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[In Confidence]

Office of the Minister of Immigration

## **Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Erica Stanford – September 2025**

### **Proposal**

1. I seek approval from Cabinet to travel to the United States of America from 15 – 21 September in my capacity as Minister of Immigration.
2. I will travel to New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco to lead a delegation of immigration and investment private sector participants to promote our Active Investor Plus visa. Since it was implemented on 1 April 2025 this visa has generated significant new proposed investment in New Zealand of over \$1b with US investors submitting the most applications.
3. The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle and leave of the House has been approved.

### **Purpose of travel**

4. If approved, I will:
  - a. Attend events in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco hosted by Invest NZ to promote the Active Investor Visa; and
  - b. Meet with potential investors as organised by Invest NZ and/or members of the accompanying delegation.

### **Ministerial Party**

5. I will be accompanied by my Specialist Ministerial Advisor as part of the Ministerial Delegation. Travel costs of the Ministerial party will be a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel.

## Travel Costs

6. Indicative costs are as follows:

Airfares	\$24,000.00
Accommodation & Meals	\$7,044.00
Surface Travel	\$1200.00
Insurance	\$74.20
Daily Roaming Charges	\$126.00
Contingency [5%]	\$1,522.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,966.20</b>

## Acting Ministers

7. In my absence, Acting Ministers in my portfolios will be:

- a. Hon David Seymour – Education
- b. Hon Chris Penk – Immigration
- c. Hon Louise Upston – Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the care of Faith-based Institutions

## Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet

1. **Authorise** my absence from New Zealand from 7pm, Monday 15 September to 7am, Sunday 21 September to travel to the United States of America
2. **Note** that I will be accompanied by one member of my staff, my Specialist Ministerial Advisor
3. **Approve** the expenditure of up to \$33,966.20 for travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs: Members of the Executive – Travel
4. **Agree** that the following act in my portfolios:
  - 4.1. Hon David Seymour – Education
  - 4.2. Hon Chris Penk – Immigration
  - 4.3. Hon Louise Upston – Lead Coordination Minister for the Government's Response to the Royal Commission's Report into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the care of Faith-based Institutions
5. **Note** that leave from parliament has been approved by the party whip

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Erica Stanford  
**Minister of Education**  
**Minister of Immigration**