

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

12th EP/New Zealand Interparliamentary meeting
27 February - 5 March 2006
AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON and CHRISTCHURCH

PROGRAMME

Saturday 25 February 2006
Sunday 26 February 2006

Auckland

Arrival of the delegation

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Sunday
26 February 2006
pm

Auckland

4.00

Meeting of EP/New Zealand secretariat

5.00

Briefing of MEPs on the programme of the visit followed by informal drinks for Delegation members
(Venue: Winery, Ground Floor Lobby area)

Evening

Free from official engagements

Stay: LANGHAM HOTEL AUCKLAND

Monday
27 February 2006
am

Auckland - Hamilton - Wellington

Accompanied by Lindsay Tisch, National MP for Piako

7.15

Leave by coach

9.30

Arrive Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust assembly point,
Hicks Road, Cambridge

Met by: David Wallace
Chairman

Accompanied by Dianne Yates, Labour List MP

Briefing by members of the Trust and tour

11.00 Leave by coach

11.30 Arrive at the University of Waikato

Met by: Professor Noeline Alcorn
Dean of the School of Education

Dr Angus MacFarlane
Senior Lecturer, School of Education

Te Kohinga Marama Marae
Maori Welcoming Ceremony

12.00 Briefing by Professor Russell Bishop on the Te Kotahitanga Project
– research and development in Maori student achievement

pm

1.30 Leave by coach

2.00 Visit Livestock Improvement Corporation
Briefings

Met by: Dieter Adam
Group General Manager, Innovation

3.00 Depart by coach

3.05 Visit Dexcel - guided tour of the Greenfield Project (a research
project looking at the automation of dairy farms for the future)

Met by: Dr Jenny Jago, Scientist in charge of the Project

3.45 Leave by coach

4.05 Arrive Hamilton Airport

5.05 Depart on Air New Zealand Flight NZ 5089 to Wellington

6.10 Arrive Wellington International Airport

Leave by coach for the Intercontinental Hotel

7.30 Reception hosted by the Chairman of the Delegation for Member State Ambassadors at the Intercontinental Hotel

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Corner Grey and Featherston Streets
Wellington
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Tuesday
28 February 2006
am

Wellington

8.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a Breakfast with Heads of Mission from Member States

9.25 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting with members of the United Future New Zealand party (Venue: Bowen House)

9.30 to 10.00 *Mr Michael Cramer meets with the Green Party Caucus members (Venue: Bowen House)*

10.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting with members of the New Zealand First Caucus (Venue: Bowen House)

10.45 to 11.15 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation meet Hon Margaret Wilson MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives (Venue: Parliament House) (MEPs only)

11.20 to 11.50 Meet informally with Parliamentary Press Gallery representatives (Venue: Parliament House)

Luncheon - own arrangements

pm

2.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation are introduced to the House of Representatives and observe Question Time from the Speaker's Gallery

2.30 to 3.15 Guided Tour of Parliament

3.15 to 3.45 Meeting with Hon. Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand

3.45 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting with members of the Labour Caucus (Venue: Parliament House)

- 4.30 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting of the Business Committee of the House of Representatives (MEPs only)
(Venue: Select Committee Room, Parliament House)
- 5.00 Leave for the Intercontinental Hotel
- 6.45 Leave for the Duxton Hotel
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7.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation are Guests of Honour at a dinner hosted by Hon Margaret Wilson MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives
(Venue: Duxton Hotel)
- 9.30 Return to the Intercontinental Hotel

Stay: INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

**Wednesday
1 March 2006
am**

Wellington - Christchurch

- 7.45 Leave for Parliament House
- 8.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a Breakfast with members of the NZ/European Union Parliamentary Friendship Group. Members of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee also present.
(Venue: Members and Guests Dining Room, Executive Wing)
- 9.30 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting with members of the National Party Caucus
(Venue: Parliament House)
- 10.30 to 12.15 Roundtable with Government officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on trade and agriculture
- or
- Roundtable with Government officials of the Ministry of Economic Development on energy and infrastructure in New Zealand
- 12.30 to 1.00 Members of the European Parliamentary Delegation attend a meeting with the Finance & Expenditure Committee
(Venue: Select Committee Room, Parliament House)
- 2.30 Leave from the Intercontinental Hotel for Wellington International Airport

4.00 Depart on Air New Zealand Flight NZ 437 to Christchurch

4.45 Arrive Christchurch International Airport

Leave for the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Evening Free from official engagements

Stay: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
Corner Durham and Kilmore Streets
Christchurch
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Thursday
2 March 2006
am

Christchurch

8.35 Leave by coach

8.50 Arrive at the International Antarctic Centre

9.00 Briefing by Neil Gilbert, Environmental Manager, Antarctica New Zealand

9.45 Guided Tour of the International Antarctic Centre

10.45 Leave by coach

11.00 Arrive at the National Centre for Research on Europe, Geography Building, University of Canterbury

Met by: Professor Martin Holland
 Jean Monnet Chair of European Integration and
 Director, National Centre for Research on Europe

pm

12.15 Leave by coach

12.30 Luncheon hosted by the National Centre for Research on Europe at the Christchurch Club, 154 Worcester Street

2.00 Leave by coach for Rangiora

Phil Griffiths, Fonterra Milk Supply Field Representative and Geoff Stevenson, Fonterra farmer and Shareholder Councillor join the coach

2.30 to 4.30 Farm Visit Fonterra Farm #38698 (Bunnings Limited)

Proprietors: Anne and Brian Stokes

4.30 Leave by coach for the Crown Plaza Hotel

6.20 Depart on foot for the Indochine Restaurant
Venue: 209 Cambridge Terrace

6.30 Dinner hosted by Tim Barnett, MP

Stay: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

**Friday
3 March 2006
am**

Christchurch - Auckland

8.30 Leave by coach for Christchurch International Airport and proceed to the Koru Club Lounge

9.40 Depart on Air New Zealand Flight NZ 514 to Auckland

11.00 Arrive Auckland International Airport

Leave by coach

Accompanied by Ross Robertson, Labour MP for Manukau East and Mrs Grace Robertson, on the visit to the winery

11.30 Visit Villa Maria Winery (Briefing and tour)
Light luncheon at the winery

Met by: Alistair Mailing
Group Wine Maker

pm

1.00 Leave for the University of Auckland, Clock Tower Building
(Venue: 22 Princes Street)

1.30 Visit the University of Auckland
Presentation - "Europe viewed from New Zealand" followed by a discussion on European Union – New Zealand politics

Met by: Professor Cris Shore, Department of Anthropology,
Faculty of Arts

Dr Maureen Benson-Rea, Department of
International Business, Faculty of Business and
Economics

Programme:

1.30 Welcome and private briefing by Professor Stuart McCutcheon, University of Auckland Vice Chancellor
(Venue: Council Room)

2.30 Question and Answer forum on the theme of NZ-EU Relations and "Europe viewed from New Zealand" with an invited audience of business people and academics (approximately 60 people)

4.00 pm Close and thanks followed by an informal cocktail reception

5.00 Leave for the Langham Hotel Auckland

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Saturday
4 March 2006
am

Auckland

9.30 Visit to Manukau Market
Accompanied by Ross Robertson, Labour MP for Manukau East

12 noon Leave by Fuller's Ferry for Waiheke Island
(Accompanied by Hon Judith Tizard, Minister of Consumer Affairs and Auckland Issues, and Paula Bennett, National MP)

12.35 Arrive Waiheke Island

Leave by coach for Te Whau Vineyard

1.00 Arrive Te Whau Vineyard

Met by: Tony Forsyth
Director

Brief tour of the vineyard and winery/cellar. Tasting of flagship wines

Luncheon hosted by Hon Judith Tizard at Te Whau Vineyard

4.00 Tour of the island and art gallery

6.00 Leave by Fuller's Ferry for Auckland City

6.35 Leave by coach for the Langham Hotel Auckland

Stay: LANGHAM HOTEL AUCKLAND

Sunday 5 March 2006

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Individual departures of members