

[IN-CONFIDENCE]

Office of the Attorney-General

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon David Parker

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Manchester, United Kingdom on 28 July 2019 to participate in the annual Quintet Meeting of Attorneys-General (Quintet) on 30-31 July 2019, in my capacity as Attorney-General.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle, and House leave has been approved by the Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 The Quintet is a forum for the Attorneys-General from Australia, the USA, the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand to discuss live issues of common interest and identify areas for collaboration. The Attorney-General of New Zealand has attended nine times, the last time in August 2018 in Australia.
- 4 The key theme of this year's Quintet is "Emerging Threats". The discussions will allow us to share best practice and jointly focus on achieving results and making progress in this area. The agenda is still being finalised, but at this stage I will have the opportunity to co-lead (with the United Kingdom) a session on sentencing frameworks. This session will have a specific focus on sharing experiences regarding the use of sentencing guidelines, including the benefits, challenges and impacts of respective sentencing frameworks.
- 5 The Quintet will likely also include sessions on: regulatory responses to the mass harvesting of personal data; possible approaches to international cooperation in the fight against cybercrime; and the evolving relationship between the legislature, executive and judiciary in judicial review, particularly in the human rights area. Additionally, I will attend a bilateral meeting with each Attorney-General.
- 6 I will also attend the joint Five Country Ministerial/Quintet meeting on the afternoon of 30 July 2019. This agenda is also being finalised, but may include sessions on encryption, countering hostile State activity and right wing extremism, and violent extremist and terrorist use of the internet. Cabinet has already approved Hon Andrew Little's attendance at the Five Country Ministerial.

Ministerial Party

- 7 I will be accompanied by one staff member. Final costs will be determined once the itinerary is confirmed but the estimated cost of travel for me and my staff member is \$[REDACTED].

Travel Costs

8 The estimated costs of travel for me and my staff member are:

Airfares:	\$ [REDACTED]
Per Diem	\$ [REDACTED]
Gifts	\$ [REDACTED]
Contingency (10%)	\$ [REDACTED]
Total:	\$ [REDACTED]

Acting Ministers

9 In my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios will be:

Attorney-General: Hon Chris Hipkins;

Environment: Hon Nanaia Mahuta;

Trade and Export Growth: Hon Damien O'Connor (28 July – 6.30pm, 1 August) and Hon Grant Robertson (6.30pm, 1 August – 2 August).

Proactive release

10 This paper will be proactively released as per Cabinet Office Circular CO (18) 4, on Crown Law's website. Proactive release is subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Recommendations

11 I recommend that Cabinet:

11.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand from 28 July to 2 August 2019 to travel to Manchester, United Kingdom to participate in the annual Quintet Meeting of Attorneys-General;

11.2 agree that I be accompanied by a member of staff;

11.3 approve the estimated expenditure of \$ [REDACTED] for the travel expenses of me and my staff member, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs [Members of the Executive – Travel];

11.4 agree that Hon Chris Hipkins (Attorney-General); Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Environment) and Hon Damien O'Connor/Hon Grant Robertson (Trade and Export Growth) will be Acting Ministers in my absence;

11.5 note that leave from Parliament has been approved by the Party Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker
Attorney-General