

Proactive Release

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Title	Reference
<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - September 2024</i>	CAB-24-MIN-0396
<i>Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - 7 to 11 September 2024</i>	



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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - September 2024

Portfolio Trade

On 14 October 2024, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-24-SUB-0396 on his travel, from 7 to 11 September 2024, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates for bilateral visits.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - 7 to 11 September 2024

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 7- 11 September in my capacity as Minister for Trade.

Report

- 1 The primary purpose of this travel was to progress New Zealand-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) free trade negotiations with Saudi Commerce Minister Al Qasabi and GCC Secretary General Albudaiwi. I am pleased to report that positive progress was made during my visit.
- 2 In my capacity as Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, I also met with the Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Al Jubeir for wide ranging discussions on bilateral and regional issues.
- 3 I also met with businesspeople in Saudi Arabia through an NZTE dinner engagement.

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- 4 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

- 5 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade