

**From:** [BALLANTINE, Colin \(NAD\)](#)  
**To:** [Emma Miles-Buckler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November  
**Date:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 5:23:26 p.m.  
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Hi Emma

Sorry I haven't got back to you yet on flights – we are still waiting on clarifying one point.

In the meantime, attached is Robbie's formal invitation letter from the World Bank.

Kind regards  
Colin

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**From:** Emma Miles-Buckler [mailto:@..]  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:19 AM  
**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Thankyou

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**From:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 9:10 AM  
**To:** Emma Miles-Buckler <xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

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Hi Emma

Sorry for the delay – we have been waiting for a meeting with the World Bank to progress things like invite letters, and possible side programs. Our team in Beijing should be meeting with them today, after which I should have more guidance for you (including on flights).

Kind regards  
Colin

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**From:** Emma Miles-Buckler [<mailto:@..>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 October 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin

Just following up on this trip and would like to confirm flights etc to ensure we get the most cost

effective prices - have you any further details on the conference and what the other NZ attendees will be travelling.

Also – could I have the invitation letter so I can progress Robbie’s Visa application - I am only in the office for another 3 weeks before I go on leave

Regards

**Emma Miles-Buckler**  
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**From:** Emma Miles-Buckler  
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**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <[xxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin – fantastic news about the conference ... I know Robbie is keen to be part of this .

I have had an initial look at flights and considering Robbie is part of the team hosting the Chinese delegation on the 20<sup>th</sup> at our LINZ office I thought the Air NZ flight below might be a good option

From	To	Duration	Class	Seats
Wellington to Auckland	Auckland to Shanghai	Shanghai to Beijing	Premium Economy	2 legs
Air New Zealand A320	Air New Zealand 777-300ER	China Eastern Airlines A320XLR	Standard seat	7 x 23kg
Departs 20:45	Departs 23:50	Departs Thu 21 05:30	Economy	Booking class 1
Transit Auckland (0h 45m)	Transit Shanghai (0h 30m)			
		Arrives Thu 21 07:06		Booking class 0
		Arrives Thu 21 07:50		Booking class 2
		Duration 20h 35m		

With him returning

Beijing to Wellington		Sat, 23 Nov 2019	1 adult	Premium Economy	2 bags	1 adult
<b>CA900</b> Beijing to Hong Kong	Duration: 3h 45m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air China AIRBUS A330-300				<b>Economy</b>		
Departs 13:00	Arrives 16:45			Booking class H		
Transit: Hong Kong (9h 45m)						
<b>NZ006</b> Hong Kong to Auckland	Duration: 10h 50m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air New Zealand BOEING 777-300						
Departs 18:25	Arrives Sun 24, 10:00			Booking class F		
Transit: Auckland (2h 45m)						
<b>NZ037</b> Auckland to Wellington	Duration: 1h 10m			Standard seat	7 x 23kg	
Air New Zealand AIRBUS A320				<b>Economy</b>		
Departs Sun 24 12:00	Arrives Sun 24, 13:10			Booking class Y		
Duration: 10h 10m				Premium Economy Global Travel conditions		Business info

But this flight from Hongkong to Auckland can be met by two other flights departing Beijing at either 8am or 10.00am - it will all depend on the traffic to the airport on a Saturday morning (I will be catching up a former MPI China Liaison for breakfast on Friday and ill ask about Saturday morning traffic) or what happens after the conference (dinner or meetings)

One thing I'd like to get underway as soon as possible is Robbie's visa into China – can you please get me the invitation letter.

And also from a timing point of view I will be out of the office 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November - so I'd like to get everything done before I leave for my holiday in Sydney .....

Looking forward to hearing more from you

**Emma Miles-Buckler**  
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**Sent:** Monday, 14 October 2019 10:17 AM  
**To:** Emma Miles-Buckler <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** COGHILL, Lucy (BEI) <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

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Hi Emma

We just got confirmation on Friday of Robbie's speaking slot at the conference.

The conference is on Friday, 22 November in Beijing. Robbie will be on a panel between 16:30 and 18:00 on 'Streamlining business regulation', chaired by Sylvia Solf of the World Bank. He is down to talk about 'Registering Property'.

We are yet to hear what Robbie needs to prepare for the event, if anything.

I want to talk to our Beijing team about an itinerary for Robbie – including flights, and possible other engagements in Beijing, across the rest of Friday, and Thursday. If Robbie has any preferences for other meetings in Beijing then, please let me know – otherwise, we will be happy to provide some options for him later this week.

Kind regards

Colin

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**From:** Emma Miles-Buckler [<mailto:emma.miles-buckler@linz.govt.nz>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 October 2019 8:43 AM  
**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)  
**Subject:** FW: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin – I hope you had a lovely weekend in what turned out to be great Wellington weather

I wondered if you had heard back from the World Bank regarding the conference

Regards

**Emma Miles-Buckler**  
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**To:** Emma Miles-Buckler <[emma.miles-buckler@linz.govt.nz](mailto:emma.miles-buckler@linz.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Good morning Colin

I hope you had a nice weekend ... just wondering where things were at with this possible visit

Regards

**Emma Miles-Buckler**  
**Executive Assistant to Robbie Muir**  
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**From:** Emma Miles-Buckler  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 September 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin

I just wanted to follow up with you and check if there was any further progress with this ....

Looking forward to hearing from you

**Emma Miles-Buckler**  
**Executive Assistant to Robbie Muir**  
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**From:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD) <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 September 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Robert Muir <[xxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Emma Miles-Buckler <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xx)>; Mary Gordon <[xxxxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxx.xx)>;  
COGHILL, Lucy (BEI) <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxx.xx)>

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Hi Robbie

Thank you for confirming your availability and funding – great to hear.

We will discuss this further with the World Bank, and contact Emma directly on next steps for that, as well as with more details on the incoming delegation.

Kind regards

Colin

**Colin Ballantine**

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**From:** Robert Muir [<mailto:..@..>]  
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**To:** BALLANTINE, Colin (NAD)  
**Cc:** Emma Miles-Buckler; Mary Gordon  
**Subject:** World Bank Conference in Beijing - 22 November

Hi Colin,

My colleague Mary Gordon has briefed me on her recent discussion with you about the upcoming World Bank Conference in China. I'm happy to confirm that I will be available to attend the conference and LINZ is able to meet the costs of my trip.

I understand that the aim is to have senior officials from New Zealand present on our performance in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings and you would like me to speak about the 'Registering Property' aspects. I note that you are also liaising with the Companies Office and Intellectual Property Office on their involvement.

I also note that you have been in touch about LINZ hosting a proposed visit from a Chinese delegation on the afternoon of 20 November, so I'm keen to understand how this might link with our participation in the World Bank event.

I will await your further advice on the arrangements for this event and details of the conference programme. My colleague Emma Miles-Buckler will liaise with you on my travel arrangements and relevant approvals and protocols.

I look forward to meeting with you in due course.

Kind regards

**Robbie Muir**  
**Registrar-General of Land**  
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October 21, 2019

Mr. Robbie Muir  
Registrar-General of Land for New Zealand  
New Zealand

**Invitation to the High-level International Conference on  
Doing Business Practice and Reforms  
Beijing, November 22, 2019**

Dear Mr. Muir,

We are pleased to inform you that the People's Government of Beijing Municipality, Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China and the World Bank Group (WBG) are organizing a conference on Doing Business Practice and Reforms, which will take place in Beijing on November 22, 2019.

The objective of this high-level peer-to-peer conference is to (i) discuss the results of the recent substantial reforms in improving the business environment in Beijing and Shanghai, (ii) share the lessons learned with other cities in China and abroad, and (iii) support the Chinese authorities in their further efforts to improve the business environment by sharing global good practice in doing business reforms from successful reformers such as the Russian Federation, New Zealand, South Korea and Japan. The conference will focus on several priority areas selected by the Chinese authorities, such as starting a business, construction permitting regulations, registering property, getting credit, resolving insolvency and trading across borders, but it will also discuss how successful countries have organized themselves to effectively implement reforms.

The conference will include top level officials from China State Council, the Ministry of Finance of China and Beijing Municipal Government, the World Bank Group's President Mr. David Malpass, and high-level policy makers from Russia, Cambodia, Vietnam and Mongolia. It will also feature representatives of local authorities from across China, foreign officials and World Bank experts. Please find attached the draft conference agenda.

We would be grateful if you were able to participate in the conference to share your insights on New Zealand's reform experience in Registering Property and the challenges ahead. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Marcin Piatkowski at [mpiatkowski@worldbank.org](mailto:mpiatkowski@worldbank.org).

Please RSVP with Ms. Ruxin Zhao, Team Assistant (email: [rzhao1@worldbank.org](mailto:rzhao1@worldbank.org)) and Ms. Yu Shang, Team Assistant (email: [yshang@worldbank.org](mailto:yshang@worldbank.org)) on your availability to attend.



We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Raiser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Raiser  
Country Director, China and Mongolia  
and Director, Korea

Enclosure: Conference Agenda

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