



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General

Date of release: 26 November 2019

The following documents have been included in this release:

***Title of paper: Governor-General's Travel to Japan and the Republic of Korea
(CAB-19-SUB-0526 refers)***

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(CAB-19-MIN-0526 refers)***

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, will travel to Japan and the Republic of Korea from 20 to 27 October 2019.

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 represent New Zealand at the enthronement of the Emperor of Japan and to attend the naming ceremony of the New Zealand naval vessel HMNZS *Aotearoa*.
- 4 The Governor-General will also undertake a programme of official activities in Japan, including a banquet hosted by the Prime Minister of Japan and a visit to Waseda University.
- 5 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by Sir David Gascoigne and two Government House staff (the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Diplomatic Protection Service officers.
- 6 The expenses of the Diplomatic Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

Travel

- 7 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from Japan and the Republic of Korea 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 flights and 9(2)(f)(iv) for accommodation, ground transport, and incidental expenses in Japan and the Republic of Korea. 6(a)
- 9 The total 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. This includes the costs of two Diplomatic Protection Service officers who will accompany the party, and whose expenses will be subsequently met from Vote Police.

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.

Proactive release

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

Administrator of the Government

- 12 During the absence of the Governor-General from 20 to 27 October 2019, the 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 20 to 27 October 2019 to represent New Zealand at the enthronement of the Emperor of Japan and attend the naming ceremony of the New Zealand naval vessel HMNZS *Aotearoa*;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Sir David Gascoigne, the Official Secretary, an Aide-de-Camp from Government House, and two Diplomatic Protection Service officers;
3. **note** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party from Government House to Japan and the Republic of Korea 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 Diplomatic Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
5. **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 20 to 27 October 2019 the Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann will act as Administrator of the Government.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Governor-General

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 14 October 2019, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 20 to 27 October 2019 to travel to:
 - 1.1 Japan, to represent New Zealand at the enthronement of the Emperor of Japan;
 - 1.2 the Republic of Korea, to attend the naming ceremony of the New Zealand naval vessel HMNZS Aotearoa;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Sir David Gascoigne, the Official Secretary, and an Aide-de-Camp from Government House;
- 3 **noted** that the total cost of the visit for the Governor-General's party will be approximately 9(2)(f)(iv), as a charge to Vote: Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- 4 **noted** that the Governor-General's party will be accompanied by two Diplomatic Protection Service officers, whose travel expenses will be charged to Vote: Police;
- 5 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General, the Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann will act as Administrator of the Government from 20 to 27 October 2019.

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