

Proactive Release

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<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Proposed overseas Travel: Hon Nanaia Mahuta</i>	CAB-23-MIN-0297
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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Portfolio **Foreign Affairs**

On 3 July 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Nanaia Mahuta from New Zealand, from 11 to 15 July 2023, to travel to Jakarta, Indonesia to attend a series of ASEAN-led ministerial meetings and hold bilateral meetings;
- 2 **agreed** that she be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$32,676 for the travel expenses of the ministerial party as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that she will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose costs will be met their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in her absence Hon David Parker act as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control;
- 6 **noted** that the House is not sitting during her absence.

Diana Hawker
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Nanaia Mahuta

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to the ASEAN Foreign Minister's Meetings in Jakarta from Tuesday 11 July to Saturday 15 July inclusive. Prime Minister Chris Hipkins has approved this travel in-principle.

Executive Summary

- 2 In Jakarta, Indonesia I will attend the series of ASEAN-led ministerial meetings 13 - 14 July. This includes the ASEAN-New Zealand Ministerial Meeting on 13 July (known as the PMC+1), and the East Asia Summit (EAS) and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers' Meetings on 14 July.
- 3 I will also undertake bilateral meetings in the margins of the formal engagements with my counterparts to further important relationships with both ASEAN and wider partnerships. This will include a bilateral engagement with Indonesia's Foreign Minister Marsudi to reaffirm the value we place on our two countries' comprehensive partnership and to express New Zealand's gratitude for Indonesia's support on the consular case in Papua, Indonesia.
- 4 A visit to Jakarta would deliver on the following objectives:
 - Reassert New Zealand's profile and influence in a competitive environment. This would include profiling New Zealand's unique partnership with ASEAN by:
 - Issuing a joint statement with ASEAN Foreign Minister colleagues on support for cooperation under the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo Pacific (AOIP).
 - Announcing our intention to appropriately acknowledge the 50th anniversary of dialogue relations with ASEAN in 2025 by hosting a Commemorative Summit and registering our interest to upgrade our strategic partnership to a comprehensive strategic partnership.
 - Advocate for meaningful progress towards a resolution of the Myanmar crisis, while noting the importance of ASEAN centrality.
 - Put on record Aotearoa New Zealand's positions on the core issues affecting the rules-based order and strategic environment in our region.
 - Demonstrate the importance of New Zealand to Indonesia as a comprehensive partner by highlighting key areas of bilateral cooperation and announcing further partnership in the geothermal sector.

Outline of Proposed Programme

- 5 During three days in Indonesia (12 -14 July), I will:

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- attend the ASEAN-New Zealand Ministerial Meeting (13 July);
- attend the 13th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting (14 July);
- attend the 30th ASEAN Regional Forum Foreign Ministers' Meeting (14 July);
- hold bilateral meetings with Indonesia's Foreign Minister Marsudi and the Secretary General of ASEAN;
- hold bilateral meetings with other ASEAN or Dialogue partners, subject to counterparts' availability (which may include Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Lao PRD, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, Canada and the United Kingdom);
- undertake a courtesy call on H.E. Mr Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia; and
- visit the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta and meet with the Embassy team.

Travel

6 If my travel is approved, I will arrive in Jakarta on Tuesday 11 July, departing Auckland via Singapore. I will depart Jakarta on Friday 14 July, returning to Auckland via Sydney on Saturday 15 July. The substantive elements of my visit will take place between Wednesday 12 and Friday 14 July.

Ministerial Party

7 I propose to be accompanied by one staff member paid for by ministerial resources. I will also be accompanied by three officials whose costs will be met by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Estimated Costs

8 The estimated cost for this travel is:

	Minister	Staff
Flights	NZD 12,907	NZD 12,907
Accommodation	N/A (covered by ASEAN)	NZD 1,100
Gifts	NZD 700	N/A
Per diems	NZD 400	NZD 400
Subtotal	NZD 14,007	NZD 14,407
Contingency 15%	NZD 2,101	NZD 2,161
Totals	NZD 16,108	NZD 16,568
Total estimated cost	NZD \$32,676	

Acting Ministers

9 Leave is being sought from the House.

- 10 If my travel is approved, I propose that Hon David Parker act as Minister for my Foreign Affairs and Disarmament and Arms Control portfolios.

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- 1 Authorise my absence from New Zealand from 11 – 15 July to travel to Jakarta.
- 2 Agree that I will be accompanied by one member of my staff paid for by ministerial services.
- 3 Note that I will be accompanied by three officials whose costs will be met the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- 4 Approve the expenditure of \$32,676 for the travel expenses of the ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs, Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 5 Agree that Hon David Parker will be Acting Minister in my absence.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere