

Proactive Release

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - November 2024

Portfolio Foreign Affairs

On 29 October 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Rt Hon Winston Peters from New Zealand, from 10 to 16 November 2024, to travel to:
 - 1.1 Chile and Mexico for bilateral meetings;
 - 1.2 Lima, Peru to attend the APEC Ministerial Meeting;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by two members of staff, one of whose costs will be met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT);
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$71,838 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 MFAT, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Judith Collins KC act as Minister of Foreign Affairs;
 - 5.2 Hon Andrew Bayly act as Minister for Racing;
- 6 **noted** that the House is sitting during his absence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

~~In Confidence~~

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters, Chile, Mexico, and Peru, 10-16 November 2024

- 1 This paper seeks Cabinet approval to undertake official travel to Peru for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting, as well as bilateral travel to Chile and Mexico, from Sunday 10 November to Saturday 16 November 2024 (inclusive).
- 2 The Prime Minister's Office has approved the travel in-principle.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 We intend to travel to attend the APEC Ministerial Meeting, where we will reinforce New Zealand's support for the rules-based international system and multilateral institutions like APEC that strengthen the trade and regulatory norms on which we depend.
- 4 While in Latin America, we intend to travel to Chile and Mexico for bilateral engagements with Foreign Minister counterparts and other relevant political leaders. s6(a)

Chile and Mexico – where New Zealand has an Embassy presence - are partners for New Zealand on free trade, democracy, human rights, climate, the environment, and peace and security. Chile is also an important partner in the Antarctic Treaty context.

Ministerial Party

- 5 The Specialist Ministerial Adviser is proposed to accompany, whose costs will be charged to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 6 This paper proposes that two officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (one of whom is seconded to my office) travel in support of the visit objectives, with their costs covered by the Ministry.

Travel Costs

- 7 The following is a breakdown of estimated costs to be charged to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel:

Flights	\$48,826.30
Accommodation	\$ 4,278
Transport	\$ 2,124

Hospitality and events	\$ 8,398
Interpretation	\$ 1,800
Gifts	\$ 1,530
Meals and per diems	\$ 1,461
Subtotal	\$ 68,417.30
<i>Contingency (5%)</i>	<i>\$ 3,420.87</i>
Total	\$ 71,838

Acting Ministers

- 8 If travel is approved, Hon Judith Collins would act as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Hon Andrew Bayly would act as Minister for Racing.

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- 9 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 4 on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. The paper will be subject to redaction as appropriate on the grounds set out under the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendations

- 1 This paper recommends that Cabinet:
- 1.1 **Authorise** our absence from New Zealand from Sunday 10 November to Saturday 16 November 2024 to travel to Chile, Mexico, and Peru;
 - 1.2 **Agree** that one staff member accompany the travel;
 - 1.3 **Approve** the estimated expenditure of \$71,838 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel;
 - 1.4 **Note** that officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will accompany the travel, whose costs will be met by the Ministry;
 - 1.5 **Agree** that in our absence:
 - 1.5.1 Hon Judith Collins act as Minister of Foreign Affairs; and
 - 1.5.2 Hon Andrew Bayly act as Minister for Racing.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs