

Hon Damien O'Connor Diary Summary

1 - 31 March 2020

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Date	Scheduled Time	Meeting	Location	With	Portfolio
2/03/2020	09:15 - 09:45	MEET: NZ Milking & Pumping Trade Assn and Technology Training Centre Ltd	Minister O'Connor's office	Maria Scott, Gary Reilly	Agriculture
2/03/2020	10:00 - 10:30	MEET: H.E. Mrs Nina Obermaier - new European Union Ambassador to NZ	Minister O'Connor's office	H.E. Mrs Nina Obermaier, European Union Ambassador to NZ	Trade & Export Growth, Agriculture
2/03/2020	11:00 - 12:00	MEET: MPI OFFICIALS Pre Cab	Ministerial Meeting Room	MPI Officials	Food & Safety, Biosecurity, Agriculture, Rural Communities
2/03/2020	12:00 - 13:00	ATTEND: PRE CABINET MEETING	Boardroom, Level 9,		
2/03/2020	13:00 - 15:00	CABINET			

2/03/2020	15:00 - 15:30	MEET: Taratahi Agriculture Training Centre (Wairarapa)	Parliament Buildings	Taratahi Agriculture Training Centre (Wairarapa)	Agriculture, Rural Communities
2/03/2020	15:30 - 16:00	MEET: MPI officials: Road User	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
2/03/2020	16:45 - 17:15	MEET: MPI officials - PreCab Mtg:	Ministerial Meeting Room	MPI Officials	Food Safety, Agriculture, Rural Communities, Biosecurity
2/03/2020	17:00 - 19:30	ATTEND & HOST: SPEAK AT 6PM 200th Anniversary of Apples and Pears in New Zealand	Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings	Hosted event with Apples & Pears	Agriculture
3/03/2020	08:00 - 08:30	MEET: Minister Parker, Ray Smith & Vicky Robertson Re: Freshwater:	Minister Parker's office	Minister Parker, Ray Smith, MPI & Vicky Robertson	Agriculture
3/03/2020	08:30 - 09:15	MEET: Freshwater Meeting with Integration Group - with Minister Parker	Parliament Buildings	Minister Parker and Integration group	Agriculture
3/03/2020	11:15 – 11.45	MEET: DCANZ – Executive Committee	The Terrace Conference Centre, Wellington	DCANZ	Agriculture
3/03/2020	12:45 - 13:00	MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Jamie McKay and Rowena Duncum, The Country	Agriculture
3/03/2020	15:30 - 16:00	MEET: Mark Houston: Raw Milk Producers Association	Minister O'Connor's office	Mark Houston: Raw Milk Producers Association	Food Safety
3/03/2020	16:15 - 16:45	MEET: MPI officials: Export Assurances update	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI officials	Agriculture
4/03/2020	08:30 - 09:00	MEET: Minister Parker - Beef&Lamb, DairyNZ and HortNZ	Minister Parker's office	Minister Parker - Beef&Lamb, DairyNZ and HortNZ	Agriculture
4/03/2020	09:00 - 09:30	ATTEND & SPEAK: SPEAKING AT 9.05AM Breakfast meeting with American Chamber of Commerce	Wellesley Hotel - McGinnity Street, Wellington	SPEAKING eeting with American Chamber of Commerce	Trade & Export Growth, Agriculture
4/03/2020	11:00 - 12:00	CABINET COMMITTEE - DEV	8.5 The Beehive		
4/03/2020	12:00 - 12:30	MEET: MPI officials: Essential Freshwater	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture

4/03/2020	12:30 - 13:00	MEET: New Zealand Walking Access Commission new Board Chair - Don Cameron.	Minister O'Connor's Office	New Zealand Walking Access Commission	Rural Communities
4/03/2020	14:00 - 15:30	Question Time	Parliament Buildings		
4/03/2020	15:00 - 16:00	Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee	Level 8 EW		
4/03/2020	16:00 - 16:30	MEET: Overseer Chief Executive Caroline Read, Dr Jacqui Harper (Overseer Chief Scientist) and Kayo Sakey (Overseer Business Transformation Adviser)	Minister O'Connor's Office	Overseer - Caroline Read, Dr Jacqui Harper, Kayo Sakey	Agriculture
4/03/2020	16:30 - 17:00	MEET: Roz Henry - CEO NZ Coop	Minister O'Connor's office	NZ Coop	Agriculture
4/03/2020	18:00 - 19:00	ATTEND: Briefing session held by NZRise on Online Voting, Digitising Democracy and Electoral Interference through Disinformation	Parliament Buildings	Hosted by NZRise	
5/03/2020	11:00 - 12:45	ATTEND: NORTHLAND FIELDAYS	Awakino Point East Road, Awakino Point, Dargaville	Attend Event Northland Fieldays	Agriculture and Rural Communities
5/03/2020	13:00 - 13:10	MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Eric Frykberg, RNZ	Rural communities
5/03/2020	14:05 - 14:45	MEET/VISIT: Farm of Anthony and Peter	Kaikohe	Giesbres Farm	Agriculture
5/03/2020	15:00 - 15:20	MEET: Far North Mayor John Carter	Far North District Council, Memorial Ave, Kaikohe	Far North Mayor John Carter	Agriculture and Rural Communities
5/03/2020	15:20 - 16:30	VISIT: New pipeline and talks with key locals	Lake Road, Lake Omapere	Key locals	Agriculture & Rural Communities
6/03/2020	12:00 - 12:15	MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Rural Exchange - Hamish McKay and Richard Loe	Agriculture
6/03/2020	15:35 - 15:40	MEDIA INTERVIEW Topic - The latest drought classifications for primary sector.	Phone	Newstalk ZB (Kate Wells)	Agriculture

9/03/2020	09:30 - 10:00	MEET: Minister Jones Re: Carbon Farming	Minister O'Connor's office	Minister Jones	Agriculture
9/03/2020	10:00 - 10:30	MEET: MPI OFFICIALS - Freshwater	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
9/03/2020	10:30 - 11:00	MEET: MPI officials - Farm Debt Mediation	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
9/03/2020	11:00 - 12:30	MEET: MPI Officials: Pre Cabinet	Ministerial Meeting Room	MPI Officials	Agriculture, Biosecurity, Rural Communities, Food Safety
9/03/2020	12:30 - 13:00	ATTEND: PRE CABINET MEETING	Boardroom, Level 9		
9/03/2020	13:00 - 15:00	CABINET	Parliament Buildings		
9/03/2020	15:15 - 15:25	Media interview: extended drought classifications (and the latest \$150,000 Govt support)	Parliament Buildings	Maori TV	Rural communities
9/03/2020	16:00 - 16:30	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	Parliament Buildings		
9/03/2020	17:00 - 17:15	MEET: MPI officials - Raw Milk	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Food Safety
9/03/2020	17:30 - 18:00	MEET: Minister Parker & Minister Sage: Irrigation OIA?	Minister Parker's office 4.1 EW	Minister Parker, Minister Sage	Agriculture
9/03/2020	18:00 - 18:30	MEET Minister Parker - Pre meet Essential Freshwater	Minister Parker's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
10/03/2020	07:30 - 07:40	MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Rural News (Peter Burke)	Rural communities and Agriculture
10/03/2020	16:00 - 17:00	ATTEND & SPEAK: MPI's Nelson Stakeholder Event	The Rutherford Hotel, 27 Nile Street West, Nelson		Food Safety
11/03/2020	08:00 - 08:30	MEET: MPI and MFAT Officials re Briefing for Europe trip	Ministers Office	MPI and MFAT Officials	MPI
11/03/2020	08:30 - 09:00	MEET: MPI officials: Essential Freshwater update	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture

11/03/2020	09:30 - 10:00	MEET: Her Excellency Ms Mira Woldberg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to NZ	Minister O'Connor's Office	H.E. Ms Mira Woldberg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to NZ	Trade & Export Growth, Agriculture
11/03/2020	10:00 - 10:15	MEET: MPI officials: Pregnancy Warning Labels - Alcohol	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI officials	Food Safety
11/03/2020	10:15 - 10:45	MEET: Prof Ray Geor - Massey University	Minister O'Connor's office	Prof Geor – Massey University	Agriculture
11/03/2020	11:00 - 12:00	CABINET COMMITTEE - DEV	8.5 The Beehive		
11/03/2020	12:15 - 12:30	MEET: MFAT Officials - Update on RCEP	Minister O'Connor's office	MFAT Officials	Trade & Export Growth
11/03/2020	12:30 - 12:45	MEET: MPI officials - Cost recovery Cab Paper update	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI officials	Food Safety
11/03/2020	14:00 - 15:30	Question Time			
11/03/2020	15:00 - 15:15	MEET: MPI Officials, Essential Freshwater	Minister O'Connors office	MPI officials	Agriculture
11/03/2020	17:40 - 18:45	ATTEND: VENTURE TARANAKI SFF FUTURES PROJECT LAUNCH	Egmont Honey, Bell Block, New Plymouth		Food Safety
11/03/2020	19:30 - 19:35	MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Maja Burry RNZ	Rural Communities
12/03/2020	05:40 - 05:50	Media interview	Phone	Newshub / The AM Show (Delphine Herbert)	Rural communities
12/03/2020	08:30 - 08:40	REGULAR MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Sarah Perriam for her radio show	
12/03/2020	09:00 - 13:00	EXTENDED SITTING			
12/03/2020	09:00 - 09:45	MEET: Taumaranui Sustainable Land Management Group	Taumaranui	Taumaranui Sustainable Land Management Group	Rural Communities
12/03/2020	10:00 - 10:10	Media interview	Phone	Sarah's Country/Farmers Weekly (Sarah Perriam)	Rural Communities, Food safety and Agriculture

12/03/2020	11:15 - 12:00	MEET: Jacqui Hann/ King Country (dairy, drystock)	Te Kuiti	Jacqui Hann/ King Country	Rural Communities
12/03/2020	12:25 - 12:35	Media interview	Phone	Farmers Weekly (Richard Rennie)	
12/03/2020	12:35 - 12:45	Media interview	Phone	Newstalk ZB (Stewart Sowman-Lund)	Rural communities
12/03/2020	13:15 - 14:00	MEET/VISIT: Farmers	Pukeatua		Rural Communities and Agriculture
12/03/2020	14:30 - 15:00	VISIT: Owl Farm, St Peter's School	Leamington, Cambridge	Owl Farm, St Peter's School	Rural communities
12/03/2020	15:00 - 15:15	MEDIA: STAND UP			
12/03/2020	15:45 - 16:15	VISIT/MEET: Waikato Group Emergency Management Office	Genesis Building, Bryce Street, Hamilton	Waikato Group Emergency Management Office	Rural communities
12/03/2020	16:25 - 16:35	Pre-record MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Newstalk ZB (Heather du Plessis-Allan)	Rural communities
12/03/2020	20:00 - 20:30	James Morrison (Horticulture Export Authority) - re: check expectations	Phone	James Morrison (Horticulture Export Authority)	Agriculture
13/03/2020	08:40 - 08:50	LIVE Media Interview	Phone	Te Hiku Radio (Paa Kelly)	Rural Communities and Agriculture
13/03/2020	09:00 - 09:30	MEET: MPI officials - Essential Freshwater	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
13/03/2020	10:00 - 10:10	INTERVIEW: Drought	Phone	Harry Galbraith – NZ Broadcasting School	Rural Communities
13/03/2020	13:00 - 14:30	ATTEND: Farmer Diplomacy lunch	Palmerston North Conference Centre, Main Street, Palmerston North		Agriculture, Rural Communities
13/03/2020	14:45 - 16:00	ATTEND: Allflex Clash of the Colleges	Palmerston North Square	Steve Hollander (Founder & Trustee NZRGT) & Margaret Kouvelis (Chair NZRGT)	Rural Communities
13/03/2020	19:00 - 22:35	ATTEND: NZ Rural Sports Awards Dinner	Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North	NZ Rural Sports Awards	Rural Communities

14/03/2020	09:00 - 12:00	ATTEND: Kumeu A&P Show	Access Road, Kumeu	Marja Lubeck, President Jane Sparnon	Agriculture
16/03/2020	09:00 - 09:30	MEET: NZ Pork - re annual report presentation	Minister O'Connors office	Eric Roy and David Baines from NZ Pork	Biosecurity
16/03/2020	10:30 - 11:00	MEET: MPI Officials re Fresh water	Ministers office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
16/03/2020	11:00 - 12:30	MEET: MPI officials Pre Cab Meeting	Ministerial Meeting Room	MPI Officials	Food & Safety, Biosecurity, Agriculture, Rural Communities
16/03/2020	13:00 - 15:00	CABINET			
16/03/2020	15:00 - 15:30	MEET: Farming & Forestry Roundtable	MPI offices, Charles Fergusson Tower, Bowen Street	MPI Officials	Agriculture
16/03/2020	16:00 - 16:30	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL			
17/03/2020	08:00 - 08:30	ATTEND: St Patricks Day - Ulster Fry Breakfast	50 Homewood Avenue, Karori	HE Laura Clarke & HE Peter Ryan	Trade & Export Growth
17/03/2020	09:15 - 10:00	CABINET COMMITTEE - LEG	8.5 The Beehive		
17/03/2020	12:05 - 12:15	LIVE MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	The Country (Jamie Mackay)	Agriculture, Rural Communities
17/03/2020	14:00 - 16:00	Question Time			
17/03/2020	16:00 - 16:15	MEET: MPI officials re Manuka Honey	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Food Safety
18/03/2020	08:30 - 09:00	MEET: MPI officials: Essential Freshwater update	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
18/03/2020	11:00 - 12:30	CABINET COMMITTEE - DEV	8.5 The Beehive		
18/03/2020	14:00 - 15:30	Question Time			

18/03/2020	15:15 - 16:15	MEET: Ministers Parker, Shaw Re: ENGOs	Parliament Buildings	ENGOS, Minister Parker, Minister Shaw	Agriculture
18/03/2020	16:30 - 17:30	AD HOC CABINET COMMITTEE	Level 8 - BH		
18/03/2020	17:30 - 18:00	MEET: Ray Smith, MPI	Minister O'Connor's office	Ray Smith, MPI	
18/03/2020	18:45 - 18:50	LIVE MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Newstalk ZB (Heather du Plessis-Allan)	Agriculture
19/03/2020	09:00 - 10:30	MEET & HELICOPTER FLIGHT (Pilot Ned Lee) over (Forestry conversion land) Facilitated by Tracey Collis - Mayor Tararua District Council Kieran McAnulty & Luke Chivers confirmed tt	Hood Aerodrome, Solway, Masterton		Agriculture, Rural Communities
19/03/2020	10:30 - 11:00	MEET: Group of Farmers: Simon Hales, Amy Weston, William Algie - to be confirmed: MI (Contact Tracey Collis)	Back at Hood Aerodrome, Masterton	Simon Hales, Amy Weston, William Algie	Agriculture, Rural Communities
19/03/2020	14:00 - 15:30	Question Time			
19/03/2020	15:30 - 15:45	MEET: MPI Officials re Essential Freshwater	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI Officials	Agriculture
19/03/2020	16:00 - 17:00	CABINET			
20/03/2020	14:00 - 16:00	ATTEND: Discuss P1050 Pregnancy Warning Labels on Alcoholic Beverages	Conference Call	AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND MINISTERIAL FORUM ON FOOD REGULATION	Food Safety
23/03/2020	08:30 - 09:30	MEET: MPI officials Pre - Cabinet Meeting	Ministerial Meeting Room	MPI Officials	Food Safety, Biosecurity, Agriculture, Rural Communities
23/03/2020	09:30 - 11:30	CABINET	TELECONFERENCE		

23/03/2020	12:00 - 12:30	MEET: Ray Smith and Ruth Fairhall Re: Work Prog	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI officials	Agriculture
23/03/2020	12:30 - 12:45	MEET: Stuart Anderson MPI, Director M.Bovis	Minister O'Connor's office	MPI officials	Biosecurity
23/03/2020	13:30 - 14:00	CBC - Cabinet Business Committee	Level 8 EW		
23/03/2020	16:25 - 16:55	ATTEND: Mtg with MPI officials Re: Essential Services	Teleconference call	MPI Officials	Food Safety, Biosecurity, Agriculture, Rural Communities
24/03/2020	12:05 - 12:15	LIVE MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	The Country (Jamie Mackay)	Agriculture
26/03/2020	08:30 - 08:40	REGULAR MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	Sarah Perriam – Radio Show	
30/03/2020	10:00 - 10:30	TELECONFERENCE: Steve Stuart OSPRI Re: TB	Via Teleconference	Ospri and MPI officials	Biosecurity
30/03/2020	11:00 - 12:00	MPI officials Pre-Cab - Skype for Business Mtg	Skype	MPI Officials	Food Safety, Biosecurity, Agriculture, Rural Communities
30/03/2020	13:00 - 15:30	Cabinet Zoom Meeting	Zoom		
30/03/2020	16:00 - 16:30	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL			
30/03/2020	16:30 - 17:00	ZOOM Meeting - Elizabeth Soal CEO Irrigation NZ	Zoom	Elizabeth Soal CEO Irrigation NZ	Agriculture
31/03/2020	12:05 - 12:15	LIVE MEDIA INTERVIEW	Phone	The Country (Jamie Mackay)	Agriculture
31/03/2020	15:00 - 15:15	MEET: MPI officials: Re: Butchers Cab Paper	Skype Meeting	MPI officials	Agriculture