



## Proactive Release

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### **Proactive Release: Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister**

The following documents have been included in this release:

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Office of the Prime Minister  
Chair, Cabinet

## Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Chris Hipkins

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to the UK on 22-23 April 2023.

### Report

- 1 From 2-6 May I visited London, UK for the Coronation of King Charles III and to conduct a bilateral programme.
- 2 I represented New Zealand at the Coronation service on 6 May alongside the Governor General, senior Royal Honours holders, iwi leaders, and community representatives. The Leader of the Opposition also attended.
- 3 I participated in other official Coronation-related events the previous day, including a lunch for Realm Leaders hosted by the King, a Commonwealth Leaders' meeting, and a reception hosted by the King. I also had private audiences with King Charles and with Prince William, where I spoke about recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle, and the impacts of climate change more broadly.
- 4 I held a formal meeting with Prime Minister Sunak at No 10 Downing Street ahead of the Coronation programme. Our discussion was warm, with a particular focus on the NZ-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). We also touched on our shared foreign policy priorities.
- 5 On trade, we agreed the NZ-UK FTA and the UK's accession to CPTPP were important milestones in our bilateral trade relationship. Prime Minister Sunak noted the expected positive impact of the NZ-UK FTA, which would create jobs and deepen people-to-people links, and conveyed his thanks for New Zealand's support for the UK's accession to CPTPP.

6 s6(a), s6(b)(i)  
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8 I also had a discussion with Leader of the Opposition Sir Keir Starmer and Shadow Foreign Secretary David Lammy. We exchanged views on shared challenges, including the COVID recovery, cost-of-living issues, inflation, and net-zero carbon emissions.

9 I spoke with a number of other world leaders and UK Cabinet Ministers in the margins of the official Coronation events, including Foreign Secretary Cleverly, Australian Prime Minister Albanese, the Princess Royal, the Commonwealth Secretary General, Vietnamese President Vo Van Thuong and the Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister.

10 I also met formally with Tongan Prime Minister Hu'akavameiliku, and separately with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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11 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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12 On 4 May I announced, together with UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, that the NZ-UK FTA would enter into force on 31 May. My programme included events to profile the benefits of the FTA to New Zealand businesses. I visited a local restaurant serving New Zealand wines, where I heard about opportunities and challenges for New Zealand wine exporters in the UK market. I also attended an NZTE-led business networking event, which attracted around 140 UK and New Zealand leaders and businesses.

13 I led a roundtable discussion with four UK climate change experts at the New Zealand High Commission. The discussion focused on climate adaptation and "building back better" in light of Cyclone Gabrielle and other adverse weather events this year. s6(a), s6(b)(i)

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14 I took the opportunity to visit Knook training camp, where NZDF personnel are training Ukrainian soldiers. There I announced a further package of support for Ukraine. I met with New Zealand and Ukrainian troops and watched a training exercise involving simulated artillery and gunfire.

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15 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 4 on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. The paper will be subject to redaction as appropriate on the grounds set out under the Official Information Act 1982.

**Recommendation**

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Chris Hipkins

Prime Minister

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## Minute of Decision

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister

**Portfolio**                      **Prime Minister**

On 6 June 2023, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Prime Minister under CAB-23-SUB-0218 on his travel, from 1 to 8 May 2023, to London, United Kingdom to:

- 1        represent New Zealand, alongside the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III;
- 2        undertake bilateral meetings and attend several trade and economic events.

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