

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Adelaide, Australia 10-11 October 2019

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1. I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Adelaide, Australia on 10 – 11 October.

Report

2. The purpose of the trip was to attend and represent New Zealand at the Australian Meeting of Cultural Ministers (MCM), where New Zealand's status was changed from Observer to International Member.

Welcome Dinner – Thursday 10th

3. I attended a welcome dinner for the 2019 Meeting of Cultural Ministers on Thursday October 10th at the gallery of South Australia.
4. There was a tour of the South Australia gallery, a contemporary cultural performance by Australian Dance Theatre and Electric Fields and a welcome address by Kurna / Narrunga man Jack Buckskin on his work to promote the Kurna language.

The Australian Meeting of Cultural Ministers – Friday 11th

5. The Australian Meeting of Cultural Ministers (MCM) was chaired by the Premier of South Australia Hon Steven Marshall.
6. There were over 40 people in attendance including Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, Hon Paul Fletcher and state ministers and representatives from ACT, NSW, Northern Territory, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.
7. New Zealand was welcomed as the first International Member of the Meeting of Cultural Ministers. I thanked the Australian Ministers for accepting New Zealand's request to become a member, which will further strengthen trans-Tasman relationships and collaboration in the cultural sector.
8. I updated the MCM on our government's progress in developing and implementing the wellbeing framework in New Zealand. The MCM noted the progress in the New Zealand government's wellbeing work.

9. The MCM also noted the progress on the joint research project between Australia and New Zealand on the contribution of the arts to wellbeing, public value and social inclusion.

Bilateral Meetings

10. I had bilateral meetings with Hon Paul Fletcher Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, and ACT Minister for the Arts and Cultural Events Mr Gordon Ramsay.
11. In both bilateral meetings we discussed New Zealand's Tuia 250 Commemorations and Australia's plans for the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's voyage to Australia which will take place in 2020.
12. We also discussed the New Zealand government's recent announcement for New Zealand history to be taught in all schools by 2022 and both government's plans to increase access and participation for disabled people in the Arts.

Future Meetings

13. The 2020 Meeting of Cultural Ministers will be chaired by New South Wales.
14. Australian and New Zealand officials will be exploring a potential opportunity for New Zealand to host the 2021 Meeting of Cultural Ministers.

Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Carmel Sepuloni



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Minute of Decision

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On 2 December 2019, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Carmel Sepuloni under CAB-19-SUB-0633 on her travel, from 10 to 11 October 2019, to Adelaide, Australia, to represent New Zealand at the Australian Meeting of Cultural Ministers.

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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