

Teleconference with Secretaries - Wednesday 22 August

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2:45 PM

Attendance list:

Chair: Martin Parkinson

Attendees: Frances Rosemary, Mike Mrdak, Kerri Hartland, Heather Smith, Chris Moraitis, Mike Pezzullo, Stephanie Foster, Will Story

Participants (Phone): Greg Moriarty, Michele Bruniges, Liz Cosson, Daryl Quinlivan, Renee Leon, Finn Pratt, Steven Kennedy, Glenys Beauchamp, Kathryn Campbell, Peter Woolcott, Phil Gaetjens

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Key points discussed

Parkinson discussed the status of ministerial resignations - noting that the PM has received a number of resignation letters but has only accepted a smaller number and potential options for a new ministry.

Parkinson and Secretaries discussed potential pathways for leadership matters from this point. Huxtable outlined budget options depending on different pathways.

Secretaries discussed incoming PM briefing and lessons from the previous (2015) transition.

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Secretaries discussed arrangements for international travel (noting proposed Indonesia visit) and the five eyes home affairs / AG's meeting next week.

Secretaries discussed arrangements for Ministers who have resigned (and had resignations accepted).

Parkinson was asked about arrangements for Ministers who had tendered their resignation but for whom the resignation had not been accepted. Parkinson noted that we were not providing any direction about handling this but that Secretaries should continue to exercise their judgement in handling these matters. Secretaries discussed these matters.

Parkinson noted that Secretaries should not be seen to speculate, and should continue to present as calm professionals, we've seen it before, we'll do our jobs.

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Martin Parkinson (chair)

Frances Adamson, Michele Bruniges, Kathryn Campbell, Glenys Beauchamp, Liz Cosson, PG, Finn Pratt, Kerri Hartland, Rosemary Huxtable, Steven Kennedy, Rebecca Cross (for Renee Leon), Greg Moriarty, Mike Mrdak, Chris Moraitis, Michael Pezzullo (in person), Daryl Quinlivan, Heather Smith, Peter Woolcott

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Parkinson provided an update on current developments and indication of advice that he has provided to the PM. He noted that, once it is clear who will run, he will contact Chiefs of Staff to indicate we'll be ready to brief.

Parkinson confirmed that all Ministers remain in current positions apart from those who have resigned and have had resignations accepted.

Parkinson outlined current arrangements:

- We are preparing incoming PM briefing (and will follow up with a more structured briefing on all matters the PM should be across)
- We are planning transition - and it is important that in all these arrangements utmost courtesy and respect should be provided for departing and incoming PM / ministers

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