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Overseas Travel: Governor-General - April 2026

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Overseas Travel: Governor-General – April 2026

Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 7 April 2026, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 19 to 27 April 2026 to attend Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli;
- 2 **noted** that the Governor-General will be accompanied by Dr Richard Davies and two Government House staff;
- 3 **noted** that the total cost of the visit is approximately [REDACTED], which will be met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the international travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010;
- 4 **noted** that the Governor-General will also be accompanied by [REDACTED] s6(d) [REDACTED], whose costs will be met from Vote Police;
- 5 **noted** that in the absence of the Governor-General:
 - 5.1 the Chief Justice will act as the Administrator of the Government on 19 April 2026 and from 25 to 27 April 2026;
 - 5.2 Justice France will act as the Administrator of the Government from the evening of 19 April to 24 April 2026.

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Chair, Cabinet

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S TRAVEL TO TÜRKIYE

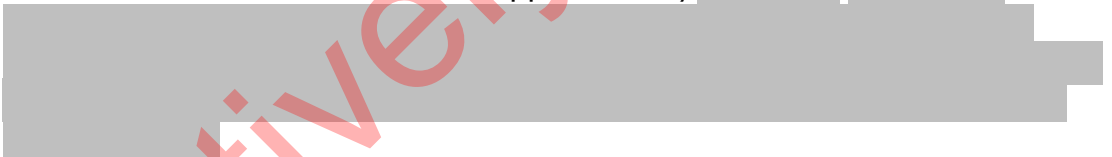
Proposal

- 1 Cabinet is asked to note that the Governor-General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, will travel to Türkiye from 19 to 27 April 2026 to attend Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli.

Travel

- 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 2023, paragraph 1.13).
- 3 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). s6(d) will also accompany the Governor-General.

Costs

- 4 The estimated cost of the travel is approximately s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv) s6(a), s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv)

- 5 The total cost is met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the international travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010. The expenses of the accompanying Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police.

Consultation

- 6 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is working closely with Government House on plans for this visit.

Proactive release

- 7 This paper will be proactively released, subject to any redactions.

Administrator of the Government

- 8 During the absence of the Governor-General the Chief Justice will act as the Administrator of the Government on 19 April and then from 25 to 27 April. Justice France will act as the Administrator from the evening of 19 to 24 April.

Recommendations

10 I recommend that Cabinet:

- 10.1 **note** that the Governor-General will be absent from New Zealand from 19 to 27 April 2026 to attend Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli;
- 10.2 **note** that the total cost of the visit is approximately s9(2)(f)(i), s9(2)(f)(iv);
- 10.3 **note** that these costs will be met from the permanent legislative authority in Vote Prime Minister and Cabinet for the international travel expenses of the Governor-General under section 14 of the Governor-General Act 2010; however, the costs of the Protection Service officers will be met from Vote Police;
- 10.4 **note** that in the absence of the Governor-General the Chief Justice will act as the Administrator of the Government on 19 April and then from 25 to 27 April. Justice France will act as the from the evening of 19 to 24 April.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Prime Minister