

Appendix One - OIA24-CB012 Official Information request response – T Murray

2024 events, visit and meetings – Sport and Recreation

Event/visit /meeting/ conference	Details (ATTEND /PRESENT/ SPEAK)	Speech Y/N	Month	Date (If known)	City/Country	Portfolio	Department Advice
Olympics 2024	ATTEND	TBC	July-August	26 Jul-11 Aug	Paris, France	Sport and Recreation	Minister for Sport and Recreation typically attends the Olympics in support of NZ athletes; could tack on other visits in Europe around this time, noting that much of Europe is on holiday in July-August.
Paralympics 2024	ATTEND	TBC	August-September	28 Aug-8 Sept	Paris, France	Sport and Recreation	A standing Minister for Sport and Recreation has not attended the Paralympics since 2012. You have indicated interest in attending this year's Games in September.

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INV23-055	3/12/2023	Liz Dawson	CEO & Secretary General NZ Olympic Committee	ATTEND	ATTEND: Olympic Games next year (July 26th – August 11th 2024). As we have mentioned to the Rt Hon. Christopher Luxon, we'd be delighted if you, as the new Minister, were also able to join us in Paris. We look forward to finding a time that suits you as you transition into the new role.	No	Wednesday 26 July to Sunday 11 August 2024	All Day	Paris	France	Will require PM approval for international travel	Sports	High	<p>There is convention for the Minister for Sport & Rec to attend the Olympics but this is contingent on several other factors - for example, attendance at Paralympics (which are also in Paris but a month after the Olympics), leave from the House and PM's approval for international travel. Logistical arrangements for your attendance at the Olympics have been pencilled in so your decision does not need to be made urgently.</p> <p>Sport NZ do however recommend meeting with the NZ Olympic Committee about general matters as the Games approach, at your earliest convenience. There is an opportunity to do so on 29 or 30 January when CE Nicki Nicol and President Liz Dawson are in Wellington.</p>	Accept
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14 December 2023

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Kia ora Minister Bishop,

On behalf of the Board of Paralympics New Zealand (PNZ), we would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister for Sport and Recreation and look forward to working together in the future.

As Minister for Sport and Recreation we would like to cordially invite you to attend the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games to accompany myself and the PNZ Chief Executive Officer, Greg Warnecke. This will provide an exclusive opportunity to watch our Paralympians in action as they compete to secure medals and inspire our nation through their performances.

In addition to delivering teams to the Games PNZ is part of the International Paralympic Committee worldwide movement that uses the power of Para sport to change perceptions of disabled people and advocates for the delivery of pathways in all sports from community to High Performance.

Our vision is 'Through Para sport, lives will be transformed'. I often say, "it should be as ridiculous for a sport to not have a participation pathway for someone with a disability as to not have one for a woman".

After a year's delay, New Zealand attended the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in August 2021 with a team consisting of 29 Para athletes and 37 support staff. The New Zealand Paralympic Team placed 4th on the medals won per capita table, achieving six gold, three silver and three bronze medals, in the process breaking three NZ Paralympic records.

In March 2022 the New Zealand Paralympic Team of three Para athletes and seven support staff attended the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games – an event attended by 564 Para athletes who competed in 78 events across six Para sports. Beijing proved to be New Zealand's most decorated Winter Paralympics in 20 years, coming away with four medals – one gold, one silver and two bronze medals. Achieving 2nd in the world for medals won per capita.

PNZ is now on the countdown to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games to be held in France from 28 August – 8 September 2024. The New Zealand Paralympic Team will include exceptional Para athletes likely to be competing in up to nine Para sports. The Paralympic Games will feature up to 4,400 Para athletes competing in 549 medal events across 22 Para sports.



I can assure you it is one of the most incredible and inspirational sporting events in the world.

Unfortunately, PNZ is unable to cover the cost of travel, accommodation, and tickets to attend this event, however, we will facilitate the process for security and accreditation on your behalf. In order to do so, we would value the opportunity to meet and brief you in early 2024 on preparation, timelines and support of the New Zealand Paralympic Team as we prepare for Paris 2024.

Key events of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games are as follows:

New Zealand Paralympic Team Family and Friends function	New Zealand Embassy in France	27 August 2024
Opening Ceremony	Place de la Concorde	28 August 2024
Closing Ceremony	Stade de France	8 September 2024

We look forward to your response and in the meantime, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Warnecke, Chief Executive Officer, PNZ at gwarnecke@paralympics.org.nz or via mobile on 022 0198 377.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jana Rangooni
Chair

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