

# Proactive Release

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<b><i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Proposed Overseas Travel for 2024: Türkiye 22 – 28 April</i></b>	CAB-24-MIN-0129
<b><i>Proposed Overseas Travel for 2024: Türkiye 22 – 28 April</i></b>	

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - April 2024

**Portfolio**                      **Foreign Affairs**

On 15 April 2024, Cabinet:

- 1        **authorised** the absence of the Rt Hon Winston Peters from New Zealand, from 22 to 28 April 2024, to travel to Gallipoli and Istanbul, Türkiye to participate in Gallipoli commemorations and undertake bilateral engagements;
- 2        **agreed** that he be accompanied by his partner;
- 3        **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$37,777 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 a member of staff and an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs will both be met by the Ministry;
- 5        **agreed** that in his absence:
  - 5.1      Hon Todd McClay act as Minister of Foreign Affairs;
  - 5.2      Hon Andrew Bayly act as Minister for Racing;
- 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 for 2024: Türkiye 22 – 28 April**

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to undertake official travel to Türkiye from Monday 22 April to Sunday 28 April.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.

### **Purpose of Travel**

- 3 I intend to undertake a visit to Türkiye to participate in Gallipoli commemorations and undertake bilateral calls.
- 4 This visit would be the first to Türkiye by a Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2019 and will provide a boost to the New Zealand-Türkiye relationship through substantive in person engagements. I will register New Zealand's gratitude for Türkiye's hospitality over the years for hosting Gallipoli commemorations and offer congratulations on the recent centennial of the Turkish Republic.
- 5 The visit will be an opportunity to gain Turkish insights on regional issues of interest to New Zealand, including NATO enlargement, the Israel/Hamas conflict and the war in Ukraine. Türkiye s6(a) is a dialogue partner of the Pacific Islands Forum and is a sectoral dialogue partner with ASEAN. As such, the visit will also be an opportunity to share New Zealand perspectives with Turkish counterparts on developments closer to home.
- 6 It will also be an opportunity to express condolences following last year's earthquakes and welcome the finalisation of a memorandum of cooperation between the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) as an expression of our ongoing cooperation as two natural disaster-prone countries.

### **Outline of Proposed Visit**

- 7 During my visit to Türkiye, I intend to travel to Gallipoli and Istanbul to seek the following calls and undertake the following engagements:
  - Represent New Zealand at Gallipoli commemorations, including the joint Anzac Dawn Service at the Anzac Commemorative Site, an Australian Service at Lone Pine, and the New Zealand National Service at Chunuk Bair

- Meet with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
- Meet with Minister of Foreign Affairs Hakan Fidan
- Meet with Minister of Culture and Tourism Mehmet Ersoy

8 If travel is approved, we will depart for Istanbul via Dubai on the evening of Monday 22 April and return to New Zealand on the morning of Sunday 28 April.

### Ministerial Party

- 9 If my travel is approved, I will be accompanied by my partner, Jan Trotman and our costs will be charged to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 10 I will also be accompanied by my Private Secretary (Foreign Affairs), and the Acting Deputy Secretary for Europe, Middle East and Australia. Their costs will be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

### Travel Costs

11 The estimated cost for this travel is:

ITEM	COST (NZD)
<b>Flights</b>	\$26,778
<b>Dubai</b>	
Facilitation	Nil
<b>Türkiye</b>	
Accommodation (2 nights Istanbul, 1 night Çanakkale)	\$2,100
Airport facilitation	Nil
Ground transport	\$5,000
Meals	\$1,200
Hospitality/representation	Nil
Gifts (3 x gifts at \$300/gift)	\$900
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$35,978</b>
Contingency 5%	\$1,799
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,777</b>

### Acting Ministers

12 If travel is approved, in my absence Hon Todd McClay will cover my foreign affairs portfolio, and Hon Andrew Bayly will cover my racing portfolio.

### **Proactive release**

- 13 This Cabinet paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO(18) 4, on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. Proactive release is 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 Monday 22 to Sunday 28 April for travel to Türkiye;
  - 1.2 approve the estimated expenditure of NZD \$ 37,777 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs - Members of the Executive – Travel;
  - 1.3 agree that I be accompanied by my Partner Jan Trotman;
  - 1.4 note that my Private Secretary (Foreign Affairs), and the Acting Deputy Secretary for Europe, Middle East and Australia will also travel with me to Türkiye. Their costs will be covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
  - 1.5 agree that in my absence:
    - 1.5.1 Hon Todd McClay will cover my foreign affairs portfolio; and
    - 1.5.2 Hon Andrew Bayly will cover my racing portfolio.
  - 1.6 note that the House is not sitting during my absence;

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Minister of Foreign Affairs