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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Phil Twyford

Portfolio                      Disarmament and Arms Control

On 3 October 2022, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Phil Twyford under CAB-22-SUB-0425 on his travel, from 6 to 8 September 2022, to Canberra, Australia for bilateral discussions.

Rachel Hayward  
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

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for Disarmament and Arms Control

**In Confidence**

Office of the Minister for Disarmament & Arms Control  
Chair, Cabinet

**Report to Cabinet: Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control travel to Canberra, Australia, 6-8 September 2022**

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Canberra, Australia from 6-8 September 2022.
- 2 The primary purpose of the travel s6(a) on issues related to disarmament and arms control, as well as on issues like PACER Plus, AANZFTA, and RCEP in my capacity as Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth.
- 3 Within that broad goal, I sought to:
  - Reinforce our commitment to working with Australia on disarmament and non-proliferation issues and s6(a)
  - Support the continuing implementation of PACER Plus, s6(a)
  - In the context of PACER Plus' accompanying labour mobility arrangement, explore opportunities to collaborate more closely with Australia on regional labour mobility issues, to ensure Pacific Island countries are supported to maximise the benefits of participation in our respective schemes and mitigate any possible negative effects.
  - Support the upgrading of AANZFTA and the implementation of RCEP s6(a)

**Report**

4 My programme comprised the following meetings and events:

- Minister of Trade Don Farrell
- Assistant Minister for Trade Tim Ayres
- Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs Tim Watts (with responsibility for arms control)
- Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy
- A dinner hosted by the High Commissioner with academics and think tank/NGO representatives to discuss disarmament issues s6(a)
- A separate meeting with local representatives of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

*Trade discussions*

5 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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7 Discussions acknowledged the importance of regional labour mobility to the Pacific and noted the potential for New Zealand and Australia to promote a more coordinated regional approach, to the benefit of multiple stakeholders: s6(a), s6(b)(i)

s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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10 There was also a brief discussion of RCEP.s6(a), s6(b)(i)

*Disarmament discussions*

11 s6(b)(i)

12 I expressed gratitude for Australia having sent an observer to the first meeting of states parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and conveyed my hope that such constructive engagement would continue.

13 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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15 s6(a)

*Other*

16 Meetings with Ministers also provided an opportunity to emphasise the importance we placed on improving the situation for New Zealanders living in Australia, as had been discussed by our respective Prime Ministers. s6(b)(i)

*Conclusion*

17 This was a useful set of discussions. On the trade front progress was made on PACER  
Plus s6(b)(i)

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**Recommendations**

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement.

Hon Phil Twyford

**Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control**