



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Tama Potaka - August 2025

**Portfolios**                      **Conservation / Māori Development**

On 21 July 2025, Cabinet:

- 1        **authorised** the absence of Hon Tama Potaka from New Zealand, from 3 to 11 August 2025 to travel to Hawai'i, United States of America and British Columbia, Canada to undertake portfolio-related bilateral meetings;
- 2        **agreed** that he be accompanied by one member of staff;
- 3        **approved** the estimated expenditure of up to \$40,181 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 be accompanied by an official from Te Puni Kōkiri, whose travel costs will be met by their agency;
- 5        **noted** that he will also be accompanied by his wife, whose costs will be met by him personally;
- 6        **agreed** that in his absence:
  - 6.1      Hon Chris Penk act as Minister of Conservation;
  - 6.2      Hon Judith Collins KC act as Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti;
  - 6.3      Hon Shane Jones act as Minister for Māori Development;
  - 6.4      Hon Louise Upston act as Minister for Whānau Ora;
- 7        **noted** that the House is not sitting during his absence.

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Secretary of the Cabinet