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Minister	Hon Judith Collins KC	Portfolio	Space
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Out of Scope

Office of the Minister for Space

Chair, Cabinet

Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Judith Collins KC – April 2025

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel Out of Scope
to Colorado, USA, from 8-12 April to attend the Space Symposium.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle, and House leave has been sought.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 Out of Scope
- 4 In Colorado Springs, I plan on attending the Space Symposium, where I will:
 - 4.1 Focus on opening doors for our companies by supporting the participation of New Zealand space and advanced aerospace organisations, including through the exhibition hall booth; and
 - 4.2 Engage with the new senior US space officials as part of building relationships and advancing New Zealand's bilateral objectives regarding trade barriers.
- 5 In Denver, on behalf of Minister Reti, I will attend the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Governor of Colorado. This will be a landmark moment for our SIT sector and will demonstrate that we are a global leader in geothermal research. It follows a commitment made with the Governor of Colorado during my visit to Colorado in April 2024 to develop a memorandum of understanding.

Ministerial Party

- 6 I would be accompanied by one member of staff from my Office (travel costs met by Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel) Out of Scope

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- 7 A delegation from Out of Scope the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment would also accompany me at departmental cost.

Travel Costs

- 8 The estimated costs of the travel (including my staff members travel) are:

Airfares:	\$44,804.00
Accommodation:	\$6000.00
Meals	\$900.00
Surface travel	\$4000.00
Gifts	\$200.00
Contingency (5%)	\$2796.00
Total:	\$58,700.00

Acting Ministers

- 9 In my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios will be:

- 9.1 Attorney-General: Hon Paul Goldsmith
- 9.2 Defence: Hon Chris Penk
- 9.3 Digitising Government: Hon James Meager
- 9.4 GCSB: Hon Paul Goldsmith
- 9.5 NZSIS: Hon Paul Goldsmith
- 9.6 Public Service: Hon James Meager
- 9.7 Space: Hon Simon Watts

Proactive release

- 10 This paper will be proactively released Out of Scope
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Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- 1 **authorise** my absence from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, from approximately 6-12 April, to travel to Out of Scope Colorado, USA;
- 2 **note** that leave from Parliament has been sought from the Party Whip;

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- 3 **agree** that I be accompanied by two members of staff from my office;
- 4 **note** that I will be accompanied by a delegation from Out of Scope the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, whose costs will be met by departmental budgets;
- 5 **approve** the estimated expenditure of \$58,700 for my travel expenses and a member of staff from my office, as a charge to Vote: Internal Affairs [Members of the Executive – Travel];
- 6 **agree** that in my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios will be:
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- 7 **note** that this Cabinet paper will be proactively released following return to New Zealand Out of Scope

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Judith Collins KC

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Minister for Space