

Proactive Release

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Cabinet

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Retrospective Approval of Overseas Travel: Hon Rino Tirikatene

Portfolio State Trade and Export Growth

On 6 June 2023, the Cabinet:

- 1 **retrospectively authorised** the absence of Hon Rino Tirikatene from New Zealand from 6 to 10 June 2023, to travel to Singapore for bilateral discussions;
- 2 **noted** that he is being accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **retrospectively approved** expenditure of up to \$11,202.00 for the travel expenses of the ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that he is also being accompanied by an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs were met by their department;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Kiri Allan act as Minister for Courts;
 - 5.2 Hon Barbara Edmonds act as Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth;
- 6 **noted** that leave from Parliament was sought.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth

Chair, Cabinet

Retrospective Overseas Travel: Hon Rino Tirikatene

1. Following the Prime Minister's in-principle approval for me to travel to Singapore 6 – 10 June 2023, I am seeking Cabinet's retrospective approval.

Reasons for Travel

2. The purpose of the travel is to advance New Zealand's trade and export growth interests in areas including supply chain resilience, digital economy and green economy initiatives with my Singaporean government counterparts.
3. I will also engage with my Singaporean government counterparts on our regional partnership on the ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). This will include discussion on the upcoming AANZFTA Upgrade.
4. This includes meeting with the Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Alvin Tan,^{s6(a)} . This is an excellent opportunity to further enhance the deep connections New Zealand has with Minister Tan^{s6(a)}
5. ^{s6(b)(i)}
6. I will also lead a Māori Aquaculture (Land-Based) Investment Feasibility Tour, and speak at an NZTE InvestHer pitch evening with Singapore investors. The Tour will include a trade and investment Māori delegation of 5-10 senior level delegates, which will explore land-based aquaculture technology and drive greenfield investment in the aquaculture sector across New Zealand.
7. The delegation will meet with various Singaporean entities, including representatives from Apollo Aquaculture Group; Cube2; Sembcorp Industries; Agency for Science, Technology and Research; Public Utilities Board and Facilities; and Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory.
8. Overall, my visit will also support relationship building between key Māori exporters, iwi and Singapore government agencies, technology entities, and investors to unlock commercial and technology transfer opportunities. This is well-aligned with objectives promoting Māori businesses under the Trade for All and Aotearoa ki te Ao strategies, creating trade and export lift for New Zealand.
9. This travel also aligns with both the Trade for All agenda and the Trade Recovery Strategy and supports sustainable and inclusive economic development in sectors where there is potential for long-term growth.

Travel

10. I depart New Zealand by commercial means today, Tuesday 6 June, and return to New Zealand by commercial means on the morning of 10 June.

Ministerial Party

11. I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office and one official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The costs have been met by the agency.

Acting Ministers

12. In my absence, Hon Kiritapu Allan will act as Minister for Courts, and Hon Barbara Edmonds will act as Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth.

Estimated Costs

The indicative costs for travel is as follows:

Airfares and taxes:	\$ 7,274.00
Accommodation:	\$ 1,760.00
Meals, gratuities and incidentals:	\$ 500.00
Airport Facilitation:	\$ 400.00
Gifts:	\$ 250.00
Contingency (10%):	\$ 1,018.00
Total	\$ 11,202.00

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet retrospectively:

1. Authorise my absence from New Zealand from 6 to 10 June, to travel to Singapore;
2. Agree that I be accompanied by one staff member, and one official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
3. Approve the expenditure of \$11,202.00 for the travel expenses for myself, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs [Members of the Executive – Travel];
4. Agree that in my absence Hon Kiritapu Allan act as Minister for Courts, and Hon Barbara Edmonds act as Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth; and
5. Note that leave from Parliament is being sought from the Chief Whip.

– Authorised for lodgement –

Hon Rino Tirikatene

Minister for Courts

Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth