CTMM) in London on 10 October. This will be the first CTMM for over a decade and will focus on identifying practical steps in delivering on the target set by Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) last year to lift trade and economic cooperation of Commonwealth countries to US\$2 trillion by 2030. It is my hope that the CTMM will deliver a strong statement in support of the WTO and multilateral trading system. I will also take the opportunity of being at the CTMM to meet with other key Ministers from Commonwealth countries to progress bilateral trade issues.
- 5 My visit to London will come at a turbulent time in the United Kingdom ahead of the 31 October Brexit deadline. I plan to hold meetings with key United Kingdom ministerial counterparts to discuss bilateral issues in both my environment and trade portfolios such as the Secretary of State for International Trade; Secretary for Department for Energy Food and Rural Affairs; Attorney General; and Secretary for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy. It is my hope that this ministerial engagement will help to enforce New Zealand's interests at a critical time for the United Kingdom ahead of the Brexit deadline.
- 6 My visit to London and Berlin will coincide with a visiting New Zealand International Business Forum (NZIBF) business delegation. I will take part in business support events for this delegation in both cities that will include a business support lunch event in both cities.
- 7 In Berlin my programme will also involve both my environment and trade portfolios. I will have meetings with the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety Minister and also the Federal Minister for Economic

Affairs and Energy and with Chancellor Merkel's Economic Policy Advisor and G20 Sherpa. I also intend to meet with the Parliamentary Select Committee for Economic Affairs and Energy and to have a dinner with the leadership of the German Greens to discuss environmental challenges and solutions.

- 8 During my time in Berlin I will take part in a roundtable discussion with environmental non-governmental organisations to share perspectives. I will also take part in a circular economy site visit to the ALBA Group, a leading German recycling company.

Ministerial Party

- 9 I will be accompanied by one staff member. Final costs will be determined once the itinerary is confirmed but the estimated cost of travel for me and my staff member is s9(2)(f)(iv)

Travel Costs

- 10 The estimated costs of my travel to Europe are:

Airfares s9(2)(f)(iv)

Accommodation

Per Diem (Food)

Representation

Gifts

Subtotal

Contingency

10%

TOTAL

Acting Ministers

- 11 In my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios will be:

Attorney-General: Hon Andrew Little;

Trade and Export Growth: Rt Hon Winston Peters;

Environment: Hon Nanaia Mahuta.

Proactive release

- 12 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 4, on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. Proactive release is subject to redaction as appropriate under the [Official Information Act 1982](#).

Recommendations

13 I recommend that Cabinet:

- 13.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand from 8-17 October to travel to Dubai, London and Berlin;
- 13.2 agree that I be accompanied by one staff member;
- 13.3 approve the estimated expenditure of s9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs Members of the Executive – Travel;
- 13.4 agree that Hon. Andrew Little (Attorney-General); Rt Hon Winston Peters (Trade and Export Growth) and Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Environment) will be Acting Ministers in my absence;
- 13.5 note that the House is not sitting during my absence.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

Annex One: Indicative Programme (8-17 October)

Tuesday, 8 October

- Depart for Dubai

Wednesday, 9 October

- Arrive in Dubai (535am)
- Arrive Dubai Expo 2020, site tour and visit to the NZ Pavilion location
- Meeting with Minister of State for International Cooperation and Director-General, Dubai Expo 2020
- Depart for London
- Arrive in London (410pm)
- Commonwealth Trade Ministers (CTMM) Reception, hosted by UK Secretary of State for International Trade

Thursday, 10 October

- Roundtable with NZIBF delegation
- Commonwealth Trade Ministers Meeting
- Meeting with Attorney General Cox
- Informal Commonwealth reception

Friday, 11 October

- UK bilateral calls (i.e. Secretary for International Trade Liz Truss; Secretary for DEFRA; Secretary for BEIS.)
- Lunch reception with NZIBF
- UK bilateral calls (i.e. Secretary for International Trade Liz Truss; Secretary for DEFRA; AG Cox; Secretary for BEIS.)
- Media

Saturday, 12 October

- Private arrangements in London

Sunday, 13 October

- Depart London
- Arrive in Berlin

Monday, 14 October

- Meet with Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Meet with the Parliamentary Select Committee for Economic Affairs and Energy
- Meet with Chancellor Merkel's Economic Policy Advisor and G20 Sherpa

- Dinner with German Greens leadership

Tuesday, 15 October

- Roundtable with German environmental NGOs
- Meeting with Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy
- Meeting with German business with the NZIBF delegation
- Circular economy site visit (ALBA)
- Depart for New Zealand

Wednesday, 16 October

Travel time

Thursday, 17 October

- Arrive in New Zealand

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