

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT USE

371. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Will the Minister provide the following information concerning their use of government aircraft over the period of 7 to 11 September 2017 inclusive:
  - (a) itinerary of all flights taken;
  - (b) time spent at each destination;
  - (c) purpose of each travel leg, including details of any public meeting;
  - (d) complete passenger manifest for each travel leg; and
  - (e) full travel and accommodation expenses incurred for the travelling party?
- (2) Will the Minister advise if other travel arrangements, including travel by commercial airlines, were considered?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (1) (a) and (d)

<b>Thursday 7 September 2017</b>		
<b>Departure</b>	<b>Flight route</b>	<b>Passengers</b>
19:30	Perth to Meekarratha	Minister Dawson Kevin Michel MLA Senior Media Advisor to Minister
21:45	Meekarratha to Port Hedland	Minister Dawson Kevin Michel MLA Senior Media Advisor to Minister
<b>Friday 8 September 2017</b>		
10:30	Port Hedland to Karratha	Minister Dawson Kevin Michel MLA Senior Media Advisor to Minister
13:00	Karratha to Perth	Minister Dawson Senior Media Advisor to Minister

- (b) Port Hedland – 10.5 hours (including overnight)  
Karratha – 2 hours
  - (c) Port Hedland:

Post budget report breakfast with the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Meeting with the Kevin Michel MLA, the President of the Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr Jim Henneberry, Ms Jan Ford and Mr Arnold Carter.

Karratha:  
Meeting with local staff at the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction, and Department of Water and Environment Regulation.  
Media engagement with Hon Alannah MacTiernan and Kevin Michel MLA.
  - (d) See table above.
  - (e) All costs associated with travelling on the Government Aircraft are covered under the primary contract and are not able to be attributed to a single destination or passenger. Accommodation expenses for Minister in Port Hedland \$142.10. No meals were purchased.
- (2)–(3) There were no commercial airlines that offered connecting flights for this to be achieved in the scheduled timeframe. I was required to attend Parliament on Thursday evening until 19.00, and was unable to catch the last commercial flight to Port Hedland at 15.00 that afternoon.
- I needed to arrive at my budget speaking engagement at 07.15 on the Friday morning. Due to unexpected inclement weather I was advised that a flight could not take off until later in the morning of

8 September 2017. Therefore, it was decided that the flight needed to depart on the evening of 7 September 2017.