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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – August 2025

Portfolio **Trade and Investment**

On 29 September 2025, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-25-SUB-0336 on his travel, from 4 to 8 August 2025, to Thailand and Indonesia for bilateral meetings.

Diana Hawker
for 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 – August 2025

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Thailand and Indonesia from 4 August to 8 August, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment and Minister of Agriculture.

Report

- 2 The primary purpose of my visit to Thailand and Indonesia was to strengthen bilateral relationships and help advance New Zealand's market access in two of Southeast Asia's largest and fastest-growing economies.
- 3 In Thailand I met with Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Minister of Commerce, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Chair of the Parliamentary Special Committee for Dairy. Across these meetings I emphasised the need for structured dialogue and a path forward to resolve long-standing issues around dairy market access. My hosting of a roundtable with Thailand's largest importers of New Zealand dairy products was useful to further understand the impact of these restrictions.
- 4 I used the engagements with Thai Ministers and business to reinforce our joint ambition to triple two-way trade by 2045, as set by Prime Minister Luxon. A dinner with heads of Thailand's largest conglomerates was a useful opportunity to outline recent changes to New Zealand's investment regime. I also launched New Zealand Trade and Enterprise's fruit truck activation, showcasing New Zealand's premium food and beverage products.
- 5 In Indonesia, I met with the Ministers of Trade, Coordinating Ministers of Economic Affairs and Food, Vice Minister of Trade, and the Secretary General of ASEAN. These meetings established relationships with key counterparts relevant to our trade and economic relationship and opened doors for connections at Senior Officials level. I also met with the Indonesian Minister of Agriculture where we signed an arrangement to deepen agriculture cooperation and create new commercial opportunities for farmers and agribusiness across both countries.
- 6 I also attended a business networking lunch to support the Government's goal to double exports by value in ten years and strengthen trade and investment ties with key business in the region.

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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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