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In confidence

Office of the Minister of Energy and Resources
Minister of Research, Science and Innovation
Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission
Minister for Government Digital Services
Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration

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Cabinet

Proposed overseas travel: Hon Dr Megan Woods

1. I seek your approval in principle to travel to Canada and the United States of America (USA) from Sunday 26 May to Sunday 2 June
2. The purpose of the travel is to participate in the 10th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) from 27-29 May 2019 in Vancouver, Canada.
3. The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.

Travel objectives and proposed programme

4. This trip represents an opportunity to combine a number of high priority engagements across multiple portfolios. By combining these into one trip we achieve cost efficiencies and important deliverables.

Canada – Vancouver, 26 – 29 May

5. The principal objective of my proposed trip to Canada is to attend the CEM from 27-29 May 2019.
6. The CEM is a high-level global forum to encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy, to share lessons learned and best practices, and to promote policies and programs that advance clean energy technology. Initiatives are based on areas of common interest among participating governments and other stakeholders.
7. The CEM provides a platform for New Zealand to provide leadership on renewable energy and to demonstrate our commitment to decarbonising our energy system and economy.
8. Membership of CEM is by invitation. Participation in at least two of CEMs initiatives or work-streams is required to qualify as a member. It is therefore important for us to have a presence at this upcoming meeting if we wish to cement our involvement.
9. New Zealand is already a participant in one initiative – the Electric Vehicle initiative – where we are represented by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) at an operational level.

10. Canada intends to launch a new initiative on hydrogen at the May CEM meeting which I propose that New Zealand joins.
11. At my request the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) initiated the process for New Zealand to be invited into the CEM. New Zealand was recently accepted into the CEM, with observer status for the first year. An MBIE official attended a preparatory session for the CEM in Chile earlier this year.
12. Attendance at the CEM meeting will enable me to connect with Canadian Ministerial counterparts, with other international energy Ministers and with senior industry players who are working to transition their respective countries to a greater reliance on clean energy.
13. I propose to spend three working days in Vancouver, Canada where I will attend the CEM and engage in bilateral meetings for my Energy and Resources, and Earthquake Commission portfolios, and Just Transitions.

USA - Silicon Valley, 30 May – 1 June

14. Silicon Valley serves as the global centre for technology and innovation and California is also a global leader in deploying clean energy technologies.
15. I propose to spend two working days in Silicon Valley, USA to engage in meetings related to my Research, Science and Innovation, Energy and Resources, Earthquake Commission, and Government Digital Services portfolios. Meetings will be held with the California Earthquake Commission, experts in renewable energy from Berkeley and Stanford Universities, as well as private sector renewable energy leaders. This also presents an opportunity to visit companies involved in the Innovative Partnerships programme such as Zephyr Ai works and Leo Labs.

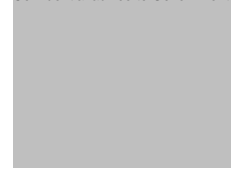
Ministerial party

16. I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office. I expect that one or two senior officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and one from EECA will also travel. Travel costs for officials will be met by MBIE and EECA respectively.

Travel

17. I propose to leave New Zealand on Sunday 26 May and return on Sunday 2 June, giving me three working days on the ground in Canada and two working days in the United States.
18. The estimated cost of travel is for my travel is ^{Confidential advice to Go} [redacted], including airfares and meals, accommodation, transport, facilitation and hospitality.
19. Indicative costs are:
 - Airfares
 - Accommodation
 - Other expenses, including ground transport

Confidential advice to Government



Contingency (5%)

Total

Confidential advice to Government

Acting Ministers

20. The acting Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission and for Greater Christchurch Regeneration will be Hon Kris Faafoi.
21. The acting Minister for Research, Science and Innovation, Minister for Government Digital Services and Minister for Energy and Resources will be Hon David Parker.
22. The House is sitting during this period, and leave has been approved

Proactive release

23. I propose to release this paper proactively, within 30 business days.

Recommendations

24. I recommend that you:
 - 24.1. **authorise** my absence from New Zealand from **Sunday 26 May to Sunday 2 June inclusive** to visit Canada and the USA principally to attend the Clean Energy Ministerial Meeting in Vancouver;
 - 24.2. **agree** that I be accompanied by one member of staff;
 - 24.3. **approve** the estimated expenditure of Confidential advice to Government for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs [Members of the Executive – Travel];
 - 24.4. **note** that I expect to be accompanied by one or two senior officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and one from EECA, and that their costs will be met by Vote: Business, Science and Innovation and directly by EECA;
 - 24.5. **agree** that in my absence:
 - 24.5.1. Hon David Parker acts as Minister for Research, Science and Innovation, Minister for Government Digital Services and Minister for Energy and Resources;
 - 24.5.2. Hon Kris Faafoi acts as Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration and Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission;
 - 24.6. **note** that the House is sitting during my absence, and leave has been approved;

24.7. note that I will be absent from Cabinet on 27 May 2019;

24.8. note that I will be unavailable for budget day 2019 (Thursday 30 May).

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources
Minister of Research, Science and Innovation
Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission
Minister for Government Digital Services
Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration

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