

Hon Simon Watts Ministerial Diary Summary

27 November 2023 - 31 January 2024

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Date	Schedule Time	Meeting	Location	With	Portfolio
27/11/2023	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Attend: Ministerial Swearing-In Ceremony	Government House	Governor-General and other Ministers	All
27/11/2023	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Inland Revenue
27/11/2023	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
28/11/2023	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Attend: Induction Session for Ministers	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Office Officials	All
28/11/2023	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Attend: Cabinet Meeting	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet	All
28/11/2023	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Buildings	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
28/11/2023	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Meet: Climate Change Commission	Parliament Buildings	Climate Change Commission Officials	Climate Change
29/11/2023	7:45 AM - 8:15 AM	Interview: Radio New Zealand	Phone	Media - Radio New Zealand	Climate Change
29/11/2023	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Meet: Private Secretary - Climate Change	Parliament Office	Private Secretary - Climate Change	Climate Change

29/11/2023	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Attend: Induction Session for Ministers	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Office Officials	All
29/11/2023	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Attend: Cabinet Meeting	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet	All
29/11/2023	2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Meet: Private Secretary - Climate Change	Parliament Office	Private Secretary - Climate Change	Climate Change
29/11/2023	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Attend: Executive Council	Parliament Buildings	Executive Council	Revenue
30/11/2023	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Meet: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Official	Parliament Office	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Official	Climate Change, Revenue
30/11/2023	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Attend: Induction Session for Ministers	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Office Officials	All
30/11/2023	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Interview: Stuff	Phone	Media - Stuff	Climate Change
1/12/2023	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Visit: Inland Revenue Takapuna	5 Byron Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
4/12/2023	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Asteron Building, Wellington	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
4/12/2023	10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Meet: Ministry for Foreign Affairs Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for Foreign Affairs Officials	Climate Change
4/12/2023	11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Interview: Radio New Zealand	Phone	Media - Radio New Zealand	Climate Change
4/12/2023	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Courtesy Call: Australian High Commissioner and Second Secretary	Parliament Office	Australian High Commission	Climate Change
4/12/2023	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Meet: Private Secretaries - Climate Change	Parliament Office	Private Secretaries - Climate Change	Climate Change
4/12/2023	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Visit: Ministry for the Environment	Ministry for Environment, 8 Willis Street, Wellington	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
4/12/2023	5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Interview: Newstalk ZB	Phone	Media - Newstalk ZB	Climate Change

5/12/2023	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Interview: Newsroom	Parliament Office	Media - Newsroom	Climate Change
5/12/2023	2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Meet: Climate Change Private Secretaries		Climate Change Private Secretaries	Climate Change
5/12/2023	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Minister of Finance	Parliament Buildings	Minister of Finance	Revenue
5/12/2023	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Meet: Minister of Forestry	Parliament Buildings	Ministry of Forestry	Climate Change
6/12/2023	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Cabinet Office Officials	Parliament Office	Cabinet Office Officials	All
6/12/2023	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Interview: NZ Herald	Phone	Media - NZ Herald	Climate Change
8/12/2023	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Meet: Head of the Government of Tokelau	COP Dubai	Head of the Government of Tokelau	Climate Change
8/12/2023	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Meet: New Zealand Ambassador to United Arab Emirates	COP Dubai	New Zealand Ambassador and NZTE Trade Commissioner	Climate Change
8/12/2023	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Attend: COP28 Plenary	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
8/12/2023	9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Meet: New Zealand Delegation Officials	COP Dubai	New Zealand Delegation Officials	Climate Change
8/12/2023	10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Meet: European Commissioner for Climate Action	COP Dubai	European Commissioner for Climate Action	Climate Change
8/12/2023	11:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Attend: Working Group informal Ministerial Lunch, hosted by Australia	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
9/12/2023	12:00 AM - 3:00 AM	Attend: High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
9/12/2023	3:00 AM - 5:00 AM	Attend: Climate and Clean Air Ministerial	COP Dubai	Climate and Clean Air Coalition, event attendees	Climate Change

9/12/2023	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: New Zealand Delegation Officials	COP Dubai	New Zealand New Zealand Delegation Officials	Climate Change
9/12/2023	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Meet: Umbrella Group Ministers	COP Dubai	Umbrella Group Ministers	Climate Change
9/12/2023	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Speech: New Zealand National Statement	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
9/12/2023	7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Attend: Annual High Level Ministerial Roundtable on Pre-2030 Ambition	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
9/12/2023	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Attend: Pacific Ministerial Roundtable with Palau Minister of State (Foreign Affairs)	COP Dubai	Palau Minister of State (Foreign Affairs), event attendees	Climate Change
9/12/2023	11:00 PM - 11:30 PM	Attend: Daily New Zealand Stakeholder Briefing	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	12:00 AM - 1:00 AM	Attend: Pacific Champions Panel: Pacific Priorities for COP28	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	1:00 AM - 1:30 AM	Attend: 'Enhancing NDCs through the Article 6 Implementation Partnership (A6IP): Launching of A6 Implementation Support Packages'	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	1:45 AM - 2:45 AM	Attend: Sustainable Business Council-hosted Networking Event	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	2:45 AM - 3:15 AM	Meet: Fonterra	COP Dubai	Miles Hurrell (Chief Executive), Andrew Kempson (General Manager, Global Climate Policy)	Climate Change
10/12/2023	3:30 AM - 4:00 AM	Attend: "The Emerging Role of Nature in meeting NDCs"	COP Dubai	WWF New Zealand, Pure Advantage, event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	4:30 AM - 6:00 AM	Attend: Singapore Evening Event	COP Dubai	Minister Grace Fu (Singapore), event attendees	Climate Change

10/12/2023	5:45 PM - 6:15 PM	Meet: New Zealand Delegation Officials	COP Dubai	New Zealand Delegation Officials	Climate Change
10/12/2023	7:05 PM - 7:30 PM	Meet: Ireland Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	COP Dubai	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Ireland)	Climate Change
10/12/2023	8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Attend: Implementing the Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Actions	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
10/12/2023	10:00 PM - 10:15 PM	Meet: Climate Bonds Initiative NZ Green Investment Finance	COP Dubai	Sean Kidney (CEO), Climate Bonds Initiative, David Woods (Director), NZ Green Investment Finance	Climate Change
10/12/2023	10:15 PM - 10:45 PM	Meet: India Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	COP Dubai	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (India)	Climate Change
10/12/2023	11:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Attend: Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation (FAST) Partnership Inception Meeting	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
11/12/2023	1:00 AM - 1:30 AM	Attend: 'Changemakers Majlis' (Ministerial/HOD) Convened by COP28 President	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
11/12/2023	2:45 AM - 4:00 AM	Attend: Global Carbon Pricing Challenge Event	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
11/12/2023	4:30 AM - 5:30 AM	Meet: Conservative Environment Network	COP Dubai	Conservative Environment Network	Climate Change
11/12/2023	4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Meet: New Zealand Delegation Officials	COP Dubai	New Zealand Senior Officials	Climate Change

11/12/2023	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Meet: Canada Minister of Environment and Climate Change	COP Dubai	Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Canada)	Climate Change
11/12/2023	7:15 PM - 7:45 PM	Meet: Global Methane Hub	COP Dubai	Hayden Montgomery	Climate Change
11/12/2023	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Meet: Colombia Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development	COP Dubai	Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development (Colombia)	Climate Change
11/12/2023	8:45 PM - 9:30 PM	Meet: Singapore Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment	COP Dubai	Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment (Singapore)	Climate Change
11/12/2023	9:45 PM - 10:15 PM	Meet: Samoa Climate Change Minister	COP Dubai	Climate Change Minister (Samoa)	Climate Change
11/12/2023	10:30 PM - 11:45 PM	Visit: Green Zone Technology and Innovation Area	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
12/12/2023	12:00 AM - 12:30 AM	Meet: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Chair	COP Dubai	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Chair	Climate Change
12/12/2023	2:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Attend: First Opening Plenary / Umbrella Group Ministerial Consultations	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
12/12/2023	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: New Zealand Senior Officials	COP Dubai	Ulu-o-Tokelau	Climate Change
12/12/2023	6:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Attend: Negotiations / Plenaries / Umbrella Group Minister Meetings	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
12/12/2023	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Meet: Ireland Climate Change Minister	COP Dubai	Climate Change Minister (Ireland)	Climate Change

12/12/2023	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Meet: Brazil Climate and Environment Minister	COP Dubai	Climate and Environment Minister (Brazil)	Climate Change
13/12/2023	2:00 AM - 2:30 AM	Attend: Daily New Zealand Stakeholder Briefing	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
13/12/2023	2:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Attend: Negotiations / Plenaries / Umbrella Group Minister Meetings	COP Dubai	Event attendees	Climate Change
13/12/2023	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: New Zealand Delegation Officials	COP DUBAI	Ulu-o-Tokelau, New Zealand Delegation Officials	Climate Change
13/12/2023	6:45 PM - 7:45 PM	Meet: Umbrella Group Ministers	COP DUBAI	Umbrella Group Ministers	Climate Change
13/12/2023	8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Attend: Closing Plenary	COP DUBAI	Event attendees	Climate Change
18/12/2023	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Buildings	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
18/12/2023	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Private Secretary - Climate Change	Parliament Office	Private Secretary - Climate Change	Climate Change
18/12/2023	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Attend: Executive Council	Parliament Buildings	Executive Council Members	Revenue
18/12/2023	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Ministry for the Environment, 23 Kate Sheppard Place, Pipitea, Wellington	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
18/12/2023	4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Ministry for the Environment, 23 Kate Sheppard Place, Pipitea, Wellington	Ministry for Environment Officials	Climate Change
19/12/2023	8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for Environment Officials	Climate Change

19/12/2023	1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Meet: Private Secretary - Climate Change and Senior Private Secretary	Parliament Office	Private Secretary - Climate Change and Senior Private Secretary	Climate Change
19/12/2023	3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Meet: Board of the Climate Change Commission	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Board of the Climate Change Commission	Climate Change
20/12/2023	8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
20/12/2023	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Attend: Cabinet Business Committee	Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Business Committee	Climate Change
20/12/2023	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Meet: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Official	Parliament Office	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Official	Climate Change
21/12/2023	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Phone: Climate Change Commission Chairperson	Phone	Climate Change Commission Chairperson	Climate Change
22/12/2023	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Interview: Stuff	Phone	Media - Stuff	Climate Change
9/01/2024	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Attend: 2024 ASB Tennis Classic	ASB Tennis Arena, 1 Tennis Lane, Parnell, Auckland	Shannon Watts	All
15/01/2024	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
15/01/2024	4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change

16/01/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Zoom: Minister for Energy, Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	Zoom	Minister for Energy, Ministry of Environment Officials and Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment Officials	Climate Change
25/01/2024	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet: Cabinet Business Committee	Zoom	Cabinet Business Committee	Revenue
26/01/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
26/01/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Minister of Finance	Minister Willis' Office, 7.2 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister of Finance, Officials	Climate Change
26/01/2024	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
26/01/2024	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
26/01/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
26/01/2024	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Meet: Pou Take Āhuarangi Co-Chairs	Parliament Office	Pou Take Āhuarangi Co-Chairs	Climate Change
26/01/2024	3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Interview: Radio New Zealand	Phone	Media - Radio New Zealand	Climate Change

30/01/2024	8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
30/01/2024	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Meet: Private Secretaries - Foreign Affairs	Parliament Office	Private Secretaries - Foreign Affairs	Climate Change
30/01/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Private Secretaries - Inland Revenue	Parliament Office	Private Secretaries - Inland Revenue	Inland Revenue
30/01/2024	3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Interview: National Business Review	Press Gallery, Parliament House	Media - National Business Review	Climate Change
31/01/2024	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	Meet: Minister for RMA Reform and Minister for the Environment	Parliament Buildings	Minister for RMA Reform, Minister for the Environment, Officials	Climate Change
31/01/2024	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Government Caucus Room 1.075 PH	Ministry for Environment Officials	Climate Change
31/01/2024	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Meet: Minister of Agriculture and Forestry	Parliament Buildings	Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Officials	Climate Change
31/01/2024	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade Officials	Climate Change (International)