

Draft program
Committee for Employment of the Danish Parliament
Visit to New Zealand
1 - 8 March 2014

Saturday 1 March 2014

23:45 Arrival Auckland Airport, SQ 281
Met by Ambassador Børge Petersen
Check-in at Pullman Hotel, Auckland.

Sunday 2 March 2014

17:00 (T) Welcome and briefing by Ambassador Børge Petersen, incl. political and economic situation in New Zealand and run-through of the program with the participation of Consul General Niels Jægersborg.

Monday 3 March 2014

9:00-10:45 Visit to construction site, Waterview Tunnel Project
Tour of largest construction site in Auckland. Briefing by management and meeting with representatives of workers.

11:00-11:30 Meeting with the Mayor of the City of Auckland
The Mayor will brief about the Mayor's Youth Employment Action Plan, and the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

11:30-12:30 Meeting with the Auckland Council
Meeting with the Chief Economist and senior advisors to discuss Auckland Council's policy frameworks for supporting employment in general, skill development and youth employment.

13.00-15:00 Visit to ISS Auckland Head Office, including light lunch.
Visit to large service provider. Danish daughter company. Briefing by management and meeting with representatives of workers.

Tuesday 4 March 2014

9:00-10:30 Meeting with Employers and Manufacturers Association
Briefing on employers views on labour market policy and reform in NZ.

- 11:00-13:00 Visit to Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, incl. light lunch
Visit to major manufacturing plant of medical equipment. Briefing by management and meeting with representatives of workers.
- 13:30 (T) Visit to Glidepath Group (to be confirmed)
Visit to manufacturing company of baggage handling equipment. Link to Danish company Crisplant.
- 15:30-17:00 Auckland University of Technology, Professor Felicity Lamm
Professor of Employment Relations, Co-Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Research Centre. Briefing on labour market reforms in NZ since the 1990's.
- 18:30-20:30 Reception at the Danish Association Auckland. Met by Antony Barrett.
The society's goal is to maintain and encourage Danish culture and language and promote understanding and relations between DK and NZ.

Wednesday 5 March 2014

- 7:45 Departure from Pullman Hotel and transfer to Auckland Airport
- 9:40 Departure from Auckland, NZ417
- 10:40 Arrival Wellington and transfer to Novotel
- 13:00-14:30 Meeting with NZ Council of Trade Unions
Briefing on employees views on labour market policy and reform in NZ.
- 15:00 (T) Victoria University, Professor Nigel Roberts
Nigel Roberts is a recently retired professor of Scandinavian politics.
Discussion on linkages between Danish and NZ politics.

Thursday 6 March 2014

- 9:00 (T) Meeting with Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)
Meeting with senior officials. Vision: MBIE's purpose is to Grow New Zealand for All.
- 11:00-12:30 Visit to Parliament:
Meeting with Committee for Transport and Industrial Relations
Call on the Speaker
- 14:00 (T) Visit to Health and Safety Department of MBIE
Meeting with senior officials of NZ counterpart to "Arbejdstilsynet"
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by Ambassador Børge Petersen

Friday 7 March 2014

- Morning Check-out Novotel Wellington
- 9:00-10:30 Meeting with Ministry for Social Development
Meeting with senior officials. Vision of MSD: Help New Zealanders to help themselves to be safe, strong and independent.
- 11:00-12:00 Visit to Community Link Office (Work & Income)
Work and Income provides financial assistance and employment services, and offer a single point of contact for New Zealanders needing job search support, financial assistance and in-work support.
- 18:00 Bus departure to Wellington airport
- 19:35 Departure from Wellington, NZ476
- 20:35 Arrival Auckland, Check-in at Novotel, Auckland Airport

Saturday 8 March 2014

- 13:30 Departure from Auckland Airport, SQ286