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Hi Emma

Just confirming that those flights are fine.

The two other representatives from New Zealand will be:

- Ross Van Der Schyff, in his capacity as Registrar of Companies (talking about the 'Starting a Business' indicator)
- Ben King, Deputy Secretary of Asia and Americas at MFAT (talking about the New Zealand business environment as a whole)

A draft agenda is attached. It will be updated in due course. The key element for Robbie is that he is likely to have to give a 10-15 minute speech about 'Registering Property' in New Zealand. But, no need to worry about that yet – I will get back to you on that.

Kind regards

Colin

From: Emma Miles-Buckler [mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 8:22 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Thanks for this Colin

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the recommended travel - I also had a couple of questions too

1. You mentioned when this was first spoken of there would be others attending from New Zealand - could you let me know who they are and their role
2. Is it possible to get a copy of the draft agenda mentioned in the invite letter

Thankyou

Emma

From: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 5:23 PM
To: Emma Miles-Buckler <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

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Hi Emma

Sorry I haven't got back to you yet on flights – we are still waiting on clarifying one point.

In the meantime, attached is Robbie's formal invitation letter from the World Bank.

Kind regards
Colin

From: Emma Miles-Buckler [<mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx>]
Sent: Monday, 21 October 2019 9:19 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Thankyou

From: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx>
Sent: Monday, 21 October 2019 9:10 AM
To: Emma Miles-Buckler <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx>
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Hi Emma

Sorry for the delay – we have been waiting for a meeting with the World Bank to progress things like invite letters, and possible side programs. Our team in Beijing should be meeting with them today, after which I should have more guidance for you (including on flights).

Kind regards
Colin

From: Emma Miles-Buckler [<mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx>]
Sent: Monday, 21 October 2019 8:37 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin

Just following up on this trip and would like to confirm flights etc to ensure we get the most cost effective prices - have you any further details on the conference and what the other NZ attendees will be travelling.

Also – could I have the invitation letter so I can progress Robbie's Visa application - I am only in the office for another 3 weeks before I go on leave

Regards

Emma Miles-Buckler
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From: Emma Miles-Buckler
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2019 11:15 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <xxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin – fantastic news about the conference ... I know Robbie is keen to be part of this .

I have had an initial look at flights and considering Robbie is part of the team hosting the Chinese delegation on the 20th at our LINZ office I thought the Air NZ flight below might be a good option

Wellington to Beijing	Wed 20 Nov 2019	1 adult	Premium Economy	2 bags	1 adult
AZ Wellington to Auckland Air New Zealand A320XLR Duration 1h 5m Departs 20:45 Arrives 21:50 Transit Auckland (2h 30m)			Standard seat Economy	2 x 23kg	
AZ Auckland to Shanghai Pudong Air New Zealand BOEING 787-9 Duration 12h 5m Departs 23:59 Arrives Thu 21, 07:05 Transit Shanghai (2h 25m)			Standard seat	2 x 23kg	
AZ Shanghai Pudong to Beijing China Eastern Airlines A350-900 Duration 2h 20m Departs Thu 21, 05:30 Arrives Thu 21, 07:50 Duration 20h 5m			Standard seat Economy	2 x 23kg	

With him returning

Beijing to Wellington		Sat, 23 Nov 2019	1 adult	Premium Economy	2 bags	1 adult
CA930 Beijing to Hong Kong	Duration: 2h 45m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air China AIRBUS A330-300				Economy		
Departs 1500	Arrives 1645			Booking class M		
Transit: Hong Kong (1h 40m)						
NZ000 Hong Kong to Auckland	Duration: 10h 55m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air New Zealand BOEING 777-300						
Departs 1825	Arrives Sun 24, 1000			Booking class R		
Transit: Auckland (2h 40m)						
NZ040 Auckland to Wellington	Duration: 1h 10m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air New Zealand AIRBUS A320				Economy		
Departs Sun 24 1200	Arrives Sun 24, 1310			Booking class Y		
Duration: 19h 10m		Premium Economy Global Service conditions		Baggage info		

But this flight from Hongkong to Auckland can be met by two other flights departing Beijing at either 8am or 10.00am - it will all depend on the traffic to the airport on a Saturday morning (I will be catching up a former MPI China Liaison for breakfast on Friday and ill ask about Saturday morning traffic) or what happens after the conference (dinner or meetings)

One thing I'd like to get underway as soon as possible is Robbie's visa into China – can you please get me the invitation letter.

And also from a timing point of view I will be out of the office 11th – 15th November - so I'd like to get everything done before I leave for my holiday in Sydney

Looking forward to hearing more from you

Emma Miles-Buckler
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Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

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Hi Emma

We just got confirmation on Friday of Robbie's speaking slot at the conference.

The conference is on Friday, 22 November in Beijing. Robbie will be on a panel between 16:30 and 18:00 on 'Streamlining business regulation', chaired by Sylvia Solf of the World Bank. He is down to talk about 'Registering Property'.

We are yet to hear what Robbie needs to prepare for the event, if anything.

I want to talk to our Beijing team about an itinerary for Robbie – including flights, and possible other engagements in Beijing, across the rest of Friday, and Thursday. If Robbie has any preferences for other meetings in Beijing then, please let me know – otherwise, we will be happy to provide some options for him later this week.

Kind regards

Colin

From: Emma Miles-Buckler [<mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx>]
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2019 8:43 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)
Subject: FW: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin – I hope you had a lovely weekend in what turned out to be great Wellington weather

I wondered if you had heard back from the World Bank regarding the conference

Regards

Emma Miles-Buckler
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From: Emma Miles-Buckler
Sent: Monday, 7 October 2019 8:27 AM
To: Emma Miles-Buckler <xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx>
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Good morning Colin

I hope you had a nice weekend ... just wondering where things were at with this possible visit

Regards

Emma Miles-Buckler
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From: Emma Miles-Buckler
Sent: Monday, 30 September 2019 11:25 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin

I just wanted to follow up with you and check if there was any further progress with this

Looking forward to hearing from you

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Hi Robbie

Thank you for confirming your availability and funding – great to hear.

We will discuss this further with the World Bank, and contact Emma directly on next steps for that, as well as with more details on the incoming delegation.

Kind regards

Colin

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From: Robert Muir [<mailto:robert.muir@mfat.govt.nz>]
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2019 11:55 AM
To: BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)
Cc: Emma Miles-Buckler; Mary Gordon
Subject: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin,

My colleague Mary Gordon has briefed me on her recent discussion with you about the upcoming World Bank Conference in China. I'm happy to confirm that I will be available to attend the conference and LINZ is able to meet the costs of my trip.

I understand that the aim is to have senior officials from New Zealand present on our performance in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings and you would like me to speak about the 'Registering Property' aspects. I note that you are also liaising with the Companies Office and Intellectual Property Office on their involvement.

I also note that you have been in touch about LINZ hosting a proposed visit from a Chinese delegation on the afternoon of 20 November, so I'm keen to understand how this might link with our participation in the World Bank event.

I will await your further advice on the arrangements for this event and details of the conference programme. My colleague Emma Miles-Buckler will liaise with you on my travel arrangements and relevant approvals and protocols.

I look forward to meeting with you in due course.

Kind regards

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Friday, November 22

08:20 - 9:00 Registration of Guests

Session 1: Plenary Session

Chair: Wang Hong, Deputy Mayor, Beijing People's Municipal Government

9:00 - 9:10 Cai Qi, Party Secretary, Beijing People's Municipal Government

9:10 - 9:30 XXX, the State Council of China (tbc)

9:30 - 9:50 David Malpass, President of the World Bank Group

9:50 - 10:20

Tea break

Session 2:

Keynote Speeches

Chair: Zou Jiayi, Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance of China

10:20 - 10:35

Liu Kun, Minister, Ministry of Finance of China

10:35 - 10:50

Chen Jining, Mayor, Beijing People's Municipal Government

10:50 - 11:05

Vadim Zhivulin, the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, the Russian Federation

11:05 - 11:20

Deputy minister from New Zealand

11:20 - 11:35

Aunporn Moniroth, Deputy Prime Minister cum Senior Minister of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

11:35 - 11:50

Vu Tien Loc, Chairman of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Vietnam

11:50 - 12:00

Minister/deputy minister from Mongolia (tbc)

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch break

Session 3:

Technical Sessions on Global Experience in Doing Business Reforms

(10 mins for each presentation and 30 mins for Q&A)

13:00-14:30

Building a More Open Economy: Trading And Investing Across Borders

Chair: Marcin Piatkowski, Senior Economist, the World Bank

A representative from the Ministry of Commerce of China on recent reforms on FDI regulation

A representative from the General Administration of Customs of China to present China's reforms in facilitating Trading Across Borders (TAB)

A representative from Shanghai on Free Trade Zone and TAB

A representative from South Korea on TAB (tbc)

A representative from New Zealand on TAB (tbc)

William Gain, Senior Private Sector Specialist, the World Bank to present international good practice on TAB

Q&A (30 min)

14:30 -14:45

Tea Break

13:00-14:30

Strengthening the Rule of Law: Contract Enforcement and Investor Protection

Chair: China's authorities

A representative from NDRC or the Ministry of Justice on the Ordinance on Improving Business Environment, including Investor Protection

A representative from the Supreme Court of China on Intellectual Property Rights protection

Andres Martinez, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, the World Bank, to present international good practice on Resolving Insolvency and Getting Credit

A representative from Denmark/Japan on Resolving Insolvency (tbc)

A representative from the UK on Protecting Minority Investors (tbc)

Q&A (30 min)

16:15 -16:30

Tea Break

16:30-18:00

Streamlining Business Regulation: Paying Taxes, Dealing with Construction Permits, Starting a Business and Registering Property

Chair: Sylvia Solf, Senior Private Sector Specialist, the World Bank

A representative from Beijing

Mr. Mikhail Mishustin, Head of the Federal Tax Service of Russia, on Paying Taxes

Ross Van Der Schyff, Registrar, New Zealand Companies Office, on Starting a Business

Robbie Muir, Registrar-General of Land for New Zealand, on Registering Property

Kim Lovegrove, World Bank Consultant, on Construction Permits

Q&A (30 min)

Saturday, November 23

9:00-10:30

Two parallel discussions on the direction for future reforms with representatives from the private sector and academia

Chair: China's authorities/the World Bank

Each session will have six representatives from foreign and domestic companies and the academia to discuss the business environment in China and direction for future reforms

10:40-11:15

Closing remarks

Martin Raiser, China Country director, the World Bank (tbc)

Wang Hong, Vice Mayor of Beijing (tbc)

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