

MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM — CHARTER AIRCRAFTS — COST RECOVERY

800. Hon Martin Aldridge to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

I refer to the answers prior to hearings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations 2022–23 Budget Estimates, and in particular the answer to 1(b) in relation to cost recovery arising from air charter transport, and I ask:

- (a) for what purpose was Ms A Lacaze accompanying Minister Johnston on 20 April 2022 from Kalgoorlie to Perth;
- (b) in what capacity was Ms A Lacaze travelling on the government aircraft;
- (c) please provide a breakdown of the \$391.93 cost recovered from Ms A Lacaze;
- (d) on what date was the cost recovered from Ms A Lacaze;
- (e) did the determination of the amount to be cost recovered adhere to the formula found in the guidelines relating to the use of air charter;
- (f) if yes to (e), what was the hourly charter rate utilised in the formula; and
- (g) what was the seat capacity of the charter aircraft?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a)–(b) Amanda Lacaze Managing Director of Lynas Corporation and Minister Johnston turned the Sod at the Rare Earths Kalgoorlie Processing Facility. Prior to Ms Lacaze travel appropriate approvals were sought and provided.
- (c) Ms A Lacaze was invoiced \$391.93 (excl. GST), in line with the Ministerial Air Charter Guidelines that state “where a scheduled air service is available to the destination of the charter, the charge for each non-government passenger is to be limited to the cost of the ‘Economy’ class commercial fare for that route”.
- (d) AirCharter invoiced Ms Lacaze on 17 May 2022 and the invoice was paid on 15 July 2022.
- (e) Please see (c) above.
- (f) Not Applicable.
- (g) Eight.