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[In Confidence]

Office of the Minister for Regional Development
Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Shane Jones to Singapore, October 2024

Proposal

- 1 I write to seek approval from Cabinet to travel to Singapore in October 2024 in my capacity as Minister for Regional Development. I propose to travel to Singapore on Sunday 20 October, and depart Singapore on Friday 25 October, arriving back in New Zealand on Saturday 26 October.
- 2 The Chief of Staff has approved the travel-in-principle and leave from Parliament has been approved by the New Zealand First Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 The purpose of my travel is to attend a series of meetings and engagements with industry and investors in Singapore with the purpose of discussing potential Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from Singapore into specific large infrastructure projects in Regional New Zealand.
- 4 I aim to understand the potential barriers industry and investors see in relation to New Zealand infrastructure and the opportunities they are interested in exploring.
- 5 I will also seek to meet with my counterparts in Singapore to continue to advocate for renewed opportunities between New Zealand and Singapore to foster infrastructure growth to secure the products that we need.

Objectives

- 6 The objectives of this travel are to:
 - 6.1 Engage with several Singaporean businesses, investors and government ministers for the purpose of discussing potential FDI from Singapore into specific large infrastructure projects.
 - 6.2 Promote New Zealand as a high-quality place to do business. This is a chance to engage with several Singapore businesses and investors and lift the profile for infrastructure investment opportunities in New Zealand.
 - 6.3 To listen and learn from potential investors about any potential challenges they see in relation to New Zealand infrastructure and the opportunities they are interested in exploring.

Outline of proposed visit

- 7 I will attend a series of meetings and engagements with industry and investors in Singapore with the purpose of discussing potential Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from Singapore into specific large infrastructure projects in regional New Zealand.
- 8 I will also be attending some sessions of International Energy Week in Singapore in my capacity as Associate Minister for Energy including participation in a Ministerial Panel Session on transitioning to Clean Energy.

Ministerial Party

- 9 I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office. Ministerial Envoy Errol Clark will also be accompanying me. Mr Clark will meet his own travel costs.
- 10 We will be accompanied by two officials from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment, whose costs will be covered from within agencies' baseline funding.

Costs

- 11 Indicative costs are as follows:

Airfares	\$17,000
Accommodation (5 nights x 2 people)	\$6,500
Other expenses (Surface travel, hospitality, gifts, food, incidentals)	\$2,000
Contingency (10%)	\$1,275
TOTAL	\$26,775

Approval and Acting Ministers

- 12 The Chief of Staff has approved the travel in-principle and leave from Parliament has been approved by the New Zealand First Whip.
- 13 I note that the House is sitting during my absence. I propose that the following colleagues act in my portfolios:
 - 13.1 Hon Tama Potaka – Oceans and Fisheries
 - 13.2 Hon Mark Patterson – Regional Development
 - 13.3 Hon Simeon Brown - Resources

Recommendations

I recommend that the Cabinet:

- 1 **note** that the Chief of Staff has approved this trip in-principle;
- 2 **note** that my travel will be over the course of a sitting week;
- 3 **note** that leave from Parliament has been approved by the New Zealand First Party Whip;
- 4 **authorise** my absence from New Zealand from Sunday 20 October to Friday 25 October to attend a series of meetings and engagements with industry and investors in Singapore with the purpose of discussing potential Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from Singapore into specific large infrastructure projects in Regional New Zealand.
- 5 **agree** that I be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 6 **approve** the estimated expenditure of \$26,775 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel;
- 7 **agree** that the following act in my portfolios:
 - 7.1 Hon Tama Potaka – Oceans and Fisheries
 - 7.2 Hon Mark Patterson – Regional Development
 - 7.3 Hon Simeon Brown – Resources

Hon Shane Jones

Minister for Regional Development