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<b><i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - March 2025</i></b>	CAB-25-MIN-0117
<b><i>Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 13-21 March 2025</i></b>	

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## Minute of Decision

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters - March 2025

**Portfolio**                      **Foreign Affairs**

On 14 April 2025, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Rt Hon Winston Peters under CAB-25-SUB-0117 on his travel, from 13 to 21 March 2025, to New York and Washington DC, the United States of America, for bilateral visits.

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 13-21 March 2025

This paper reports back on travel to the United States of America (US) from Thursday 13 March to Friday 21 March 2025. It summarises more detailed reporting that has already been shared with Ministers' Offices.

#### Report

- 1 This was the first visit by a New Zealand Minister to Washington DC since President Trump was inaugurated for his second term in January 2025. The visit set the tone – with the US, other partners, and the public, for the bilateral relationship as we navigate this new era. The US remains an essential partner for New Zealand. Early engagement with the Trump Administration was therefore a priority, s6(a)
- 2 The visit to Washington DC was preceded by a visit to New York to speak with senior officials and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (UN).  
s6(a)
- 3 s6(a)
- 4 s6(a)
- 5 s6(b)(i)

6 The US recognised New Zealand's value as a strategic partner, our role in the Pacific, and our commitment to addressing mutual security challenges in our region. s6(a), s6(b)(i)

7 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

8 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

9 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

10 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

11 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

12 This visit represented a positive first step for New Zealand s6(a)

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### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs

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