



Proactive Release

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Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

The following documents have been included in this release:

***Title of paper: Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
(CAB-19-SUB-0410 refers)***

***Title of minute: Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister
(CAB-19-MIN-0410 refers)***

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Melbourne, Australia from 18 July to 19 July to deliver an address to the Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), meet Australian companies investing in New Zealand and New Zealand companies operating in Australia, and meet bilaterally with Prime Minister Scott Morrison as well as the Victorian Governor and Premier.

Report

- 1 The main purpose of my trip was to deliver a speech to ANZSOG. This had initially been planned for early March, but was deferred. The speech attracted an audience of 2,000, and was entitled “why does good government matter”. This followed previous Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand giving a similar address.
- 2 Other events were organised around the speech, including meetings with both the Victorian Premier and Governor. Premier Andrews was particularly interested in the methodology behind our Wellbeing Budget. He was also keen to share capabilities and research results in the area of mental health, 9(2)(ba)(i)
[REDACTED]
- 3 My engagement with a group of Australian investors highlighted some of the strengths of the NZ investment, including: our business culture; the New Zealand mind set of starting a business with a plan to go global rather than just service the domestic market; and New Zealanders’ determination to work hard and do more with less. 9(2)(ba)(i)
[REDACTED]
Several investors noted that NZTE was doing an excellent job of assisting them into the New Zealand market.
- 4 The breakfast for around 40 New Zealand business people, with each inviting a key Australian contact, provided an opportunity to get an idea of some of the businesses doing innovative things in the Australian market. I understand from NZTE that many were able to attract very senior Australian contacts on the strength of the format for the breakfast, and the opportunity it provided to

speak to me directly. I understand from NZTE that the event has already resulted in new opportunities for some of the businesses participating.

5 Prime Minister Morrison specifically travelled to Melbourne, allowing for a one on one discussion followed by a full bilateral meeting. ^{6(a), 6(b)} we ^{6(a), 6(b)}

^{6(a), 6(b)} have continued differences of view on deportations of New Zealanders with few links to New Zealand, ^{6(a), 6(b)}

6 ^{6(a), 6(b)}

7 We also discussed a range of foreign policy issues. ^{6(a), 6(b)}

8 ^{6(a), 6(b)}

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I also had an interview with Lisa Wilkinson from The Project, and with David Crowe, chief political correspondent for Fairfax. The latter have appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, and have highlighted several issues including the Christchurch Call work.

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

Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern

Prime Minister

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 19 August 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Prime Minister under CAB-19-SUB-0410 on her travel, from 18 to 19 July 2019, to Melbourne, Australia to address the Australia New Zealand School of Government, meet Australian companies investing in New Zealand and New Zealand companies operating in Australia, and have bilateral discussions with the Australian Prime Minister and meetings with the Victorian Governor and Premier.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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