



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General

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The following documents have been included in this release:

***Title of paper: Governor-General's Travel to the United Kingdom
(CAB-19-SUB-0245 refers)***

***Title of minute: Additional Item: Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General
(CAB-19-MIN-0245 refers)***

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, will travel to the United Kingdom from 3 – 8 June 2019 to attend the UK commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in France.

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 The principal purpose of the visit is for the Governor-General to lead New Zealand's representation at the United Kingdom commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings.
- 4 The Governor-General will attend a series of engagements in Portsmouth, which will be the location for the principal commemoration of the 75th anniversary. Her Majesty the Queen will be present, as well as the Prince of Wales. President Donald Trump will also attend, as part of his State visit to the UK. Other world leaders attending include President Macron, Prime Minister Trudeau, Chancellor Merkel, and the Prime Ministers of the Netherlands, Poland, Luxembourg, and Norway.
- 5 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by two Government House staff (the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Personal Protection Service officers.
- 6 The expenses of the Personal Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

Travel

- 7 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to the United Kingdom on commercial flights.

Financial implications

- 8 The cost of the visit is approximately 9(2)(f)(iv). The costs comprise 9(2)(f)(iv) for international flights and 9(2)(f)(iv) for accommodation, ground transport and incidental expenses.
- 9 The costs for the Governor-General and party, excluding the Personal Protection Officers, 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.

Consultation

- 10 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.

Administrator of the Government

- 11 During the absence of the Governor-General from 3 to 8 June 2019, 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 3 to 8 June 2019 to lead New Zealand's representation at the United Kingdom commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by the Official Secretary, an Aide-de-Camp from Government House, and two Personal Protection Officers;
3. **note** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to the United Kingdom will be approximately ^{9(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 Personal Protection Officers will be met from Vote Police;
5. **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 3 to 8 June 2019 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister



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Minute of Decision

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Additional Item: Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 27 May 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 3 to 8 June 2019 to lead New Zealand's representation at the United Kingdom commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House;
- 3 **noted** that the Governor-General will also be accompanied by two Personal Protection Officers, whose travel expenses will be met from Vote Police;
- 4 **noted** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to the United Kingdom will be approximately ^{9(2)(f)(iv)};
- 5 **noted** that the travel costs of the Governor-General's party 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;
- 6 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

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