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<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – May/June 2026</i>	CAB-26-MIN-0197
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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – May/June 2026

Portfolio

Foreign Affairs

On 22 June 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from the Rt Hon Winston Peters under CAB-26-SUB-0197 on his travel, from 31 May to 1 June 2026, to Apia, Samoa to represent New Zealand at Samoa's Independence Day celebrations.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Report on Overseas Travel: Rt Hon Winston Peters – 31 May-1 June 2026

- 1 This paper recommends Cabinet note this report on travel to Samoa from 31 May to 1 June 2026.

Report

- 2 The purpose of this travel was to participate in Samoa's Independence Day celebrations. We attended key events including the Flag Raising ceremony, Independence Marches, and the Official Luncheon hosted by the Government of Samoa.
- 3 We met with the Prime Ministers of Samoa and Tonga, the Ulu o Tokelau and Samoa's Leader of the Opposition.
- 4 This visit showcased New Zealand as an enduring partner, strengthened relations with the new Government of Samoa, and built further on earlier ministerial engagement with the new administration, including our bilateral meeting in December 2025 and the Prime Minister led Pacific Mission in March 2026.

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- 5 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.

Recommendations

The Minister for Foreign Affairs recommends that Cabinet:

- 1 note this report.

Authorised for lodgement.

Rt Hon Winston Peters

Minister of Foreign Affairs