

Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker [Shanghai]

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker [Shanghai]

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

Portfolio **Trade and Export Growth**

On 29 January 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon David Parker under CAB-19-SUB-0004 on his travel, from 4 to 6 November 2018, to Shanghai, China to support New Zealand's presence at the China International Import Expo and to undertake bilateral meetings.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Shanghai, China from 4-6 November 2018 to attend the China International Import Expo (CIIE).

Report

1 The primary purpose of my trip to Shanghai was to represent New Zealand at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) Opening Ceremony hosted by President Xi Jinping and to support New Zealand businesses attending the CIIE and the associated 'New Zealand Week'. The primary purpose of the inaugural CIIE was to demonstrate China's openness to trade.

2 The CIIE Opening Ceremony was attended by around 1,000 guests including heads of state, ministers and business leaders. New Zealand was strongly represented at the CIIE with a National Pavilion (managed by MFAT) and a Trade Pavilion (managed by NZTE) which represented over 90 New Zealand exporters; separately, another 40 New Zealand companies had individual stands including Zespri, Fonterra and Silver Fern Farms.

3 Leveraging the significant New Zealand commercial presence in Shanghai, an annual 'New Zealand Week' in Shanghai was held at the same time as CIIE. This achieved additional benefit for the exporters present in market as they could also use the platforms and channels created by 'New Zealand Week' to promote product and develop commercial relationships; and government agencies could use the cultural elements connected to New Zealand Week, the Raukura kapa haka group in particular, to support New Zealand companies and New Zealand profile at CIIE. My presence in Shanghai was fully leveraged to profile New Zealand and to engage with the New Zealand businesses present.

4 I participated in the opening of New Zealand Week and the official welcome for New Zealand companies to CIIE held at New Zealand Central in Shanghai. There were around 300 participants at the launch, with a mixture of New Zealand-based and Shanghai-based New Zealand companies participating in both CIIE and 'New Zealand Week'.

5 s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(ba)

6 I participated in the China launch of the Hui Māori Collective (HUI) at a joint function with Alibaba held at New Zealand Central. The event celebrated the launch of the Māori-branded product suite within Alibaba's Tmall Global platform, and followed the reception I hosted with Minister Mahuta on 15 October at Parliament in Wellington.

7 [s6(a), s6(b)]

8 [s6(a)]

In addition I met a number of other global Ministers and leaders informally given they were present for the CIIE Opening Ceremony [s6(a)]

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

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Chair, Cabinet

PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: HON DAVID PARKER

1. I seek Cabinet approval to travel to China (Shanghai) from 4-7 November.
2. The Prime Minister has approved the travel in principle.

Purpose of Travel

3. The letter of approval was granted for travel was to Shanghai s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i)
 4. The primary purpose of the travel to Shanghai is to support New Zealand company presence at the China International Import Exposition (CIIE).
 5. China will host the CIIE from 5-10 November as a symbol of its support for trade liberalisation and open markets. At a time of increased uncertainty and undermining of the multilateral trading system, this is a large and symbolic gesture by China to demonstrate its support for open markets.
 6. The CIIE is a major event for China and will be hosted by President Xi Jinping. Many countries will be represented at Leader or senior Ministerial level.
 7. My visit to Shanghai will be in support of a series of 'New Zealand Week' events in Shanghai the New Zealand Government has invested in to coincide with the CIIE. New Zealand has built a country pavilion at the CIIE which the government has invested \$500,000 NZD in to showcase New Zealand as a vibrant, modern and innovate country.
 8. In addition to this, over ninety New Zealand companies will be represented at the International Trade Forum at the CIIE and my visit will be in support of them.
 9. I will attend a dinner function at New Zealand Central in Shanghai on my first night of arrival to demonstrate support for New Zealand companies operating in China and more specifically for the companies that are showcasing their products at the CIIE.
 10. s6(a), s9(2)(g)(i) s6(a)
 11. An indicative programme for this trip is annexed to this paper.
- Ministerial Party**
12. I will be accompanied by one staff member as part of the Ministerial Delegation.

Travel Costs

13. The estimated costs of my travel to Shanghai are:

Flights	19,800
Airport Facilitation	1560
Accommodation	0
Per Diem Subtotal	780
Incidentals & Comms	500
Representation	0
Gifts	0
Subtotal	22640
Contingency 10%	2264
TOTAL	24,904

Acting Ministers

14. In my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios are to be confirmed.

Recommendation

15. I recommend that Cabinet:

- 15.1 **authorise** my absence from New Zealand to China from 4-7 November;
- 15.2 **agree** that I be accompanied by one staff member;
- 15.3 **approve** the estimated expenditure of **\$24,904** for the travel expenses of me and my staff member, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs Members of the Executive – Travel;
- 15.4 **agree** that acting Ministers are to be confirmed;
- 15.5 **note** that leave from Parliament has been approved by the Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker
Minister for Trade and Export Growth