

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND MINISTERS OF THE CROWN, OVERSEAS TRAVEL

2662. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to overseas travel by Members and Ministers of the Western Australian Parliament and ask for the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and the financial year to date -

- (a) what are the names of each Member and Minister who travelled overseas, at taxpayer expense (excluding imprest);
- (b) if Members and Ministers travelled overseas on more than one occasion during a financial year, what are the names of the Members and Ministers and the number of times they travelled overseas, at taxpayers' expense (excluding imprest);
- (c) what were the departure dates, duration and destination of each overseas trip referred to above;
- (d) what was the reason for each overseas trip referred to above;
- (e) what was the cost of airfares for each Member and Minister for each trip referred to above;
- (f) for each Member and Minister, referred to above, what items and costs were charged on the Government supplied credit card;
- (g) have these expenses been audited;
- (h) on each occasion, referred to above, did the spouse or partner of the Member or Minister travel at taxpayers' expense;
- (i) what was the reason given for the spouse or partner to travel at taxpayers' expense;
- (j) on each occasion that a spouse or partner travelled at taxpayers' expense, what was the associated costs of airfares and the breakdown of those associated costs;
- (k) for each occasion, did a member of staff, public servant or public sector employee travel with the Member or Minister and for each occasion, how many travelled, what are their names and positions held and for what reason did they accompany the Member or Minister;
- (l) on each occasion, what was the cost of airfares, accommodation and other expenses charged to the Government supplied credit card by these staff, public servants and public sector employees;
- (m) have these expenses been audited and if not, why not;
- (n) for overseas travel using imprest, has the Premier received a report from each Member outlining meetings and functions attended; and
- (o) will the Premier table the reports?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(o) Details of travel undertaken by Members and Ministers are contained in the quarterly reports tabled in Parliament.

The reports show the purpose, cost, period of travel, destination and the names of those persons who travelled with the Member or Minister.

Travel expenses are subject to the same annual internal and external audits as other expenditure.

The quarterly reports and reports from Members travelling overseas or interstate under the Imprest System for Members of Parliament Travel have been tabled up to 30 June 2003. Work is proceeding on the outstanding reports and these will be tabled as soon as possible.