

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori

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Date: Cabinet 11 and 15 March 2019

These documents seek approval for and report on the Minister's travel to Chile.

These documents have been released in full.

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Office of the Minister for Māori Development
Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Nanaia Mahuta

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Chile, from 12 March to 16 March 2019.

Report

- 1 My key objectives in visiting Chile was to further strengthen the importance of our relationship with Chile as a key partner in promoting an inclusive agenda within APEC during their 2019 hosting year, promote the value that Māori and indigenous models of development and well-being offer, and share our country's context in addressing indigenous rights and interests.
- 2 For my discussions with Minister's and engagements at speaking events, my objectives were to showcase the work of our government in addressing indigenous issues and the value that indigenous perspectives add to policy development and service delivery.
- 3 My trip to Chile arose from an invitation from the Social Development Minister, Hon. Alfredo Moreno to be a keynote speaker at a workshop on indigenous women's development in Chile. I used this opportunity to highlight how indigenous Māori women have taken a leadership role in the wellbeing of their whānau and wider communities as well as New Zealand's efforts in supporting Māori women's development at all levels of New Zealand society - from whānau and community-level development to advancing Māori economic and trade interests.

Other meetings

- 4 I met with Minister Moreno who was accompanied by Sebastian Villareal, Undersecretary of Social Development; Rodrigo Espinosa, Chile's Ambassador to New Zealand; the Acting Director General of the National Corporation for Indigenous Development (CONADI) Fernando Saez; and the Head of Indigenous Issues at the Ministry of Social Development, Andres Cortes.
- 5 The discussion focussed on learned and shared experiences on indigenous policy across three key areas of Chilean interest:
 - 5.1 indigenous heritage and identity;
 - 5.2 models for social and economic development; and
 - 5.3 our country's experience in progressing historical grievances and advancing Māori aspirations.
- 6 This meeting provided the opportunity to discuss how our country values traditional knowledge, culture and language through legislation to protect and promote revitalisation. Māori Television, radio stations, the importance of the Māori Language Commission, and the current Crown Māori Language Strategy were also key discussion points.

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- 7 I met with Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Carolina Valdivia. We canvassed the connection between New Zealand and Chile both generally and at the indigenous level. There was also a mutual interest in the lessons of local government reform, and opportunities to work together for the betterment of women and girls.
- 8 During my visit, I led the naming and gifting ceremony of the pou maumahara, a carving that was part of the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (MACI) Tuku Iho / Living Legacy exhibition in 2015 located at the Gabriela Mistral Cultural Centre. The pou maumahara was given the named Nga Morehu^[1] and gifted to the Gabriela Mistral Cultural Centre for the Chilean people. The Chilean government was represented by Undersecretary Villareal, and the Undersecretary of Cultural Heritage, Emilio de la Cerda.
- 9 I was able to engage with key Rapa Nui leaders Governor Tarita Rapu and two members of the Rapa Nui Development Commission, Anakena Manutomatoma, and Irene Haoa who were in Santiago for a meeting with the Chilean government. The underlying theme for our discussion was our shared Pacific heritage and connections. Traditional knowledge, culture and arts was a key discussion point with a focus on establishing their own training centre based on New Zealand's MACI model.
- 10 In Temuco, I delivered a keynote speech on "Māori Economic and Cultural Development: the New Zealand Experience. The seminar was attended by representatives from indigenous communities, local businesses, academia, churches, and government officials. I also took the opportunity to attend the signing of an agreement on education cooperation between the New Zealand Embassy and the CFT Teodoro Wickel (University) and engage with students from the region who had visited New Zealand in 2018 as part of a Chilean funded programme and English language teachers who had visited Waikato University in 2018.
- 11 I also met with Senator Pugh, an elected representatives of the Valparaiso region. This meeting provided the opportunity to discuss key topics regarding shared interests in traditional Polynesian navigation and celebrating this at the 2020 Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture in Hawaii, language revitalisation and how Rapa Nui could develop an equivalent of the Māori Language Commission; and the indigenous business links between New Zealand and Chile such as the visit in April 2019 of Tairawhiti honey producers to Rapa Nui (reciprocating a visit from Rapa Nui in April 2018).
- 12 In all of my bilateral discussions, I was able to follow up the conversations had during the World Indigenous Business Forum in Rotorua in October 2018. There was an agreement to explore the possibility of having subsequent conversations at the 18th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

^[1] This interpretation is intended to reflect that the pou is a "touchstone" for Chileans to remember their past and tell their own stories, so they can heal and move forward on an inclusive journey.

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- 13 I wish to acknowledge the support provided for this trip by officials at Te Puni Kōkiri and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Media

- 14 I undertook a range of media engagements on the visit, designed to raise the profile of the New Zealand's Māori and indigenous models of development and well-being.
- 15 The gifting ceremony in Santiago, received strong domestic media coverage.
- 16 While in Temuco, I attracted strong interest from local media including television focusing on questions on the economic situation of Māori in New Zealand and particularly on Māori land ownership structures and use.

Proactive Release

- 17 I propose to release the paper within the required 30 business days.

Recommendations

- 18 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister for Māori Development and of Local Government, Associate Minister for the Environment and Housing and Urban Development (Māori Housing)

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Office of the Minister for Māori Development
Chair, Cabinet

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Proposal

- 1 I seek Cabinet approval to travel to Chile, from 12 March to 16 March 2019. This trip is to be a keynote speaker at a workshop on indigenous women's development in Chile on 14 March 2019, hosted by the Social Development Minister, Hon. Alfredo Moreno and provides an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Chile as a key partner in promoting an inclusive agenda within APEC during their 2019 hosting year.
- 2 The Prime Minister has approved the travel in-principle, and House leave has been approved by the Party Whip.

Purpose of Travel

- 3 Chile looks to New Zealand as a leader on indigenous issues and this visit will help to deepen indigenous cooperation between our two countries. In particular, the invitation to speak is an opportunity to highlight New Zealand's efforts in supporting Māori women's development at all levels of New Zealand society from whānau and community-level development to advancing Māori trade interests. It would also showcase the vital leadership role that wahine Māori play in these areas and offer support and encouragement for Chile's indigenous peoples.
- 4 This trip provides an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Chile as a key partner in promoting an inclusive agenda within APEC during their 2019 hosting year. Women's economic empowerment is one of Chile's priorities for their hosting year, and is an area where we share common interest. For example, we are considering collaborating on work to close the indigenous gender pay gap within the APEC context. Additionally, Ministerial discussions will enable me to showcase the work of the New Zealand government in addressing indigenous issues and enabling Māori economic prosperity which in turn may grow the momentum for Indigenous development to be a feature of APEC during New Zealand's 2021 hosting year.
- 5 This visit will promote the value that Māori and indigenous models of development and well-being offer, as well as promote New Zealand's leadership in addressing indigenous rights and interests. It would also be an opportunity to discuss with my counterparts, the value that indigenous perspectives add to policy development and service delivery.

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- 6 I note that during President Piñera's official visit to New Zealand in November 2018, you agreed to include indigenous development as an area of future collaboration. I also hosted a roundtable with Government officials from Australia, Canada and Chile in October 2018 in parallel with the World Indigenous Business Forum to share information relating to our respective indigenous peoples' business and trade interests. Chile is particularly eager now to agree on specific initiatives for bilateral cooperation, and this visit would be an opportunity to deliver on this intent.
- 7 I will travel to Chile to be a keynote speaker at a workshop on indigenous women's development. This is an opportunity to highlight New Zealand's efforts in supporting Māori women's development at all levels of New Zealand society from whānau and community-level development to advancing Māori trade interests.
- 8 I intend to meet with four Chilean Ministers in relation to my three portfolios, Environment, Local Government and Māori Development (Minister for the Environment (Chile will host the UN climate change conference COP 25 – date TBC, Minister of Women's Affairs and Gender Equality, Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of the Economy).
- 9 Engagements also include meetings with indigenous Mapuche and Rapa Nui groups which will provide me with valuable first-hand insights to ensure that future cooperation with New Zealand is meaningful and based on indigenous peoples' lived experiences.
- 10 In addition, I plan to visit Temuco where I would meet with the Intendente (the government appointed representative in the region), attend a speaking engagement at the University of the Frontier (the leading university in Temuco, which has connections with New Zealand institutions), and meet with students and teachers at the University who have visited New Zealand as part of education scholarship schemes.
- 11 I also plan to be part of a Pou naming and gifting ceremony in central Santiago. The Pou was carved by the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute during their Tuku Iho Living Legacy Exhibition in Santiago in 2015.

Ministerial Party

- 12 I will be accompanied by one member of my office on the trip, with costs being met by Vote: Māori Development – Executive Travel.

Travel Costs

- 13 The estimated cost for this travel to ministerial services is:

Flights:	\$29,000
Meals:	\$1,800
Internal flights:	\$700
Interpretation	\$1,400
Accommodation	\$2,000
Insurance:	\$600
Airport Facilitation	\$2,500

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Ground transport	\$800
Contingency	\$4,000
Total:	\$42,800

Acting Ministers

- 14 I propose that Hon Willie Jackson will act in my Māori Development portfolio, Hon Kris Faafoi in Local Government portfolio, Hon Phil Twyford in Associate Housing and Urban Development (Māori Housing) portfolio and Hon David Parker in Associate Environment portfolio.

Proactive Release

- 15 I propose to release in full.

Recommendations

- 16 I recommend that Cabinet:
- 16.1 authorise my absence from New Zealand, subject to leave from Parliament being secured, to travel to Chile, from 12 March to 16 March 2019 and agree that I be accompanied by one member of my office
 - 16.2 approve the estimated expenditure of [\$42,800] for the travel expenses of the myself and my Advisor, as a charge to Vote: Māori Development, Members of the Executive – Travel
 - 16.3 agree that in my absence:
 - 16.3.1 Hon Willie Jackson will act in my Māori Development portfolio; Hon Kris Faafoi will act in my Local Government portfolio; Hon Phil Twyford will act in my Associate Housing and Urban Development (Māori Housing); and Hon David Parker will act in my Associate Environment portfolio
 - 16.4 note that leave from Parliament has been approved by the Party Whip.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister for Māori Development and of Local Government, Associate Minister for the Environment and Housing and Urban Development (Māori Housing)