



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: Overseas Travel: Governor-General's Travel to the Republic of Korea (South Korea)

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Governor-General's Travel to the Republic of Korea (South Korea)
(CAB-23-SUB-0324 refers)

Title of minute: Governor General: Overseas Travel (CAB-23-MIN-0324 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SOUTH KOREA)

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to the Republic of Korea (South Korea) from 24 to 30 July 2023.

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 this visit is for the Governor-General to represent New Zealand at the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. New Zealand was represented at the 60th anniversary in 2013 by then Prime Minister Rt Hon John Key and in 2003 by then Prime Minister Rt Hon Helen Clark. High level representation from New Zealand will be expected and makes sense given our long-standing and increasingly close relationship with the Republic of Korea. 2022 also marked 60 years of New Zealand's bilateral relations with the Republic of Korea and a visit by the Governor-General will help emphasise the importance of the relationship.
- 4 The Governor-General will be accompanied on the visit by Dr Richard Davies and two Government House staff (the Official Secretary and an Aide-de-Camp) and two Protection Service officers.

Travel

- 5 The Governor-General and accompanying officials will travel to and from the Republic of Korea on commercial flights.

Financial implications

- 6 The cost of the visit is approximately 9(2)(f)(iv). The costs comprise 9(2)(f)(iv) for commercial flights between the Republic of Korea and New Zealand and 9(2)(f)(iv) for internal travel, accommodation and incidental expenses for the official party from Government House, excluding the Protection Service officers. Costs for some events are being split with MFAT.
- 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 24 to 30 July 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 24 to 30 July 2023 to undertake a visit to the Republic of Korea;
2. **note** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, the Official Secretary 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 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 Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
5. **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 24 to 30 July 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 24 July 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand, from 24 to 30 July 2023, to undertake a visit to the Republic of Korea;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies, 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 from Government House to the Republic of Korea will be approximately 9(2)(f)(iv)
- 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 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

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