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Report on Overseas Travel: Prime Minister, Hon Nicola Willis and Hon Todd McClay – May 2026

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Portfolio **Prime Minister**

On 27 July 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Prime Minister under CAB 26-SUB-0241 on his travel, together with Hon Nicola Willis and Hon Todd McClay, from 3 to 6 May 2026, to Singapore for bilateral engagements.

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- 1 I recommend Cabinet note this report on my travel to Singapore, accompanied by Ministers Willis and McClay, which took place 3 – 6 May 2026.

Report

- 2 In an increasingly contested Indo-Pacific, Singapore is a natural partner. We have a defence relationship that stretches back to WWII. s6(a)
Singapore is our top trading partner in Southeast Asia, our second largest investor, and the source of a third of our refined fuel.
- 3 This is a relationship that matters to New Zealand. That is why we have spent the last two-plus years stepping it up. This effort resulted in the two Prime Ministers announcing a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership last year, s6(a)
- 4 Against that background, we were able to deliver on the objectives for this travel as agreed by Cabinet:

4.1 s6(a)

4.2 Reinforce our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP). With the first Annual Leaders Meeting since the establishment of our CSP, we showed sustained leader level attention delivers results for New Zealand, s6(a)

4.3 s6(a)

It attracted more than 70 business leaders from both countries, with positive feedback on its utility. The

SNZLF identified a range of recommendations that would ease business flows between the two economies. s6(a)

- 5 Beyond the SNZLF, New Zealand businesses had a range of opportunities to create new commercial connections. s9(2)(b)(ii)

We also promoted two-way investment, s9(2)(b)(ii)

- 6 Whilst not a formal part of the bilateral meetings, a notable theme in discussions was Singapore's approach to Artificial Intelligence. s6(a)

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- 7 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 04 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

- 8 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt. Hon Christopher Luxon

Prime Minister