

## PROACTIVE RELEASE COVERSHEET

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Office of the Minister of Employment

Chair, Cabinet

## PROPOSED OVERSEAS TRAVEL – HON WILLIE JACKSON

### Proposal

1. I seek approval from Cabinet to travel to England and Scotland, as Minister of Employment, from Sunday 29 September to Monday 07 October 2019.
2. The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle. As travel is taking place over the recess period, no leave from the House has been sought from the Government Whip.

### Travel Objectives

3. A **discussion forum** to be held in England will be an opportunity to address a group of industry leaders and multinational organisations on youth employment initiatives in New Zealand, such as this Government's approach to address issues like high unemployment in the surge regions and focusing on disadvantaged populations. The objective of the forum is to:
  - Share with industry organisations and multinational organisations on youth employment initiatives in New Zealand like Mana in Mahi and He Poutama Rangatahi;
  - Network with organisations that run training and employment programmes which could potentially extend to New Zealand;
  - Learn more about the 'youth ready employer' programme that will be rolled out in New Zealand in late 2019 which will require working with employers to ensure their businesses are attractive to, and support, young people as they enter the world of work.
4. I will be attending various meetings in London with ministers, department officials and private businesses to discuss employment strategy, labour market interventions, apprenticeships and levies, and youth-employment services and sector-based work academies. The focus of these meetings in the United Kingdom will be to:

- Discuss international responses to employment and unemployment, particularly by the UK Government;
  - Further explore the apprenticeship model that has been successful in attracting youth and those changing careers, towards apprenticeships, that have now extended beyond the trades and now cover a University alternative across many sectors.
5. After England, I plan to travel to Scotland to meet with department agencies and officials to discuss employment and training, the national skills agency, modern apprenticeships and youth employment. The focus of these meetings in Scotland will be to:
- See first-hand initiatives that the Scottish Government has implemented and have been highly successful for young people and addressing unemployment and skills gaps, and their efforts to revitalise regional Scotland through social enterprise and regional economic activity that has seen a regeneration of the regions. These initiatives resemble the Regional Skills Leadership Group model that this Government will be undertaking.

#### **Travel**

6. I propose to leave New Zealand on the evening of Sunday 29 September, returning to New Zealand on Monday 07 October 2019.

#### **Ministerial Party**

7. The delegation will comprise of myself and one staff member from my office.

#### **Acting Ministers**

8. If you approve my travel, Hon Carmel Sepuloni will act as Minister of Employment.

#### **Costs of Travel**

9. The projected costs for myself and one staff member's travel will be:

Airfares  
 Other expenses, including accommodation  
 Contingency (5%)  
**Total**

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## Travelling Family

10. I would like to be accompanied by my wife and daughter for the duration of my travel. I agree to cover any relevant costs out of my own pocket. They will not be present at any official engagements.

## Personal Leave

11. I would like to request to take personal leave from 03 October until my return to New Zealand on 07 October 2019.

## Recommendation

12. I recommend that Cabinet:

- authorise my proposed travel to England and Scotland, from Sunday 29 September to Monday 07 October 2019;
- agree that I be accompanied by a member of my staff;
- approve the estimated expenditure of Confidential advice to Government for the travel expenses of the Ministerial party, as a charge to Vote Employment: Members of the Executive – Travel;
- note that Hon Carmel Sepuloni will act as Minister of Employment,; note that I will be accompanied by my spouse and dependent;
- note my request to take personal leave from 03 October until my return to New Zealand on 07 October 2019.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Willie Jackson  
Minister of Employment