

Proactive Release

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Title of Paper	Title of Minute
Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – January 2026	CAB-26-MIN-0054

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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – January 2026

Portfolio **Trade and Investment**

On 23 February 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-26-SUB-0054 on his travel, from 20 to 25 January 2026, to Davos, Switzerland, to attend the World Trade Organisation Mini-Ministerial Meeting and hold bilateral meetings.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – January 2026

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Davos, Switzerland, from 20 to 25 January, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment.

Report

- 1 The primary purpose of my travel to Switzerland was to attend the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Mini-Ministerial Meeting, ahead of the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC14) in Cameroon in March, at which I will be Vice-Chair.
- 2 My participation in the WTO Mini-Ministerial Meeting provided an opportunity to discuss potential landing zones for MC14. Plurilateral agreements were identified as a critical component key to advancing WTO rule making and therefore a crucial element of WTO reform. I advanced New Zealand's interest in making the moratorium on customs duties on electronic transactions permanent, to provide businesses with much needed certainty.
- 3 In addition to the WTO Mini-Ministerial Meeting, I attended meetings on the Future of Trade and Investment (FIT) Partnership and held bilateral meetings with counterparts from Japan, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, met with the Director General of the WTO, and attended a meeting on the plurilateral Investment for Development Agreement (IFDA).

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- 4 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

- 5 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment