

---

**From:** Hon Nanaia Mahuta  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Raj Nahna; Michael Naylor  
**Subject:** RE: HoM Dublin

I think that once we are agreed on PMs lines there is no need for a comment from Trevor. Raj do you have and thoughts on this?

Hauraki-Waikato MP

---

**From:** Chris Langley <Chris.Langley@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Date:** Thursday, 09 Jun 2022, 5:30 PM  
**To:** Raj Nahna <Rajesh.Nahna@parliament.govt.nz>, Hon Nanaia Mahuta <Nanaia.Mahuta@parliament.govt.nz>, Michael Naylor <Michael.Naylor@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: HoM Dublin

Fyi below an outline of MFAT's discussion with Mr Mallard today.

---

**From:** TAYLOR, Rob (DS EMA) [mailto:Rob.Taylor@mfat.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 June 2022 4:53 PM  
**To:** LAURENSEN, Amy (CEO Office) <Amy.Laurenson@mfat.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Chris Langley <Chris.Langley@parliament.govt.nz>; MARTIN, Nicola (PRD) <Nicola.Martin@mfat.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** HoM Dublin

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Re our various communications. I have spoken to Trevor Mallard this afternoon and confirmed that I will have a contract to him later today (thanks Amy for sending through) and that the paper work has gone to the Governor-General and will be forwarded to Dublin once signed off. I also let him know that as a process we don't need to wait for the GG's signature before formally approaching the Irish authorities and in this context we have a TPN ready to go once we have the signed copy of the offer/contract back from him.

s9(2)(g)(i)

s9(2)(g)(i)

The point was reinforced that agreement can take several months and that there would be no public announcement until the agreement process had been completed. He acknowledged this and indicated that in response to any media speculation or direct questioning, he would simply note that the relevant paper work was with the 'host' government and he couldn't comment further. On timing, he mentioned that he would likely remain in his current role until late September and would look to commence pre-posting etc. in the first week of November. I indicated that I would be the point of contact for these and other logistical arrangements etc. that would follow.

Will advise further once I hear back from him.

Rob

Rob Taylor (He/Him)

Deputy Secretary  
Europe, Middle East and Africa, Australia Group  
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

---

"The information contained in this email message is intended only for the addressee and is not necessarily the official view or communication of the Ministry. It may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient you must not use, disclose, copy or distribute this message or the information in it as this may be unlawful. If you have received this message in error, please email or telephone the sender immediately."

Released under the  
Official Information Act

**From:** MEDIA [mailto:media@mfat.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 June 2022 10:31 AM  
**To:** Kathryn Street <Kathryn.Street@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Chris Langley <Chris.Langley@parliament.govt.nz>; MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Diplomatic Postings- Trevor Mallard.

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Kathryn,

See media inquiry below – given that the PM has only said it is a diplomatic posting in Europe, our proposed response is

*MFAT does not comment on any diplomatic appointments until the formal processes with the receiving country are completed which can take several months.*

Thanks  
Susan

**Susan Pepperell**

**Senior Media Adviser**  
New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade | Manatū Aorere

M <sup>s9(2)(a)</sup> E [susan.pepperell@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:susan.pepperell@mfat.govt.nz)

---

195 Lambton Quay, Private Bag 18901, Wellington 5045, New Zealand  
[www.mfat.govt.nz](http://www.mfat.govt.nz) | [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)



**From:** s9(2)(a) >

**Sent:** Monday, 27 June 2022 10:13 am

**To:** MEDIA <media@mfat.govt.nz>

**Subject:** Diplomatic Postings

Good morning

Can you please advise whether Trevor Mallard's diplomatic posting to Europe will fill an existing position or will be to a newly created position.

TIA

Kind Regards

s9(2)(a)

---

"The information contained in this email message is intended only for the addressee and is not necessarily the official view or communication of the Ministry. It may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient you must not use, disclose, copy or distribute this message or the information in it as this may be unlawful. If you have received this message in error, please email or telephone the sender immediately."

Released under the  
Official Information Act

Released under the  
Official Information Act

Released under the  
Official Information Act

Released under the  
Official Information Act

---

**From:** MACPHERSON, Taha (EUR) [mailto:Taha.MacPherson@mfat.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2022 5:47 PM  
**To:** Chris Langley <Chris.Langley@parliament.govt.nz>; WALBRIDGE, Nicholas (EUR) <Nicholas.Walbridge@mfat.govt.nz>; TAYLOR, Rob (DS EMA) <Rob.Taylor@mfat.govt.nz>; VAN TOOR, Si'alei (EUR) <Si'alei.VanToor@mfat.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** Andrea Beadle <Andrea.Beadle@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Nanaia Mahuta PR: Ambassador to Ireland appointed

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Ack. Thanks Chris.

---

**From:** ....LANGLEY, Chris (Inet) <Chris.Langley@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2022 5:45 pm  
**To:** WALBRIDGE, Nicholas (EUR) <Nicholas.Walbridge@mfat.govt.nz>; MACPHERSON, Taha (EUR) <Taha.MacPherson@mfat.govt.nz>; TAYLOR, Rob (DS EMA) <Rob.Taylor@mfat.govt.nz>; VAN TOOR, Si'alei (EUR) <Si'alei.VanToor@mfat.govt.nz>  
**Cc:** ....BEADLE, Andrea (Inet) <Andrea.Beadle@parliament.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Nanaia Mahuta PR: Ambassador to Ireland appointed

Fyi just sent.

---

**From:** Kathryn Street  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 August 2022 5:35 PM  
**Subject:** Nanaia Mahuta PR: Ambassador to Ireland appointed

## Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Minita Take Aorere



23 August 2022

PĀNUI PĀPĀHO  
MEDIA STATEMENT

## Ambassador to Ireland appointed

Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta today announced the appointment of outgoing Speaker of Parliament Trevor Mallard as the next Ambassador to Ireland.



"The people of Aotearoa New Zealand and Ireland enjoy warm and close links. Our two countries have extensive family, cultural, historical and, of course, sporting connections that ground our strong friendship," Nanaia Mahuta said.

"Our shared values and enduring commitment to the rules-based international system, particularly at this challenging time, make Aotearoa New Zealand and Ireland natural partners on the world stage.

"As New Zealand's second resident Ambassador to Ireland since the opening of our Embassy in Dublin in 2018, I am delighted that the strong relationship between our countries will continue to be in excellent hands with the appointment of Mr Mallard," Nanaia Mahuta said.

Mr Mallard has been Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives since 2017 and a Member of Parliament for 35 years.

Over that time he has held 13 Ministerial portfolios, including Education, Labour, State Services and the Rugby World Cup. He announced his resignation from Parliament in June and will be the third of the five most recent Speakers to represent New Zealand overseas in a diplomatic posting.

"Ireland has made a significant contribution to the fabric of Aotearoa New Zealand's society, with one in six New Zealanders able to claim Irish heritage," Nanaia Mahuta said.

"Our countries share a great deal in common as principled, independently-minded and outward looking nations. We co-operate on issues such as climate change, disarmament, and peace & security issues.

"We also look forward to our strong agricultural, trade and economic links deepening further in the coming years, including in light of the recent conclusion of the New Zealand – European Union Free Trade Agreement negotiations. Ireland's continuing support for the FTA has been appreciated," Nanaia Mahuta said.

Mr Mallard is expected to take up his role in January 2023.

**ENDS**

**Media contact:** Myrah Walters<sup>s9(2)(a)</sup> or Kathryn Street<sup>s9(2)(a)</sup>

---

"The information contained in this email message is intended only for the addressee and is not necessarily the official view or communication of the Ministry. It may be legally privileged. If you are not the intended recipient you must not use, disclose, copy or distribute this message or the information in it as this may be unlawful. If you have received this message in error, please email or telephone the sender immediately."