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Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – August 2026

Portfolio **Foreign Affairs**

On 31 August 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from Rt Hon Winston Peters under CAB-26-SUB-0284 on his travel, from 6 to 7 August 2026, to Fiji to attend the Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 6 to 7 August 2026

This paper recommends that Cabinet note this report on travel to Suva, Fiji, from Thursday 6 August to Friday 7 August 2026.

Report

1 The purpose of the travel was to attend the Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Suva on 7 August. The primary purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau in September.

2 New Zealand's membership of the Pacific Islands Forum is one of our most important. The Forum is playing an increasing role in ^{s6(a)}
A strong and unified Forum helps our region to navigate our collective challenges.

3 ^{s6(a)}

Foreign Ministers directed senior officials to continue drafting a statement in relation to recent missile testing in the region for consideration by Leaders at their meeting in Palau.

4 ^{s6(b)(ii)}

5 Ministers discussed a range of regional initiatives, including endorsing the draft *Regional Peace and Security Action Plan 2026-2030* and the *Pacific Humanitarian Response Coordination Mechanism Policy and Operating Guidelines* for consideration by Leaders. Ministers also agreed in principle to the Waqa Moana Initiative maritime security concept and to the proposed institutionalisation of the Pacific Police Ministers' Meeting and Joint Heads of Pacific Security into Forum Architecture. Ministers noted the proposal by the Government of Solomon Islands on the establishment of a regional security treaty and, ^{s6(a)} encouraged its further consideration by Members.

6 As well as participating in the formal Ministers' Meeting, we conducted a series of informal engagements with fellow Forum partners, including meetings with Australian Foreign Minister Wong, Fiji Foreign Minister Ditoka and Palau Minister of State Aitaro.

- 7 Our participation sent a strong signal of New Zealand's commitment to the Forum as incoming Forum Chair, and to its standing as our region's top political body.

Proactive release

- 8 This Cabinet paper would be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO(18) 4, on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. Proactive release is subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendation

- 9 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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