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### **Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister – September 2025**

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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister – September 2025

**Portfolio**                      **Prime Minister**

On 15 December 2025, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Prime Minister under CAB-25-SUB-0470 on his travel, from 9 to 11 September 2025, to Honiara, Solomon Islands to attend the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet

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## Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Christopher Luxon – September 2025

I recommend Cabinet note this report on my travel to Solomon Islands for the 54th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders' Meeting, from Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 September.

### Report

1 Solomon Islands hosted the 2025 PIF Leaders' Meeting in Honiara. Over the course of two days on the ground, I was able to s6(a)

1.1 *Underscore New Zealand's commitment to the Forum as the central body of the Pacific and engage with my counterparts from the region:* I took part in the Leaders' Retreat and plenary sessions, setting out New Zealand's stall and hearing the views of my fellow Leaders. I met formally with Prime Minister Rabuka of Fiji, Prime Minister Eke of Tonga, President Whipps of Palau and President Maamau of Kiribati. I also took the opportunity to engage informally with other Leaders in the margins of the formalities. s6(a)

1.2 *Seek agreement for New Zealand to host the Forum in 2027:* With this unanimously agreed by PIF Leaders, New Zealand will host the 56<sup>th</sup> Leaders' Meeting – a chance to highlight our decades-long investment in the Forum, shaping its future direction in a way that serves the interests of the region.

1.3 *Highlight New Zealand's longstanding development support to Solomon Islands:* I launched the Solomon Islands-New Zealand Education Partnership, a 10-year programme worth NZD\$60 million. The initiative aims to improve education delivery in Solomon Islands, building on New Zealand's legacy of supporting genuinely transformational education reforms in the country.

2 As well as sharing a New Zealand view, this was an opportunity to hear firsthand how PIF members are navigating today's economic and geopolitical realities. A few recurring themes emerged:

2.1 s6(b)(i), s6(b)(ii)

s6(b)(i), s6(b)(ii)

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2.2 s6(b)(i) I reaffirmed New Zealand's support for the 1992 decision on Taiwan's engagement with the Forum.

s6(a)

[Redacted]

s6(b)(i), s6(b)(ii)

[Redacted]

2.3 s6(b)(i), s6(b)(ii)

[Redacted]

2.4 s6(b)(i), s6(b)(ii)

[Redacted] New Zealand, alongside fourteen other members, signed the Establishment Treaty for the Pacific Resilience Facility – a climate financing institution to be established in Tonga – to which we have contributed NZ\$20m.

3 s6(a)

[Redacted]

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**Recommendation**

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon  
Prime Minister