

Proactive Release

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<i>Report on Overseas Travel – Hon Todd McClay – May 2025</i>	CAB-25-MIN-0210
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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - May 2025

Portfolio Trade and Investment

On 30 June 2025, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-25-SUB-0210 on his travel, from 10 to 17 May 2025, to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea for bilateral meetings.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment

Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – May 2024

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to United Kingdom (UK) and the Republic of Korea from 10 to 17 May, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment and Minister of Agriculture.

Report

- 2 The primary purpose of my visit to the UK was to jointly open the New Zealand-UK Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee with my counterpart Secretary of State Reynolds. This meeting provided an opportunity to celebrate the successful trading relationship between New Zealand and the UK, which has reached a record NZD\$7.3bn in two-way trade, and to advance issues of importance to New Zealand, such as paperless trade. I also met with Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security, Douglas Alexander, to progress initiatives to enhance and protect the rules-based trading system.
- 3 In my capacity as Minister of Agriculture, I met with the Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Steve Reed and the National Farmers Union. These meetings provided an opportunity to discuss shared challenges and demonstrate that we are a complementary partner in agriculture and promote New Zealand's high agricultural standards.
- 4 In addition to bilateral engagements, I used my visit to further leverage opportunities to grow trade and investment in support of the Government's economic growth plan. I engaged with New Zealand businesses to hear how they were operating in the UK market and investment stakeholders to understand their investment priorities and pitch opportunities available in New Zealand.
- 5 In Jeju, Republic of Korea, I led New Zealand's delegation at the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade ministerial meeting (MRT). My participation in the MRT supported APEC's role in strengthening the rules-based trading system.
- 6 On the margins of the MRT I undertook a number of bilateral meetings, including with China, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, and the United States (US). My meeting with the United States Trade Representative Greer was a key opportunity engage with the US to advocate for New Zealand exporters and reiterate our strong and mutually beneficial trade relationship.

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7 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

8 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment

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