

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — INTERSTATE FLIGHTS

994. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Education:

Mr President, on the special occasion of your birthday, my question without notice of which some notice is given is to the Minister for Education.

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* on 9 November 2012 in relation to education department budget cuts and interstate flights taken by nine education department staff in the past 12 months.

- (1) For each flight, what is the name and title of the officer who took the trip?
- (2) For each flight, what was the destination and purpose of the trip?
- (3) Were the flights for the trips business class or economy class?
- (4) How much was spent during the trips on flights, accommodation, meals and other expenses?

The PRESIDENT: The first part of that question is out of order, but I will hand it to the Minister for Education for the rest!

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

Thank you; I could say “Birthday Boy” but I will say Mr President! I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The department’s travel database does not disaggregate accommodation expenditure and meals expenditure; therefore expenditure on these two items is combined in the response. The 12-month period is 26 October 2011 to 25 October 2012. The Department of Education has provided advice about the 35 interstate flights in the form of a table. I table the table and seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted. [See paper 5412.]

The following material was incorporated —

(1) Name and Title	(2) Destination and Purpose	(3) Business or Economy	(4) (a) Airfare Expenses	(4) (b) and (c) Accommodation, meals & associated costs	(4)(d) Other expenses	Total	Notes
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,305.00	\$504.00		\$3,809.00	
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,197.00	\$315.00		\$3,512.00	
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Business	\$3,263.00	\$444.00		\$3,707.00	
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Adelaide, South Australia - Meeting	Business	\$2,507.00	\$456.00		\$2,963.00	
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,030.00	\$283.00		\$3,313.00	
Sharyn O'Neill - Director General	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Business	\$3,178.00	\$244.00		\$3,422.00	
Larry Hamilton - Regional Executive Director	Adelaide, South Australia - Meeting	Economy	\$604.00	\$248.00		\$852.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Business	\$3,459.00	\$518.00		\$3,977.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,133.00	\$474.00		\$3,607.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Business	\$1,571.00	\$1,081.00		\$2,652.00	1
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,197.00	\$644.00		\$3,841.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Business	\$3,197.00	\$464.00		\$3,661.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Canberra, ACT - Meeting	Economy	\$1,937.00	\$425.00		\$2,362.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Economy	\$1,265.00	\$395.00		\$1,660.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney / Canberra / Melbourne - Meeting	Economy	\$2,669.00	\$1,241.00		\$3,910.00	

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Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Economy	\$2,019.00	\$471.00		\$2,490.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$850.00	\$649.00		\$1,499.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$1,691.00	\$362.00		\$2,053.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Economy	\$2,144.00	\$663.00		\$2,807.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$1,707.00	\$390.00		\$2,097.00	
Peter Titmanis - Executive Director, Innovation Performance and Research	Adelaide, South Australia - Workshop	Economy	\$1,607.00	\$378.00		\$1,985.00	
Bevan Doyle - Chief Information Officer	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$678.00	\$1,724.00	\$450.00	\$2,852.00	2
Bevan Doyle - Chief Information Officer	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Economy	\$716.00	\$2,007.00		\$2,723.00	
Bevan Doyle - Chief Information Officer	Darwin, Northern Territory - Meeting	Economy	\$621.00	\$1,276.00		\$1,897.00	
Bevan Doyle - Chief Information Officer	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$625.00	\$569.00		\$1,194.00	
Kevin Smith - General Manager, ETSSC	Darwin, Northern Territory - Conference	Economy	\$406.00	\$761.00		\$1,167.00	
Geoffrey Metcalf - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Adelaide, South Australia - Meeting	Economy		\$82.00		\$82.00	3
Geoffrey Metcalf - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Sydney, New South Wales - Meeting	Economy	\$604.00	\$143.00		\$747.00	
Garry Hewitt - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$589.00	\$297.00		\$886.00	
Garry Hewitt - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Canberra, ACT - Meeting	Economy	\$839.00	\$498.00		\$1,337.00	
Garry Hewitt - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Canberra, ACT - Meeting	Economy	\$707.00	\$169.00		\$876.00	
Garry Hewitt - Executive Director, Early Childhood and Development	Melbourne, Victoria - Conference	Economy	\$724.00	\$360.00		\$1,084.00	
Clifford Gillam - Executive Director, Workforce	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$604.00	\$311.00		\$915.00	
John Leaf - Deputy Director General, Finance and Administration	Brisbane, Queensland - Meeting	Economy	\$627.00	\$877.00		\$1,504.00	
John Leaf - Deputy Director General, Finance and Administration	Melbourne, Victoria - Meeting	Economy	\$762.00	\$976.00		\$1,738.00	
TOTAL			\$58,032.00	\$20,699.00	\$450.00	\$79,181.00	

NOTES:

1. Economy one direction Business one direction
2. Other expenses are conference fees
3. Primarily funded by an external party