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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

**Portfolio**                      **Trade and Export Growth**

On 29 July 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon David Parker under CAB-19-SUB-0366 on his travel, from 6 to 7 February 2019, to Adelaide, Australia to meet with the Australian Minister for Trade.

Martin Bell  
for Secretary of the Cabinet

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### Report on Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Australia from 6 to 7 February to meet with Australian Minister for Trade Hon Simon Birmingham in Adelaide on key strategic trade issues.

#### Report

- 1 The primary purpose of my visit was to meet with Australian Minister for Trade Hon Simon Birmingham to discuss the trade policy outlook for 2019 amidst converging risks for Australia and New Zealand and to discuss how we could better work together.
- 2 Over a two hour working lunch Minister Birmingham and I discussed a range of matters including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP); the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP),<sup>s6(a)</sup> the WTO, Pacer Plus and the Closer Economic Relations (CER) agenda.
- 3 We began with a discussion of the prospects for ratification and accession to the CPTPP. <sup>s6(a)</sup>  
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I underlined the importance of cooperation on the WTO's forward work programme, particularly on fish subsidies. <sup>s6(a)</sup>  
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- 4 Before our meeting, Minister Birmingham and I paid a visit to Pak Fresh, a chilled airfreight export handling facility, and held a short media stand up.
- 5 After my meeting with Minister Birmingham I also met with South Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, David Ridgway, to discuss renewable energy. Minister Ridgway outlined South Australia's efforts to

foster solar energy development and we exchanged views on the role of energy transmission infrastructure in the price of electricity and the potential of hydrogen as an energy vector.

- 6 Whilst in Australia, I also met with Australian Shadow Minister (Opposition Spokesperson) for Trade and Investment, Hon Jason Clare MP. s6(a)  
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- 7 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 4, on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website. The paper will be subject to redaction as appropriate on the grounds set out under the Official Information Act 1982.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

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