

Hon Simon Watts Ministerial Diary Summary

1 - 31 March 2024

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Date	Schedule Time	Meeting	Location	With	Portfolio
1/03/2024	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Speak: ATAINZ Conference 2024	Cordis Auckland, 83 Symonds Street, Auckland	Event attendees	Revenue
4/03/2024	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Zoom: Executive Director, Climate Inter-agency Executive Board	Zoom	Lisa Daniell (Executive Director), Climate Inter-agency Executive Board	Climate Change
4/03/2024	10:00 AM - 12:10 PM	Meet: Revenue Private Sector Reference Group	Asteron Centre, 13/55 Featherston Street, Pipitea, Wellington	Private Sector Tax Specialists	Revenue
4/03/2024	12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	Attend: Cabinet	Cabinet Room, Level 10 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet	Revenue
4/03/2024	12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Meet: Climate Change Commission	Parliament Office/Teams	Climate Change Commission	Climate Change

4/03/2024	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Meet: Insurance Council of NZ	Parliament Office	Tim Grafton (Chief Executive), Kris Faafoi and Sean Fullan, Insurance Council of NZ	Climate Change
4/03/2024	2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Meet: Boston Consulting Group	Parliament Office	Tim Mooney (Partner), Boston Consulting Group	Climate Change
4/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Government Caucus Room	Officials	Climate Change
4/03/2024	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Government Caucus Room	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
4/03/2024	5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Meet: Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade	Climate Change (International)
5/03/2024	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
5/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet: Chartered Accountants NZ and Tax Advisory Group	Parliament Office	Chartered Accountants NZ and Tax Advisory Group	Revenue
5/03/2024	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Meet: Chair, NZ Green Investment Finance	Parliament Office	Cecilia Tarrant (Chair), NZ Green Investment Finance	Climate Change
5/03/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
5/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Lawyers for Climate Action	Parliament Office	Jessica Palairat (Executive Director), James Every-Palmer KC (Co-Founder), Lawyers for Climate Action	Climate Change

5/03/2024	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Meet: NZTech and Spark	Parliament Office	Graeme Muller (CEO, NZTech), Mitchell Pham (Co-Chair, NZTech Sustainability Sub-board), Mark Thomas (Co-chair NZTech Sustainability Sub-board), Leela Grantham (Head of Sustainability, Spark), Jo Coughlan	Climate Change
6/03/2024	8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Meet: Commissioner for the Environment	Parliament Office	Simon Upton (Commissioner for the Environment), Matt Paterson (Chief Programmes Director), Geoff Simmons (Chief Economist), Abigail Bender (Policy and Researcher Advisor)	Climate Change
6/03/2024	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Attend: Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 8.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Climate Change and Revenue
6/03/2024	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Meet: Minister Willis and Minister McClay	Minister Willis' Office, 7.2 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister of Finance and Minister of Agriculture	Climate Change

6/03/2024	3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Air New Zealand	Parliament Office	Greg Foran (Chief Executive), Reuben Levermore (Corporate Affairs Lead), Mat Bolland (Chief Corporate Affairs Officer), Jenny Sullivan (Senior Manager Sustainability), Air New Zealand	Climate Change
6/03/2024	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Minister Lee and advisor to Minister Upston	Minister Lee's Office, 4.5R Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister for Economic Development and Minister for Social Development & Employment, advisors	Climate Change
7/03/2024	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment	Climate Change
7/03/2024	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Attend: Cabinet Legislation Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 9.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Legislation Committee	Climate Change and Revenue
7/03/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
7/03/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials [with Minister Simmonds]	Parliament Office	Ministry for Environment Officials, Minister for the Environment	Climate Change

7/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Address: Local Government NZ Metro Sector Meeting	Zoom	Local Government NZ, regional councils	Climate Change
7/03/2024	3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Courtesy Call: European Ambassador	Parliament Office	Lawrence Meredith (European Ambassador-Designate)	Climate Change
7/03/2024	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Minister Peters	Minister Peters' Office, 7.4 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Climate Change
10/03/2024	10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Attend: Plant and Food Research [with Prime Minister of Vietnam]	120 Mount Albert Road, Mount Albert, Auckland	Prime Minister of Vietnam, event attendees	Climate Change
10/03/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Media Stand-Up [with Minister Seymour]	27 Gillies Avenue, Newmarket, Auckland	Minister Seymour, media	Revenue
11/03/2024	7:05 AM - 7:20 AM	Interview: Morning Report	Phone call	Morning Report	Revenue
11/03/2024	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Attend: Bilateral with Prime Minister of NZ and Vietnam Delegation	Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings	Prime Minister of NZ, Prime Minister of Vietnam, delegates	Climate Change
11/03/2024	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Private Secretaries	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Private Secretaries	Inland Revenue

11/03/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: NZ Green Building Council, Cheops Holdings & McKee Fehl, NZ Institute of Buildings, Capital Government Relations	Parliament Office	Andrew Eagles (Chief Executive, NZ Green Building Council), Maurice Clark (Chief Executive, Cheops Holdings & McKee Fehl), Pamela Bell (Chief Executive, NZ Institute of Buildings), Aimie Hines (Senior Consultant, Capital Government)	Climate Change
11/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet: Visits and Events Organiser, Department of Internal Affairs	Parliament Office	Eloise McIntyre (Visits and Events Organiser), Department of Internal Affairs	Climate Change
11/03/2024	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Meet: Climate Change Private Secretaries	Parliament Office	Private Secretaries - Climate Change	Climate Change
11/03/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: Hardie Pacific/Weora Limited and Twynam Funds Management [with Minister Simmonds]	Parliament Office	Hon Penny Simmonds, Tom Ritchie (General Manager), Duncan Hardie (Founder and Director) and Richard Ash (Executive Director, Twynam Funds Management), Hardie Pacific/Weora Limited	Climate Change

11/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Minister Willis	Minister Willis' Office, 7.2 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister of Finance, Peter Mersi (Commissioner), James Grayson (Deputy Commissioner, Customer Compliance Services – Individuals)	Revenue
11/03/2024	5:05 PM - 7:00 PM	Speak: Commonwealth Day	Parliament Buildings, Wellington	Governor-General, event attendees	Climate Change and Revenue
12/03/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Zoom: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Zoom	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
12/03/2024	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Zoom: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Zoom	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
12/03/2024	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Teams: Minister Brown, Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment Officials	Teams	Minister for Energy, Ministry for the Environment and Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment Officials	Climate Change
13/03/2024	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Visit: Inland Revenue	101 Garnett Avenue, Te Rapa, Hamilton	Inland Revenue employees	Revenue
13/03/2024	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Visit: Inland Revenue	1 Home Straight, Te Rapa, Hamilton	Inland Revenue employees	Revenue

13/03/2024	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Meet: Tainui Group Holdings / Tour of Ruakura Superhub [with Ryan Hamilton]	Ruakura Superhub, 98 Harakeke Road, Ruakura, Hamilton	Tainui Group Holdings, Ryan Hamilton	Climate Change
14/03/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Zoom: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Zoom	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
14/03/2024	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Zoom: Minister Willis	Zoom	Minister of Finance	Revenue
15/03/2024	2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Meet: Irish Minister of State	Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Level 6, 139 Quay Street, Auckland	Jack Chambers (Irish Minister of State)	Climate Change
15/03/2024	4:30 PM - 4:35 PM	Interview: Heather du Plessis-Allan Drive	Phone	Media	Revenue
18/03/2024	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Meet: Climate Change Private Secretaries	Parliament Office	Climate Change Private Secretaries	Climate Change
18/03/2024	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Private Secretaries	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Private Secretaries	Inland Revenue
18/03/2024	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: Corporate Taxpayers Group	Deloitte Wellington, Level 12, 20 Customhouse Quay, Wellington	Corporate Taxpayers Group	Revenue
18/03/2024	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Meet: Centre for Sustainable Finance	Parliament Office/Zoom	Jo Kelly (Chief Executive) and Bridget Coates (Board Chair), Matt Whineray (Board member), Christian Bonnevie (Advisor), Centre for Sustainable Finance	Climate Change

18/03/2024	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
18/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Government Caucus Room 1.075 PH	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
18/03/2024	5:15 PM - 5:45 PM	Meet: Minister Willis, Minister Simmonds and Minister Bishop	Minister Willis' Office, 7.2 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister of Finance, Minister for the Environment and Minister for RMA Reform	Climate Change
19/03/2024	8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
19/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Attend: Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 8.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee	Revenue
19/03/2024	12:30 PM - 12:40 PM	Meet: MFAT Private Secretary	Parliament Office	MFAT Private Secretary	Climate Change
19/03/2024	3:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Speak: The Aotearoa Circle Partner Hui	Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings	Event attendees	Climate Change
19/03/2024	6:15 PM - 7:45 PM	Attend: Post-Hui Dinner	Bellamy's, Parliament Buildings	Event attendees	Climate Change
20/03/2024	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Attend: Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 8.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee	Climate Change and Revenue

20/03/2024	11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Meet: Contact Energy	Parliament Office	Brett Woods (Head of Government Relations and Regulatory) and Chris Abbott (Chief Corporate Affairs Officer), Contact	Climate Change
20/03/2024	12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Speak: Centre for Sustainable Finance Webinar	Zoom	Event attendees	Climate Change
20/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:15 PM	Meet: Greenpeace Aotearoa, Forest & Bird, World Wildlife Fund NZ, Environmental Defence Society [with Prime Minister]	Prime Ministers Meeting Room, Parliament Buildings	Prime Minister, Dr Russel Norman (Greenpeace Aotearoa), Nic Toki (Forest & Bird), Dr Kayla Kingdon-Bebb (WWF NZ) and Gary Taylor (EDS)	Climate Change
20/03/2024	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: NZ Banking Association	Parliament Office	Roger Beaumont (Chief Executive), Antony Buick-Constable (Policy Director), NZ Banking Association	Climate Change and Revenue
21/03/2024	9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	Interview: Stuff	Stuff Offices, Parliament Buildings	Media	Climate Change
21/03/2024	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Attend: Cabinet Legislation Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 8.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Legislation Committee	Climate Change and Revenue

21/03/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Minister McClay	Minister McClay's Office, 4.3 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister for Trade and Minister of Forestry	Climate Change
21/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Meet: Independent Rapid Reviewer [with Minister Simmonds]	Parliament Office	Independent Rapid Reviewer, Minister for the Environment	Climate Change
22/03/2024	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Interview: NBR	NBR Office, Parliament Buildings	Media	Revenue
22/03/2024	11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Teams	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
22/03/2024	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Filming: Climate Youth Advisory Group	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment staff	Climate Change
22/03/2024	5:45 PM - 9:00 PM	Attend: Forest & Bird 100th Birthday Dinner	Government House, 1 Rugby Street, Wellington	Governor-General, event attendees	Climate Change
25/03/2024	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Meet: Sustainable Steel Council	Parliament Office	Jeremy Sole (Executive Officer), Sustainable Steel Council	Climate Change
25/03/2024	2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
25/03/2024	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Government Caucus Room 1.075 PH	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
25/03/2024	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Attend: Executive Council	Executive Council Room, 10 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Ministers, Cabinet Office	Climate Change

25/03/2024	4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Teams	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
25/03/2024	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials and Climate Inter-agency Official	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials and Climate Inter-agency Official	Climate Change
25/03/2024	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Attend: Climate Priorities Meeting Group	Ministerial Meeting Room, Parliament Buildings	Members of the Climate Change Priorities Meeting Group	Climate Change
26/03/2024	8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Meet: Governor of the Reserve Bank	Parliament Office	Governor of the Reserve Bank	Climate Change
26/03/2024	8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
26/03/2024	11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet & Greet: Inland Revenue Graduates	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Graduates	Revenue
26/03/2024	12:15 PM - 12:45 PM	Meet: Fletcher Building Concrete Division	Parliament Office	Thornton Williams (Chief Financial Officer), Christian May (General Manager Group Corporate Affairs), Fletcher Building Concrete Division	Climate Change
26/03/2024	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: Westpac	Parliament Office	Catherine McGrath (Chief Executive), Grant Fleming (Head of External Relations), Westpac	Climate Change
26/03/2024	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Meet: Tokelau Council	Ministerial Meeting Room, Parliament Buildings	Tokelau Council, MFAT staff	Climate Change

27/03/2024	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Speak: BusinessNZ Business Leader's Meeting	Level 13/157 Lambton Quay, Wellington Central, Wellington	Event attendees	Revenue and Climate Change
27/03/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: National President, Māori Women's Welfare League Inc.	Parliament Office	Dr Hope Tupara (National President), Māori Women's Welfare League Inc.	Climate Change
27/03/2024	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Meet: Ministry for the Environment Officials	Parliament Office	Ministry for the Environment Officials	Climate Change
27/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Chief Executive, Energy Resources Aotearoa	Parliament Office	John Carnegie (Chief Executive), Energy Resources Aotearoa	Climate Change
27/03/2024	4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Meet: Executive Director, Sustainable Business Council	Parliament Office	Mike Burrell (Executive Director), Sustainable Business Council	Climate Change
27/03/2024	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Speech: Kiwis in Climate	Zoom	Kiwis in Climate	Climate Change
28/03/2024	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Meet: Te Arawa Lakes Trust [with Minister Simmonds]	Minister Simmonds' Office, G.027 Parliament House	Te Arawa Lakes Trust, Minister for the Environment	Climate Change
28/03/2024	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Attend: Cabinet Legislation Committee	Cabinet Committee Room, 9.5 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Cabinet Legislation Committee	Climate Change and Revenue
28/03/2024	10:15 AM - 10:25 AM	Interview: RNZ	Phone call	Media	Climate Change

28/03/2024	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Meet: Inland Revenue Officials	Parliament Office	Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
28/03/2024	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Meet: Federation of Māori Authorities [with Hon Hoggard]	Parliament Office	Associate Minister for the Environment, Traci Houpapa (Chair), Liz Mellish (Deputy Chair) and Hilton Collier, Federation of Māori Authorities	Climate Change
28/03/2024	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meet: Minister Collins	Minister Collins' Office, 5.3L Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Inland Revenue Officials	Revenue
28/03/2024	3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Meet: Mitre 10	Parliament Office	Grant Fraser (General Counsel), Bronwyn Millar (General Manager), Mitre 10	Climate Change
28/03/2024	4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Meet: Minister Bishop	Minister Bishop's Office, 6.3 Executive Wing, Parliament Buildings	Minister for RMA Reform	Climate Change