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Office of the Minister for Resources  
Chair, Cabinet

## **Proposed Travel Overseas: Hon Shane Jones – March 2025**

### **Proposal**

- 1 I seek approval from Cabinet to travel to Canada from 1 March to 8 March 2025 in my capacity as Minister for Resources.
- 2 This is a sitting week, and the Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle. I also have approval from the party whip for my absence from the House.

### **Purpose of Travel**

- 3 The purpose of this travel is to attend the International Mines Ministers Summit (IMMS) and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention in Toronto. The IMMS and PDAC provide an opportunity for New Zealand to collaborate and work in partnership with the world's leading industries and countries in developing mining and critical minerals opportunities. The invitation to the PDAC convention, the world's largest mining convention, and the IMMS allows me to engage with global investors and stakeholders to promote New Zealand regarding mining and critical minerals matters. This will help New Zealand meet the goal of doubling exports by 2025.
- 4 My counterpart ministers and officials from many leading countries will be attending the IMMS and PDAC. I will seek to meet with them to advocate for renewed opportunities with New Zealand to foster supply chain and direct investment opportunities.
- 5 Officials are currently working with my office on a programme of meetings. Similar to my travel to Sydney for the International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC) in October 2024, attending this event will provide an important opportunity to:
  - 5.1 Promote New Zealand as a high-quality place to do business. Promote our new minerals strategy for New Zealand to 2040 and the Critical Minerals List (released in January 2025). Engage with leading governments, businesses, and investors to outline changes in policy settings (for example, 2040 Minerals Strategy, Fast-track Approvals Act); and lift the profile for resources sector opportunities in New Zealand.
  - 5.2 Build positive relationships with political counterparts through engaging with ministers of mining and resources from major countries in the IMMS. This summit is a high-impact platform for global mining

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communities in exploring challenges and opportunities affecting the industry. It is also a platform to discuss New Zealand's interest in groups such as the Minerals Security Partnership and Minerals Security Partnership Forum.

- 5.3 Meet and engage in business meetings with leading industry investors to listen and expand potential global investment into the New Zealand resources market, and discussing opportunities, interests, and barriers that they have.

**Ministerial Party**

- 6 I will be accompanied by one staff member from my office. Our costs will be met by Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.
- 7 I will be accompanied by two officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), whose travel costs will be met by MBIE.
- 8 I will be accompanied by one leading minerals scientist from GNS Science, whose travel costs will be met by GNS Science.

**Outline of proposed visit**

- 9 I intend to depart New Zealand on Saturday 1 March 2025 travelling to Toronto. I will leave Toronto on Thursday 6 March 2025, arriving back in New Zealand on Saturday 8 March 2025.

**Saturday 1 March:** Travel to Toronto, arriving late in the evening.

**Sunday 2 March:** Conference attendance including select content on critical minerals, innovation and investment, and anticipated bi-laterals or investor meetings. Attend the VIP reception and welcome held by PDAC.

**Monday 3 March:** Attend the IMMS for most of the morning and afternoon. Attend conference programmes based around critical minerals.

**Tuesday 4 March:** Conference attendance and select stakeholders 1:1s as arranged.

**Wednesday 5 March:** Conference attendance and select stakeholders 1:1s as arranged or return to New Zealand (depending on final programme).

**Thursday 6 March.** Return to New Zealand, arriving on the morning of Saturday 8 March.

**Cost**

- 10 Indicative costs are as follows:

International Premium Economy Airfares (2 people):	\$15,600
Accommodation x 4 nights (2 people):	\$10,000
Other expenses (e.g. transportation)	\$500

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Meals (2 people for 5 days)	\$2,200
VIP All Access Pass (2 people) <sup>1</sup>	\$3,193
Contingency (5%)	\$1,575
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NZ\$33,068</b>

**Acting Ministers**

11 If my travel is approved, I note the House is sitting during my absence. I propose that the following colleagues act in my portfolios. This is subject to final confirmation:

11.1 Hon Tama Potaka – Oceans and Fisheries

11.2 Hon Mark Patterson – Regional Development

11.3 Hon Chris Bishop - Resources

**Recommendations**

I recommend that the Cabinet:

1 **Approve-in-principle** my travel to Canada from 1–8 March February 2025

2 **Approve** expenditure of \$33,068 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive - Travel

3 **Note** that my travel will be over the course of a sitting week, and the Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.

4 **Note** that I have approval from the party whip for my absence from the House.

5 **Agree** that the following act in my portfolios:

5.1 Hon Tama Potaka – Oceans and Fisheries

5.2 Hon Mark Patterson – Regional Development

5.3 Hon Chris Bishop - Resources

Hon Shane Jones  
**Minister for Resources**