

Proactive Release

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon James Shaw [California] (CAB-19-SUB-0069 refers)

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon James Shaw

Portfolio **Climate Change**

On 11 March 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon James Shaw under CAB-19-SUB-0069 on his travel, from 11 to 16 September 2018, to California, United States of America to attend the Global Climate Action Summit.

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I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel as Minister for Climate Change to California, US, from 11 to 16 September 2018 to attend the Global Climate Action Summit.

Report

- 1 The Global Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by California Governor Jerry Brown, aimed to maintain and enhance ambition on climate action, including by the private sector and subnational entities. It was one of the major international events in the lead up to the important UN climate change conference (COP24) held in Poland at the end of 2018.
- 2 I had valuable discussions during the Summit on issues such as green finance, climate legislation, food systems and climate, and climate action by cities. I was struck by the meaningful progress on decarbonisation that is occurring, and growing, including within the US.
- 3 I participated in a number of events, including a session with Ministers from other small, high-ambition countries hosted by the World Resources Institute, a meeting of the US Climate Alliance, and an awards ceremony for the Climate & Clean Air Coalition.
- 4 The Summit was an opportunity to build some of the key relationships needed for COP24. I met with a range of leaders from across national and subnational jurisdictions, including Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel Cañete, Irish Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment Denis Naughten, UK Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific Mark Field, and former Irish President Mary Robinson.
- 5 In my discussions I was able to provide an update on the Government's ambitious domestic climate change work programme and to hear about the action others are taking. A pre-recorded video message from Prime Minister Ardern, which screened at the Summit's closing plenary, underscored New Zealand's strong commitment to climate action.

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- 6 I propose to release this paper proactively on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. Proactive release will be subject to redaction as appropriate under the [Official Information Act 1982](#).

Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon James Shaw

Minister for Climate Change

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