

Proactive Release

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – May/June 2026

Portfolio **Trade and Investment**

On 29 June 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-26-SUB-0206 on his travel, from 29 May to 6 June 2026, to:

- 1 London, United Kingdom to co-chair the third meeting of the New Zealand – United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee and to undertake bilateral meetings;
- 2 Paris, France to attend the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Ministerial Council Meeting.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – June 2026

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to the United Kingdom and France from 29 May-6 June 2026, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment.

Report

- 1 The purpose of my travel was to the United Kingdom was to co-chair the third meeting of the New Zealand-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee, alongside my counterpart Secretary of State for Business and Trade Peter Kyle. I also met with Minister of State for Trade Policy Sir Chris Bryant and engaged with the New Zealand business community in London.
- 2 In France I led the New Zealand delegation to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Council Meeting (MCM) in Paris, where I also served as a Vice-Chair of the Meeting alongside Korea, and in support of Finland as MCM Chair. Industrial policies as a tool supporting economic policy was a key theme of the MCM. I reinforced the importance of the rules-based multilateral trading system and warned against protectionist measures, especially in the challenging geopolitical context.
- 3 On the margins of the OECD meeting, I met bilaterally with the OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann, Food and Agriculture Organisation Director General candidate Phil Hogan, and key partners including France, Ireland, Argentina, Costa Rica, Norway, Finland, Germany, the United States, Canada, and the European Union.

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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