



Proactive Release

The following documents have been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), on behalf of Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, Prime Minister:

Proactive Release: Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Proposed Overseas Travel: London 1 – 8 May 2023 (CAB-23-SUB-0135 refers)

Title of minute: Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister (CAB-23-MIN-0135 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister
Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: London 1 – 8 May 2023

1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to London from 1 to 8 May 2023 to attend the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Reason for Travel to London

2 My travel to London, if approved, will allow me to represent the Government, alongside Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. I will leverage my attendance to advance New Zealand's foreign and trade policy interests including, and in particular, advancing our bilateral relationship with the United Kingdom.

3 The objectives for my trip are:

- a) Represent Aotearoa New Zealand at official Coronation events and build a positive relationship with King Charles.
- b) Advance New Zealand's trade and economic objectives, both bilaterally around Entry Into Force of the NZ-UK FTA and the upgrade to our Working Holiday Scheme, and regionally as we emphasise the positive benefits of UK accession to CPTPP.
- c) Advocate for Pacific Island interests around responding to climate change and economic resilience
- d) Reinforce to the UK the value in working together on issues of mutual interest, including: supporting the Rules-Based International System (including through our support for Ukraine), a free and open Indo-Pacific, our people-to-people and science links, and free and sustainable trade.

Coronation events that I will attend include:

- a) HM The King's lunch for Realm states
- b) An event for Commonwealth leaders
- c) HM The King's Reception for Overseas Guests
- d) HM The King's Coronation Ceremony

4 The remainder of my programme will including bilateral meetings with political leaders, including UK Prime Minister Sunak, attending a number of trade and economic events designed to give profile to the NZ – UK FTA, and visiting New Zealand troops at Knook, where I will make a number of announcements in relation to our support for Ukraine. I will also attend a Leaders-level side event hosted by the UK Foreign Secretary to mark the UK Government’s commitment to a successful 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States in 2024.

Travel

5 If travel is approved, I will depart New Zealand for London late evening on Monday 1 May. I will return to New Zealand from London on a direct Emirates service on the evening of Saturday 6 May, arriving back in New Zealand mid morning Monday 8 May.

Prime Ministerial Party

6 If Cabinet approves my travel, I will be accompanied in London by my Senior Private Secretary, my Chief Press Secretary, and officials from Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), and New Zealand Police Protection Services officers.

Estimated Costs

7 Following is a breakdown of estimated costs to be covered by the Prime Minister’s Office, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs, Members of the Executive – Travel:

s9(2)(f)(iv)	

8 Costs associated with the travel of MFAT and DPMC officials, and the New Zealand Police Protective Services officers will be a charge to their respective votes.

Acting Ministers

9 If my travel is approved, I propose that Hon Carmel Sepuloni act as Acting Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

Recommendations

10 I recommend that Cabinet:

- **Authorise** my absence from New Zealand from 2 – 6 May 2023 to travel to London;
- **Agree** that I will be accompanied by my Senior Private Secretary, my Chief Press Secretary, officials from DPMC, MFAT, and officers from the New Zealand Police Protective Service;
- **Approve** the expenditure of s9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs, Members of the Executive – Travel;
- **Note** that the costs of the DPMC and MFAT officials and the New Zealand Police Protection Services officers will be a charge to their respective votes;
- **Agree** that in my absence Hon Carmel Sepuloni act as Acting Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, and Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

– Authorised for lodgement –

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins

Prime Minister

Minister for National Security and Intelligence

Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 11 April 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand, from 1 to 8 May 2023, to travel to London, United Kingdom to:
 - 1.1 represent New Zealand, alongside the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III; and
 - 1.2 undertake bilateral meetings and attend a number of trade and economic events;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by his Senior Private Secretary and Chief Press Secretary;
- 3 **approved** the expenditure of up to s9(2)(f)(iv) 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 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and officers from the New Zealand Police Protective Service, with their costs being charged to their respective votes;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Carmel Sepuloni act as Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services;
 - 5.2 Hon Andrew Little act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet