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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - October 2024

Portfolio Trade

On 14 October 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Todd McClay from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from 21 to 27 October 2024, to travel to Brazil to lead a trade mission to São Paulo and attend the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group in Brasilia;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$80,252 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 be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Andrew Hoggard act as Minister of Agriculture;
 - 5.2 Hon Simon Watts act as Minister of Forestry;
 - 5.3 Hon Tama Potaka act as Minister for Hunting and Fishing;
 - 5.4 Hon Nicola Grigg act as Minister for Trade;
- 6 **noted** that leave from the House has been sought.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

~~[In Confidence]~~

Office of the Minister for Trade

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - October 2024

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Brazil from Monday, 21 October to Sunday, 27 October 2024 in my capacity as Minister for Trade.
- 2 The Chief of Staff has approved the travel in-principle and leave from Parliament has been sought from the Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 I have been invited to attend the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting in Brasília, Brazil on 24 October. The G20 will provide an opportunity to reinforce New Zealand's reputation as an engaged and constructive member on global trade issues and the wider multilateral trading system, and to meet with my counterparts from G20 countries. Given the size of our economy and distance from most other G20 members, this is not an invitation we take for granted.
- 4 While in Brazil I also propose to lead a trade mission to São Paulo from 22-23 October. I will focus on growing the profile of New Zealand businesses and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders in Brazil. This mission contributes to the Government's objective of doubling the value of exports within 10 years and leading a record number of trade missions.

Ministerial Party

- 5 I will be accompanied by one member of staff from my office.
- 6 Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) will accompany the delegation. All costs for MFAT staff will be covered from within the Ministry's baseline budget.

Travel Costs

- 7 Total estimated costs are comprised of:

Airfares:	\$53,000.00
Accommodation – Sao Paulo and Brasilia	\$3,980.00
Mission reception and events	\$16,500.00
Gifts and miscellaneous	\$2950.00
Contingency (5%)	\$3,822.00.00

Total:

\$80,252.00

Acting Ministers

8 If my travel is approved, I note that the house is sitting during my absence. I propose that the following colleagues act in my portfolios. This is subject to final confirmation.

- Hon Hoggard – Agriculture
- Hon Watts – Forestry
- Hon Potaka – Hunting and Fishing
- Hon Grigg – Trade

Recommendations

1 I recommend that Cabinet:

1.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand from Monday 21 October to Sunday 27 October 2024 to travel to Brazil to lead a trade mission to Sao Paulo and attend the the G20 Trade and Investment Working Group in Brasilia.

1.2 agree that I be accompanied by one member of staff;

1.3 approve the estimated expenditure of \$80,252.00 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 officials from MFAT, whose travel costs will be covered from within the Ministry's baseline budget;

1.5 agree that in my absence:

1.5.1 Hon Hoggard will be Acting Minister of Agriculture

1.5.2 Hon Watts will be Acting Minister of Forestry

1.5.3 Hon Potaka will be Acting Minister for Hunting and Fishing

1.5.4 Hon Grigg will be Acting Minister for Trade

1.6 note that leave from Parliament has been sought from the Party Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade