



Proactive Release

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Proactive Release: Overseas Travel: Governor-General's Travel to Malaysia

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper: Governor-General's Travel to Malaysia (CAB-23-SUB-0434 refers)

Title of minute: Overseas Travel: Governor-General (CAB-23-MIN-0434 refers)

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Office of the Prime Minister

Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA

Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to Malaysia from 1 to 5 October 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 commemorate the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations, with the previous Governor-General, Dame Patsy Reddy, having visited Malaysia in 2017 to commemorate the 60th anniversary. This will emphasise the significant value New Zealand places on the bilateral relationship with Malaysia, as a key regional trade, political and defence partner. A visit will provide an opportunity to celebrate the 2022 New Zealand-Malaysia Strategic Partnership, to further the Partnership's key aim of increasing bilateral indigenous engagement, and to re-energise New Zealand and Malaysia's education connections.
- 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 Malaysia 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 Malaysia and New Zealand and 9(2)(f)(iv) for event costs and incidental expenses for the official party from Government House, excluding the Protection Service officers. Costs for some events are being split with MFAT. 6(a)
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- 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 1 to 5 October 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 1 to 5 October 2023 to undertake a visit to Malaysia;
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 Malaysia 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 1 to 5 October 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 18 September 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 1 to 5 October 2023 to undertake a visit to Malaysia;
- 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 Malaysia 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 be accompanied by two Protection Service officers, whose travel costs will be met from Vote Police;
- 6 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General from 1 to 5 October 2023 the Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, will act as Administrator of the Government.

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