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Office of the Minister for Resources
Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Travel Overseas: Hon Shane Jones – June 2025

Proposal

- 1 I seek approval from Cabinet to travel to Singapore from 8 June to 11 June in my capacity as Minister for Resources.
- 2 This is not a sitting week, and the Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 The purpose of this travel is to attend the Asia Pacific (APAC) Energy Capital Assembly in Singapore. The Assembly is organised by the Energy Council, which is a global energy investment network that assists proponents to capitalise and facilitate deals in oil and gas. The APAC event attracts over 400 senior executives, plus over 60 expert speakers and decision makers focusing on Asia-Pacific. Large production and investment companies represented in the speakers list include Petronas, Total Energies, Blackrock, Shell, Sinopec, HSBC, Temasek, Pertamina, and Engie. I have been invited to participate in a speaking opportunity and subsequent Q&A session on 10 June 2025.
- 4 Officials are currently working with my office on a programme of meetings. Similar to my travel to Toronto for the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) convention and the associated International Mines Ministers Summit (IMMS), attending this event will provide an important opportunity to:
 - 4.1 Promote New Zealand as a high-quality place to do business, engage with specific potential investors to encourage oil and gas investment (e.g. farm-in and joint venture partners), support general foreign direct investment attraction to New Zealand, and to be able to speak to the Crown Minerals Amendment Bill (2024) changes. The timing of this event is likely to be close to the anticipated progress of this Bill into law.
 - 4.2 New Zealand attendance at this event supports the government's goals of increasing energy security. One of the events main themes this year is energy security.
 - 4.3 In consultation with MFAT, industry, and event organisers, sideline meetings will be arranged with investors and companies most likely to be interested in New Zealand.

Ministerial Party

- 5 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.
- 6 I will be accompanied by an official from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), whose travel costs will be met by MBIE.

Outline of proposed visit

- 7 I intend to depart New Zealand on Sunday 8 June 2025 travelling to Singapore and attend the APAC Energy Capital Assembly on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 June. I have been invited to speak to the Assembly on Tuesday 10 June, followed by a Q&A session. The intention is to leave Singapore on the night of Tuesday 10 June 2025, arriving back in New Zealand on Wednesday 11 June 2025.

Cost

- 8 Indicative costs for myself and one staff member are as follows:

Airfares (2 pax)	\$16,168.36
Accommodation for 2 pax	\$5,618.03
Other expenses (e.g. ministerial ground transportation)	\$1,000
Meals	\$400
VIP facilitation	\$1,830
Subtotal	NZ\$25,016.39
Contingency (5%)	\$1,250.82
Total	NZ\$26,267.21

Acting Ministers

- 9 If my travel is approved, I propose that the following colleagues act in my portfolios. This is subject to final confirmation:
 - 9.1 Hon Tama Potaka – Oceans and Fisheries
 - 9.2 Hon Mark Patterson – Regional Development
 - 9.3 Hon Chris Bishop - Resources

Recommendations

I recommend that the Cabinet:

- 1 **Approve-in-principle** my travel to Singapore from 8-11 June 2025
- 2 **Approve** expenditure of \$26,267.21 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive - Travel

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- 3 **Agree** that he be accompanied by one member of staff
- 4 **Note** that he will be accompanied by an official.
- 5 **Note** that the Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle.
- 6 **Note** that I have approval from the party whip for my absence from the House.
- 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 Chris Bishop - Resources

Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Resources

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