

Proactive Release

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - November 2024

Portfolio Trade

On 14 October 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Todd McClay from New Zealand, from 26 to 30 November 2024, to travel to Vancouver, Canada to attend the 8th Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Commission;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$38,478 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 their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Andrew Hoggard act as Minister of Agriculture;
 - 5.2 Hon Penny Simmonds 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 note that the House is not sitting during his absence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

~~[In Confidence]~~

Office of the Minister for Trade

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - November 2024

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Vancouver, Canada from Tuesday, 26 November to Saturday, 30 November 2024 to attend the 8th Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Ministerial Commission.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle, and House leave has been sought from the Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 I will attend the CPTPP plenary sessions, the Commission press conference, a reception for Ministers and the business community and several bilateral ministerial-level meetings.
- 4 With the support of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, I also expect to host a business function and meet with New Zealand stakeholders in Vancouver.

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:	\$32,200.00
Accommodation:	\$2,650.00
Reception	\$1,000.00
Gifts and miscellaneous	\$700.00
Contingency (5%)	\$1,828.00
Total:	\$38,478.00

Acting Ministers

8 If my travel is approved, I note that the house is not sitting during my absence. I propose that the following colleagues act in my portfolios. This is subject to final confirmation.

- 8.1 Hon Hoggard – Agriculture
- 8.2 Hon Simmonds – Forestry
- 8.3 Hon Potaka – Hunting and Fishing
- 8.4 Hon Grigg – Trade

Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet:
- 1.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand from Tuesday, 26 November to Saturday, 30 November 2024 to travel to Vancouver, Canada to attend the 8th CPTPP Ministerial Commission;
 - 1.2 agree that I be accompanied by one member of staff;
 - 1.3 approve the estimated expenditure of \$38,478 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 Simmonds 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