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Minister	Hon Louise Upston	Portfolio	Tourism and Hospitality
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January 2026	Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Louise Upston – April 2026	Office of the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality
27 January 2026	Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Louise Upston – April 2026 CAB-26-MIN-0006 Minute	Cabinet Office
May 2026	Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Louise Upston – April 2026	Office of the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality
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Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Louise Upston – April 2026

Portfolio **Tourism and Hospitality**

On 27 January 2026, Cabinet:

- 1 **authorised** the absence of Hon Louise Upston from New Zealand, from 12 to 19 April 2026, to travel to New York, Miami and Los Angeles, United States of America, to attend the annual Seatrade Cruise Global 2026 event and undertake bilateral engagements to strengthen New Zealand's tourism profile and partnerships;
- 2 **agreed** that she be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3 **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$53,000 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 officials from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and Tourism New Zealand, whose travel costs will be met by their respective agencies;
- 5 **agreed** that in her absence:
 - 5.1 Hon Penny Simmonds act as Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector and Minister for Social Development and Employment;
 - 5.2 Hon Dr Shane Reti act as Minister for Child Poverty Reduction;
 - 5.3 Hon Matt Doocey act as Minister for Disability Issues;
 - 5.4 Hon Tama Potaka act as Minister for Tourism and Hospitality;
- 6 **noted** that the House is not sitting during her absence.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet