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Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters

Portfolio **Foreign Affairs**

On 11 March 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Rt Hon Winston Peters from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, to travel to Jakarta, Indonesia from 19 to 22 March 2019 to attend an ASEAN dialogue on ‘deeper and more inclusive cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region’;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** expenditure of up to \$16,500 for travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **agreed** that that in his absence:
 - 4.1 Hon David Parker act as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control;
 - 4.2 Hon Tracey Martin act as Minister for Racing;
 - 4.3 Hon Dr David Clark act as Minister for State Owned Enterprises.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: INDONESIA

I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Jakarta, Indonesia, from 19 to 22 March 2019. The Prime Minister's approval has been given in principle.

Travel Objectives

2 Indonesian Foreign Minister Marsudi has invited me to attend an ASEAN dialogue on '*deeper and more inclusive cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region*' in Jakarta on 20 March 2019. Central to the dialogue is the ^{s6(a)} aim of ^{s6(a)} an 'Indo-Pacific' policy, noting that a number of individual countries have proposed their own version of what 'Indo-Pacific' should mean.

3 Objectives for the travel to Indonesia are:

- To support ^{s6(a)} an Indo-Pacific policy that is supported by all ASEAN member countries;
- Support ASEAN as a central anchor in the regional architecture of South East Asia;
- Deepen New Zealand's bilateral relationship with Indonesia.

Travel

4 I propose to depart New Zealand for Jakarta on the morning of Tuesday 19 March and then return to New Zealand on the morning of Friday 22 March. I will not miss any sittings of Cabinet.

Ministerial Party

5 I will be accompanied by a foreign affairs private secretary from my office. The travel costs for the private secretary and I will be a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.

Acting Ministers

6 If Cabinet approves my travel, Hon Jones will act in my Racing portfolio, Hon Dr Clark will act in my State Owned Enterprises portfolio and Hon Parker will act in my Foreign Affairs and Disarmament portfolios.

Costs of Travel

7 The projected costs of the proposed travel (including accompanying staff member) are:

Airfares	\$13,500
Accommodation and other expenses:	\$1,750
Hospitality and gifts:	\$500
Contingency	\$750
Total	\$16,500

8 The above costs reflect the Government of Indonesia's decision to fund my accommodation (2 nights) in Jakarta.

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9 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

10 I recommend that Cabinet:

- a) **approve** my proposed travel to Indonesia 19 to 22 March 2019;
- b) **note** that I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office (a foreign affairs private secretary);
- c) **approve** expenditure of up to \$16,500 for travel expenses for the official delegation as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel;
- d) **agree** that Hon David Parker act in my Foreign Affairs and Disarmament portfolios, Hon Shane Jones act in my Racing portfolio, and Hon David Clark act in my State Owned Enterprises portfolio from 26 February to 3 March 2019;

Approved for lodgement

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Minister of Foreign Affairs