



## Proactive Release

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### **Proactive Release: Governor-General's Travel to the Cook Islands**

The following documents have been included in this release:

**Title of paper:** Governor-General's Travel to the Cook Islands (CAB-23-SUB-0223)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO THE COOK ISLANDS

### Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to the Cook Islands from 8 to 10 June 2023 (7 to 10 June Cook Islands time).

### Summary

- 2 At the invitation of the Prime Minister, the Governor-General undertakes a programme of international travel, representing New Zealand in the Head of State role (Cabinet Manual 2017, paragraph 1.13).
- 3 This is Her Excellency's first visit to one of the countries of the Realm of New Zealand as Governor-General. The principal purpose of the visit is to strengthen Realm connections through kanohi ki te kanohi engagement with the Prime Minister and King's Representative, as well as attend Matariki and community events.
- 4 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by Dr Richard Davies and three Government House staff (the Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Protection Service officers.

### Travel

- 5 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from the Cook Islands on commercial flights.

### Financial implications

- 6 The cost of the visit is approximately s9(2)(f)(iv). The costs comprise s9(2)(f)(iv) for commercial flights between New Zealand and the Cook Islands and charter flights to Aitutaki Island, and s9(2)(f)(iv) for accommodation and incidental expenses for the official party from Government House, excluding the Protection Service officers.
- 7 The costs for the Governor-General and party will be met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010.
- 8 The expenses of the Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

### Consultation

- 9 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has been consulted in the development and implementation of the Governor-General's programme and this Cabinet paper.

## Proactive release

10 This paper will be proactively released, subject to any redactions.

## Administrator of the Government

11 During the absence of the Governor-General from 8 to 10 June 2023 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

## Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. **note** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 8 to 10 June 2023 to undertake a visit to the Cook Islands;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House, and two Protection Service officers;
3. **note** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to the Cook Islands will be approximately s9(2)(f)(iv);
4. **note** that these costs will be met from the appropriation under permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010; however, the travel expenses of the two Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
5. **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 8 to 10 June 2023 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Prime Minister**



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Overseas Travel: Governor-General

**Portfolio**                      **Prime Minister**

On 6 June 2023, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 8 to 10 June 2023 to undertake a visit to the Cook Islands;
- 2        **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary, a Communications Advisor and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House;
- 3        **noted** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to the Cook Islands will be approximately <sup>s9(2)(f)(iv)</sup> [redacted];
- 4        **noted** that the above costs will be met from the appropriation under permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010;
- 5        **noted** that the Governor-General's party will also be accompanied by two Protection Service officers, whose travel expenses will be met from Vote Police;
- 6        **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 8 to 10 June 2023 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

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