

Proactive Release

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New Zealand Representation at Funeral of PM of Tonga:

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Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: New Zealand Representation at Funeral of Prime Minister of Tonga

Portfolio **Foreign Affairs**

On 16 September 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon Akilisi Pōhiva, passed away on 12 September 2019;
- 2 **noted** that a multi-party Parliamentary delegation will travel to Tonga to attend Prime Minister Pōhiva's funeral on 19 September 2019;
- 3 **agreed** that Hon Jenny Salesa attend the funeral to represent the New Zealand government;
- 4 **noted** that the delegation will travel to Tonga by NZDF 757 and, subject to confirmation, will also return by the NZDF 757;
- 5 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$2,700 for the travel expenses of Hon Jenny Salesa as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive-Travel);
- 6 **noted** that it is proposed that for all other Members of Parliament who are part of the delegation, the costs for accommodation and other expenses be met by their respective Leaders' Offices.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

***Secretary's note:** Following the meeting Hon Jenny Salesa's office advised that during the absence of the Minister, Hon Carmel Sepuloni will act as Minister of Ethnic Communities, Hon Phil Twyford will act as Minister of Building and Construction, and Hon Iain Lees-Galloway will act as Minister of Customs.*

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Prime Minister
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Hon Jenny Salesa