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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Dr Shane Reti - February 2026

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On 2 February 2026, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Dr Shane Reti from New Zealand, from 14 to 21 February 2026, to travel to New Delhi, India, to attend the AI Impact Summit and undertake bilateral engagements;
- 2 **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$34,946 for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party as a charge to Vote Internal Affairs (Members of the Executive – Travel);
- 4 **noted** that he will also be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 5 **agreed** that in his absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Mark Mitchell act as Minister for Pacific Peoples;
 - 5.2 Hon Chris Penk act as Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology;
 - 5.3 Hon Louise Upston act as Minister of Statistics;
 - 5.4 Hon Erica Stanford act as Minister for Universities;
- 6 **noted** that leave from the House has been approved.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet