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In Confidence

Office of the Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety

Chair, Cabinet

PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL: HON IAIN LEES-GALLOWAY

1. I seek the approval of Cabinet to travel to Geneva, Switzerland from Sunday 15 June 2019 to Friday 21 June 2019 to attend the International Labour Conference (ILC).
2. The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle, and House leave will be sought, subject to Cabinet approval of the recommendations in this paper.

Purpose of Travel

3. The ILC is the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) most important event. It develops and adopts new international labour standards, scrutinises the application of existing labour standards, discusses international developments in the world of work and approves the ILO's Programme and Budget.
4. The 2019 Conference will run from 10-21 June. It will mark the 100th year of the ILO's founding (which New Zealand participated in) and will be a highly visible and significant global event expected to attract over 5,000 attendees, including labour Ministers and Heads of State from the ILO's 187 member States.
5. The Centenary Conference will focus on the Future of Work and the drafting of a Declaration outlining the ILO's role in promoting employment and employment rights as it enters its second hundred years. A standard-setting committee will also conclude negotiations on a new International Labour Convention on preventing violence and harassment in the world of work, for adoption by the Conference.
6. The Conference will provide a unique forum in which to highlight New Zealand's workplace relations achievements and engage with Ministers and senior ILO and other officials on matters of mutual policy interest. New Zealand will be represented at the Conference by a tripartite delegation comprising the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, Business New Zealand and MBIE officials.

Programme

7. I propose to depart New Zealand for Geneva on Saturday 15 June where I will represent New Zealand at the International Labour Conference from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 June. I will arrive back in New Zealand on Friday 21 June.
8. During my time in Geneva, I intend to meet with senior ILO officials, including the Director General, Deputy Director-General, Manager International Labour Standards and Asia-Pacific Regional Director. I also intend to meet with the heads of the International Trade Union Confederation and International Organisation of Employers. Within my Immigration portfolio, calls will also be made on the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organisation for Migration.
9. I intend to deliver a speech to the Conference Plenary on New Zealand's achievements in workplace relations and attend plenary sittings and events.
10. I also intend to engage with other Ministers at the Conference to reinforce existing high-value relationships, share experiences and discuss policy approaches to workplace relations issues – in particular around collective bargaining and the management of diverse forms of employment relationships. Bilateral discussions will be sought with Australia, Canada, Ireland, Denmark and Chile.


Ministerial party

11. I will be accompanied by my Ministerial Advisor.
12. Officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will also be attending the Conference. The costs of officials' travel will be met from within agency baselines.

Travel costs

13. The costs of this travel will be met from Vote: Internal Affairs.
14. The estimated costs for this travel are:

Confidentiality



Acting Ministers

15. The following Ministers have agreed to act in my portfolios:
 - ACC: Hon Peeni Henare

- Immigration: Hon Kris Faafoi
- Workplace Relations and Safety: Hon Andrew Little
- Deputy Leader of the House: Hon Chris Hipkins

Proactive release

16. I intend to proactively release this paper on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website subject to any necessary redactions, in a timely manner following consideration by Cabinet.

Recommendations

17. I recommend that Cabinet:

- 17.1 **Authorise** my absence from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from Saturday 15 August 2019 to Friday 21 June 2019 to travel to Geneva, Switzerland to attend the International Labour Conference
- 17.2 **Agree** that I be accompanied by my Ministerial Advisor
- 17.3 **Approve** the estimated expenditure of Confidentiality for the travel expenses of the Ministerial Party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs
- 17.4 **Note** that I will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, whose travel costs will be met from within agency baselines
- 17.5 **Agree** that in my absence the following Minister will act in my portfolios:
- 17.5.1 ACC: Hon Peeni Henare
 - 17.5.2 Immigration: Hon Kris Faafoi
 - 17.5.3 Workplace Relations and Safety: Hon Andrew Little
 - 17.5.4 Deputy Leader of the House: Hon Chris Hipkins

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Iain Lees-Galloway
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety