Committee itinerary for Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea
22–31 May 2003

Samoa

Thursday, 22 May 2003

00:50 Arrived at Faleolo International Airport.
08:00 Breakfast: Guest speaker–Hinauri Petana, CEO, Ministry of Finance.
09:10 Meeting with Prime Minister, the Hon Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi.
10:00 Meeting with the Hon Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Minister for Education.
10:30 Visit to Transnational Crime Unit.
11:15 Meeting with Chamber of Commerce.
12:30 Lunch hosted by Prime Minister, the Hon Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi.
14:00 Meeting with CEOs of Ministries, Acting Police Commissioner and team leaders of AusAID Institutional Strengthening Projects (ISPs).
15:15 Meeting with Asiata Dr Saleimoa Vaai, Leader of the Samoa United Independents Party and senior Opposition members.
16:00 Meeting with leaders of Church organisations and SUNGO.
18:30 Reception at the High Commissioner’s residence.

Friday, 23 May

06:00 Departed Samoa for Tonga.
Tonga

Saturday, 24 May 2003

07:20 Arrived Fua’amotu Airport.

08:30 Briefing at the residence of the Australian High Commissioner and staff, including:

   LtCdr Mark Korsten, Maritime Surveillance Advisor
   Mr Rick Nicholls, First Secretary, Development Cooperation
   Ms Estelle Stauffer, First Secretary/Consul

   and AusAID project team leaders:
   Ms Jenny Calkin, Tourism
   Dr Lynleigh Evans, Health
   Mr Marc Wilson, Fisheries
   Mr Peter Fane, Finance.

09:30 Meeting with Chief Justice Gordon Ward.

10:00 Economic briefing at the National Reserve Bank of Tonga.
   Presentations by:
   The Hon Siosiua (Joshua) ‘Utoikamanu, Finance Minister and
   Mrs Joyce Mafi, Reserve Bank Governor.
   Meeting also attended by senior representatives of Westpac Bank of
   Tonga, ANZ Bank and the Tonga Development Bank.

11:00 Courtesy call on the Hon Prime Minister, HRH Prince ‘Ulukalala
   Lavaka Ata, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

11:45 Political/security briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
   Presentation by Mrs Fekita ‘Utoikamanu, Secretary of Foreign Affairs.
   Also attended by LtCol Uta’Atu, Commander Tonga Defence Services.

13:35 Departed Fua’amotu Airport for Fiji
**Fiji**

**Saturday 24 May 2003**

18:00 Arrived at Nausori Airport

**Sunday, 25 May 2003**

12:30 Lunch hosted by HE Ms Susan Boyd, High Commissioner.

17:00 Informal barbeque dinner with representatives from security and law and justice sectors.

**Monday, 26 May 2003**

08:15 Called on the Hon Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Fiji Islands.

09:10 Briefing by the High Commissioner.

10:00 Called on the Hon Joketani Cokanasiga, Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

11:00 Called on the Hon Mahendra Chaudhry, Parliamentary Leader of the Fiji Labour Party. Also present were:

- The Hon Krishna Dutt, Parliamentary Whip
- The Hon Senator Jokopeci Koroi, FLP National President
- The Hon Poseci Bune, MP
- The Hon Pratap Chand.

12:15 Lunch with Fiji–Australia Business Council representatives.

14:00 Roundtable with:

- Mr Rex Horoi, Foundation of the People of the South Pacific
- Mr Neil Netaf, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Ms Miriama Lewenqila, President, National Council of Women
- Mr Benjamin Bhagwan, General Secretary, Fiji Council of Churches
- Mr Stanley Simpson, Coordinator of Pacific Network on Globalisation, Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECREA)
- Mrs Tessa McKenzie, Steering Committee, Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF).

15:00 Roundtable with representatives from the Fiji Trade Union Congress (FTUC):
Senator Felix Anthony, National Secretary, Fiji Trade Union Congress  
Mr Diwan Shankar, General Secretary, Fiji Finance Sector and Bank Employees Union  
Sister Litiana Waqalevu, Vice President, Fiji Trade Union Congress  
Mr Daniel Urai, MP, FLP/Fiji Trade Union Congress, Fiji Electricity Staff Association  
Mr Rajeshwar Singh, General Secretary, Fiji Public Service Association  
Mr Agni Deo Singh, General Secretary, Fiji Teachers Union  
Mr Abdul Khan, Publicity, Education and Industrial Relations Officer, Fiji Trade Union Congress (FTUC).

16:00 Roundtable with:  
Mr Tevita Banuve, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and National Planning  
Mr Tom Lee, Deputy Secretary, Public Service Commission  
Mr Kitione Mulo, Director Planning, Ministry of Health.

16:45 Departed Australian High Commission for site visit of the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre.

18:30 Reception hosted by HE Ms Susan Boyd at Head of Mission residence.

Tuesday, 27 May 2003

08:45 Called on Mr Savenaca Narube, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji.

09:45 Briefing at Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

11:00 Site visit of the University of the Pacific.

16:15 Departed Nausori Airport for Solomon Islands.

Solomon Islands

Tuesday, 27 May 2003

18:15 Arrived Henderson Airport, Honiara.

19:00 Delegation briefing over dinner at the High Commissioner’s residence.

Wednesday, 28 May 2003

07:15 Meeting with Mr Bill Morrell, Police Commissioner.

08:05 Meeting at the National Peace Council (NPC) with:  
Mr Paul Tovua, OBE, Chairman
Mr Dennis Lulei, OBE, Vice Chairman
Mr Frank Pororara
Mrs Joy Kere
Mrs Hilda Kari
Mr Augustine Rose
Mr Joini Tutua.

09:00 Meeting with:
The Hon Sir Allan Kemakeza, KBE, MP, Prime Minister
The Hon Laurie Chan, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and
The Hon Augustine Taneko, MP, Minister of Police.

10:00 Meeting with the Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA):
Mr Mathew Wale, SICA Peace Office
Reverand Eric Takila, South Seas Evangelical Church
Archbishop Adrian Smith, Chairman, SICA
Mr Emmanuel Iyabora, General Secretary, ISCA
Mr Fox Quaina, Church of Melanesia
Pastor Martin Losi, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

10:45 Meeting with the National Council of Women (NCW) and Women’s NGOs:
Mrs Ruth Maetala, General Secretary, NCW
Ms Josephine Teakeni, Vois Blo Mere Solomons
Ms Ollie Pokana, Church of Melanesia Mother’s Union
Ms Anne Saenamua, SICA Federation of Women
Mrs Sarah Dyer, President, NCW.

11:30 Meeting with representatives of the Trade Union movement:
Mr Fred Taika, National Teachers’ Association
Mr Tony Kagovai, National Union of Workers
Mr Clement Waiwori, Public Employees Union
Mr David Tuhanuku, former President, CTU.

12:10 Meeting with the National Disaster Management Office and NGOs:
Mr Inia Berry, Kastom Gaden
Dr John Roughan, Solomon Islands Development Trust
Mr Loti Yates, National Disaster Management Office
Ms Jennifer Poole, World Vision
Mr Divine Waiti, Save the Children Australia
Ms Roselyn Kabu, Kastom Gaden.

13:00 Lunch with the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers’ Association:
Chamber of Commerce
Mr David Quan, Chairman
Mr Peter Goodwin, National Bank of Solomon Islands
Mr Peter Warnett, Westpac
Mr Steven Bright, Goodman Fielders Solomon Islands
Mr Fred Maetoloa, M&S Butchery
Mr Loyley Ngira, Solomon TeleKom
Manufacturers’ Association
Mr Peter Tam, Secretary
Mr Antonio Lee, Solomon Sheet Steel
Mr Dudley Hirata, Boronia Meat Services
Mr Peter Hocking, Hocking Construction
Mr Nick Constantine, Sullivan Meats.

14:05 Meeting with the Community Peace and Restoration Fund (CPRF):
Mr Rob Brunette, Procurement Manager
Mr Joe Oge
Mr Henry Tobani
Mr Tonkin Eli.

14:50 Meeting with HE Mrs Heather Riddell, High Commissioner for New Zealand.

15:30 Meeting with Forum Fisheries Agency:
Mr Feleti Teo, Director
Dr Barry Pollock, Deputy Director.

16:00 Meeting with Mr Rick Hou, Governor of the Central Bank.

16:30 Meeting with the Australian community representatives.

18:00 Media briefing.

18:40 Departed Honiara for Port Moresby.
**Papua New Guinea**

**Wednesday, 28 May 2003**

19:30 Arrived Jackson’s Airport, Port Moresby.

**Thursday, 29 May 2003**

07:15 Breakfast briefing at the High Commissioner’s residence.

08:30 Courtesy call on Mr Joshua Kalinoe, Chief Secretary to Government.

09:00 Meeting with Senior Ministers:
- The Hon Sir Rabbie Namaliu, KCMG, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration
- The Hon Mr Sinai Brown, OBE, MP, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring
- The Hon Sir Moi Avei, KBE, MP, Minister for Petroleum and Energy
- The Hon Sir Peter Barter, KBE, MP, Minister for Inter–Government Relations
- The Hon Mrs Carol Kidu, Minister for Home Affairs and Development

10:00 Courtesy call on the Right Hon Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.

10:30 Meeting with Central Agencies Coordination Committee:
- Mr Joshua Kalinoe, Chief Secretary to Government
- Mr Koiari Tarata, Secretary, Department of Finance and Treasury
- Mr Valentine Kambori, Secretary, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Rural Development
- Mr Francis Damen, Attorney General
- Mr Gei Ilagi, Secretary, Department of Inter–Government Relations
- Mr John Kali, Acting Secretary, Department of Personnel Management
- Mr Henry Leia, Acting Secretary (Policy), Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council
- Mr Manly Ua, Acting Secretary, National Executive Council.

12:00 Courtesy call on the Hon Mr Bill Skate, CMG, MP, Speaker of the National Parliament.

12:30 Lunch hosted by the Hon Mr Bill Skate, CMG, MP.

14:00 Briefing session on Government issues, attended by:
- Mr Richard Kassman, Director, Transparency International
Reverand Samson Lowa, President, National Council of Churches
Mr Peter Aitsi, President, Media Council
Dame Rose Kekedo, Chancellor, UPNG
Ms Margaret Sete, Coordinator, NGO Capacity Building Program (TBC).

15:00 Briefing session on business issues, attended by:
Mr Peter Vincent, CEO, Tourism Promotion Authority
Mr John Leahey, President, Australia–PNG Business Council
Mr David Conn, President, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce
Mr Bob Howarth, Managing Director, South Pacific Post Ltd (subsidiary of News Limited).

16:00 Briefing session on trade union issues, attended by:
Mr John Paska, General Secretary, PNG Trade Union Congress
Mr Willie Kallis, Acting President, PNG Trade Union Congress and President, PNG Energy Workers Union
Mr Allan Amen, PNG Power Union.

16:30 Briefing session on environment issues, attended by:
Mr Damien Ase, Executive Director, Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights
Mr Lester Seri, Executive Director, Conservation Melanesia
Mr Ken Mondia, National Coordinator, PNG Eco–forestry Forum.

19:00 Attended a cocktail function hosted by Mr Trevor Kennedy, Chairman, Oil Search Limited, in the presence of the Right Hon Sir Michael Somare, GCMG, CH, MP.

Friday, 30 May 2003

06:30 Departed Port Moresby for the Southern Highlands on charter aircraft.

08:00 Arrived Tari, Southern Highlands Province.

Delegation separated into two groups for visits to Tari Secondary School and Tari Hospital.

09:15 Departed Tari by helicopter for Hides.

Tour of Oil Search Limited’s operations and community programs.

11:00 Departed Hides Gasfields for Tari, by helicopter.
11:30  Departed Tari.

12:15  Arrived Kagamuga Airport, Mt Hagen, Western Highlands Province.

12:45  Courtesy call on the Right Hon Paias Wingti, CMG, MP, Governor of Western Highlands Province.

13:30  Lunch with members of the Mt Hagen Chamber of Commerce and other community representatives.

14:30  Arrived Mt Hagen Hospital. Briefing at Educational Unit, followed by visit to the Tininga clinic, Biomed workshop and surgical ward.

15:30  Departed Mt Hagen Hospital.

19:30  Informal dinner at the High Commissioner’s residence, Port Moresby.

Saturday, 31 May 2003

07:30  Breakfast at the High Commissioner’s residence, attended by:
   The Hon Bart Philemon, MP, Minister for Treasury and Finance
   The Hon Sir Rabbie Namaliu, KCMG, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration
   The Hon Sir Moi Avei, KBE, MP, Minister for Petroleum and Energy
   The Hon Mr Sinai Brown, OBE, MP, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring.

09:30  Departed Port Moresby for Australia.