



Proactive Release

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Prime Minister - November 2024

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Office of the Prime Minister
Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, 14-18 November 2024

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to undertake official travel to Lima, from 14 November to 18 November, to attend APEC Economic Leaders' Week.

Purpose of travel

- 2 I intend to travel to Lima, Peru to attend APEC Economic Leaders' Week, in support of the Government's focus on the Indo-Pacific region. APEC is the premier regional forum for trade and economic issues and one in which New Zealand has a reputation for leadership and innovation.
- 3 The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Trade will be attending separate meetings during the week. I will be accompanied by a media delegation.
- 4 The objectives of my trip are:
- 4.1 To deepen relationships with New Zealand's key regional and global partners;
 - 4.2 To engage at leader level through bilateral meetings on strategic and economic opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region, one week after the US Election;
 - 4.3 Demonstrate New Zealand's commitment to APEC as a key part of regional architecture and the rules-based trade system; and
 - 4.4 Showcase New Zealand's open and innovative business environment.
- 5 I will meet with key regional and global leader level counterparts at a time when the outcome and implications of the US election will be top of mind. My attendance will demonstrate New Zealand's commitment to regional architecture and the rules-based trading system. I will attend the APEC CEO Summit and engage with senior APEC Business Advisory Council representatives to showcase New Zealand's open and innovation business environment.

Prime Ministerial party

- 6 I will be accompanied by two members of staff from my office. Our costs will be met by Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 7 I will also be accompanied by my Foreign Policy Adviser (DPMC) and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose costs will be covered by their respective agencies.
- 8 I will also be accompanied by New Zealand Police Dignitary Protection Service staff, whose costs will be met by Vote Police.

Travel costs

- 9 The following is a breakdown of estimated costs to be covered by the Prime Minister's Office, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.

Flights	s9(2)(f)(iv)	
Accommodation		
Transport	\$ –	
Hospitality and events	s9(2)(f)(iv)	
Gifts		
Subtotal		
Contingency (5%)		
Total		

Acting Ministers

- 10 If my travel is approved, I propose that Hon David Seymour act as Acting Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, and Hon Judith Collins act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

Proactive release

- 11 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 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.

Recommendations

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet:
- 1.1 **Authorise** my absence from New Zealand, from 14 November to 18 November 2024, to travel to Lima, Peru, to attend APEC Economic Leaders' Week;
 - 1.2 **Agree** that I be accompanied by two members of staff, and my Foreign Policy Adviser (DPMC);
 - 1.3 **Approve** the estimated expenditure of s9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel;
 - 1.4 **Note** that I will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and New Zealand Police Dignitary Protection Service staff, whose travel costs will be met by respective agencies; and
 - 1.5 **Agree** that in my absence:
 - 1.5.1 Hon David Seymour act as Acting Prime Minister and as Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services, and Hon Judith Collins act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon
Prime Minister



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 4 November 2024, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of the Prime Minister from New Zealand, from 14 to 18 November 2024, to travel to Lima, Peru, to attend the APEC Economic Leaders' Week;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by two members of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to s9(2)(f)(iv) for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that he will also be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and New Zealand Police Dignitary Protection Service staff, whose travel costs will be met by their respective agencies;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon David Seymour act as Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services;
 - 5.2 Hon Judith Collins KC act as Minister for National Security and Intelligence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet