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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Paul Goldsmith – August 2025

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Suva, Fiji, from Wednesday 6 August 2025 to Saturday 9 August 2025, to attend the 2nd Pacific Information and Communication Technology Ministerial Dialogue and to engage in bilateral meetings with ministerial counterparts.

Report

- 1 The 2nd Pacific Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Ministerial Dialogue brought together Pacific ICT leaders to discuss key digital issues pertinent to the Pacific and to reaffirm the importance of regionalism in progressing digital transformation.
- 2 I attended the ICT Dialogue to demonstrate New Zealand's commitment to supporting the Pacific's digital transformation journey.
- 3 The ICT Dialogue saw in-person ministerial representation from Fiji, Tonga, Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, and Tuvalu. Senior Officials represented Australia, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.
- 4 In-person attendance at Ministerial level was diplomatically important, and successfully reinforced New Zealand's role as a key regional partner in supporting the Pacific to become a digitally inclusive and connected region.
- 5 Key outcomes from the ICT Ministers Dialogue include:
 - 5.1 Strengthened relationships between New Zealand and the main interlocutors of the ICT dialogue – Papua New Guinea as Chair, and Fiji as Host – through productive bilateral meetings outside of the formal dialogue;
 - 5.2 Ministerial endorsement of the *Pacific ICT and Digital Transformation Action Plan 2024–2030*, which provides concrete actions, timelines, and performance measures for advancing Pacific digital transformation;
 - 5.3 Ministerial endorsement of the *Regional ICT Governance Framework*, which will guide the formal integration of the ICT Ministerial Dialogue into the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) architecture, establishing an annual *Forum ICT Ministers Meeting* in response to the 2024 PIF Leaders' directive; and
 - 5.4 Signing of the *Joint Communiqué*, which summarises the key outcomes and discussions from the 2nd ICT Dialogue and reaffirms collective commitments to advancing digital transformation in the region.

6 In addition to group dialogue sessions, I participated in five separate engagements. These included:

6.1 **Meeting with Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister (DPM), and Minister of Trade, Cooperatives, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications, Hon. Manoa Kamikamica:** The DPM acknowledged the increased engagement by New Zealand with Ministerial visits to Fiji, noting these provided good opportunities to engage on important issues. National security or defence; International relations

6.2 **Meeting with Fiji's Minister for Justice Hon. Siromi Turaga:** National security or defence; International relations

6.3 **Meeting with Papua New Guinea's Acting Minister for ICT and Minister for Police, Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr:** National security or defence; International relations

6.4 **Briefing from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Pacific Digital Economy Partnership (PDEP):** I received an update on PDEP; a New Zealand-Australia-EU initiative, implemented by UNDP, supporting inclusive digital economies. New Zealand has committed NZ\$6 million to the PDEP through the International Development Cooperation programme; and

6.5 **Tour of Fiji Museum:** As Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, I engaged with Fijian creatives and explored opportunities for New Zealand support in the film and cultural sectors.

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Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Paul Goldsmith

Minister for Media and Communications