

Proactive Release

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<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – July 2024</i>	CAB-24-MIN-0250
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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – July 2024

Portfolio Foreign Affairs

On 8 July 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Rt Hon Winston Peters from New Zealand, from 14 to 20 July 2024, to travel to Seoul, Republic of Korea and Tokyo, Japan, to attend the 10th triennial Japan Pacific Island Leaders Meeting and to undertake bilateral programmes;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one staff member;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$58,246 for the travel expenses of the ministerial party, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that he will also be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs will be met by the Ministry;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Judith Collins KC act as Minister of Foreign Affairs;
 - 5.2 Hon Judith Collins KC act as Minister for Racing on 14 July 2024;
 - 5.3 Hon Andrew Bayly act as Minister for Racing from 15 to 20 July 2024;
- 6 **noted** that the House is not sitting during his absence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - July 2024

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Japan and the Republic of Korea from Sunday 14 July to Saturday 20 July to attend the 10th triennial Japan Pacific Island Leaders Meeting (PALM10) and to undertake bilateral programmes in Tokyo and Seoul.
- 2 The Prime Minister's Office has approved this travel in-principle.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 With Japan a Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue Partner, Ministerial engagement at PALM 10 is an important opportunity to advance our Pacific priorities. It also presents an opportunity to highlight New Zealand – Japan cooperation in the Pacific.
- 4 The visit to Japan will build on the Prime Minister's recent visit and further strengthen the New Zealand - Japan bilateral relationship. The programme in Tokyo will include a range of meetings with Japanese counterparts to emphasise New Zealand's strong strategic alignment with Japan and reinforce our desire to do more together.
- 5 The visit to the Republic of Korea will strengthen the New Zealand - Korea bilateral relationship. During the visit, we will connect with Korean counterparts, to reinforce New Zealand's commitment to maintaining peace on the Korean Peninsula, and to emphasise our strong strategic alignment with Korea.

Outline of Proposed Visit

- 6 At PALM10, we intend to:
 - Hold bilateral meetings with Pacific leaders in attendance;
 - Represent New Zealand at the PALM10 Summit meetings and working lunch; and
 - Attend a banquet hosted by Prime Minister Kishida and Mrs Kishida.
- 7 During our visit to the Republic of Korea, we intend to seek the following calls and undertake the following engagements:
 - Wreath laying at the National War Memorial of Korea;
 - Meet with Korea's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Cho Tae-yeol;

- Meet with Korea's National Security Adviser Chang Ho-jin;
 - Meet with US General Paul LaCamera, Commander of the United Nations Command; and
 - Host a reception at the Official Residence for bilateral relationship stakeholders.
- 8 During the bilateral aspects of our visit to Japan, we intend to seek the following calls and undertake the following engagements:
- Meet with Japan's Minister of Defence Minoru Kihara;
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 - Deliver a Foreign Policy Speech with a Pacific Focus.
- 9 If travel is approved, we will depart New Zealand for Seoul on Sunday 14 July and return to New Zealand on Saturday 20 July.

Ministerial Party

- 10 If approved, a Senior Specialist Ministerial Adviser will accompany the Minister and their costs will be charged to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 11 The Minister's Senior Foreign Affairs Adviser and one senior official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will also accompany. Their costs will be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Travel Costs

12 List the estimated costs of the travel:

Airfares:	\$ 37,626
Accommodation:	\$ 5,864
Meals/per diems:	\$ 1,290
Wreath:	\$ 150
Gift:	\$ 1,500
Representation:	\$ 5,685
Translation:	\$ 1,357

Room hire for bilaterals	\$ 2,000
Contingency (5%)	\$ 2,774
Total:	\$ 58,246

Acting Ministers

- 13 If travel is approved, Hon Judith Collins will cover the foreign affairs portfolio, and racing portfolio for one day on 14 July. Hon Andrew Bayly will cover the racing portfolio from 15 to 20 July.

Proactive release

- 14 This Cabinet paper is proposed for proactive release, subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet:
- 1.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand from Sunday 14 July to Saturday 20 July to travel to Seoul, Republic of Korea and Tokyo, Japan;
 - 1.2 agree that I be accompanied by one member of staff;
 - 1.3 approve the estimated expenditure of \$ 58,246 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs Members of the Executive – Travel;
 - 1.4 note that I will be accompanied by two officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs will be met by the Ministry;
 - 1.5 agree that in my absence:
 - 1.5.1 Hon Judith Collins will cover my foreign affairs portfolio, and for one day on 14 July my racing portfolio; and
 - 1.5.2 Hon Andrew Bayly will cover my racing portfolio from 15 July – 20 July.
 - 1.6 note that the House is not sitting during my absence.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Winston Peters

Minister for Foreign Affairs