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# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Louise Upston - September 2025

**Portfolio**                      **Tourism and Hospitality**

On 1 September 2025, Cabinet:

- 1        **authorised** her absence from New Zealand, from 22 to 27 September 2025, to travel to Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Beijing, China to lead a tourism-focused trade mission;
- 2        **agreed** that she be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3        **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$27,700 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4        **noted** that she will also be accompanied by:
  - 4.1       officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and Tourism New Zealand, whose costs will be met by their respective agencies;
  - 4.2       tourism industry representatives, whose costs will be met by their respective companies;
- 5        **agreed** that in her absence:
  - 5.1.1     Hon Penny Simmonds act as Minister for Social Development and Employment, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, and Minister for Child Poverty Reduction;
  - 5.1.2     Hon Matt Doocey act as Minister for Disability Issues;
  - 5.1.3     Hon Tama Potaka act as Minister for Tourism and Hospitality;
- 6        **noted** that the House is not sitting during her absence.

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