

Proactive Release

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Minute of Decision: Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Jenny Salesa MP, on Behalf of Hon Nanaia Mahuta, 24 March-2 April 2022	CAB-21-MIN-0153
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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Jenny Salesa MP, on Behalf of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Portfolio Foreign Affairs

On 2 May 2022, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Nanaia Mahuta under CAB-22-SUB-0153 on Hon Jenny Salesa's travel, from 24 March to 2 April 2022, to:

- 1 Doha, Qatar to participate in the Doha Forum;
- 2 Dubai, United Arab Emirates to participate in the World Government Summit;
- 3 Manama, Bahrain for bilateral meetings.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Jenny Salesa MP

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on Hon Jenny Salesa MP's travel as my delegated representative to Doha, Qatar; Dubai, the United Arab Emirates; and Manama, Bahrain, from 24 March 2022 to 2 April 2022.

Report

- 1 Hon Jenny Salesa travelled to participate in the Doha Forum in Qatar from 26-27 March, and the World Government Summit in the UAE from 29-30 March. Aotearoa New Zealand representation at these forums demonstrated the importance we attach to our relationships with countries in the Gulf region.
- 2 At the Doha Forum, Hon Jenny Salesa participated on a panel titled *Governing the Global Climate Crisis: The New Frontier*, alongside the UNDP Administrator and the Deputy Prime Minister of Somalia, among others. Her remarks focused on Aotearoa New Zealand's Pacific Resilience Strategy with an emphasis on small states, their vulnerabilities, and climate change.
- 3 On the margins of the Doha Forum she met with bilateral partner representatives, including Kathryn Campbell, Secretary of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Qatar's Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs (and Executive Director of the Doha Forum) H.E. Lolwah Al Khater, who had personally invited me to attend the Forum.
- 4 Hon Jenny Salesa also visited the New Zealand Pavilion at Expo 2020 in Dubai, including attending several Expo sessions mostly focused on climate change. On the margins of Expo she met with H.E. Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Chair of the UAE Federal National Council's Foreign Affairs Committee, discussing a range of subjects including New Zealand's response to the Christchurch mosque attacks, the situation in Afghanistan, and trade liberalisation between our countries. She was also able to visit multiple Pacific pavilions at Expo and meet Pacific Island representatives.
- 5 Hon Jenny Salesa also visited Bahrain, to meet Shura Council representatives, and to discuss regional strategic issues with the three NZDF personnel assigned to the Combined Maritime Forces there.
- 6 MFAT's posts in Abu Dhabi and Riyadh have provided a fuller readout of this visit on the Ministry's formal messaging system.

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7 I propose to release this paper proactively in full.

Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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