

INVEST AND TRADE WA — ACCOMMODATION

963. Ms L. Mettam to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:

I refer to Invest and Trade Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) Does the Government fund overseas residential accommodation for WA’s Agent General and Trade Commissioners;
- (b) If yes to (a):
 - (i) In which cities is the Government funding accommodation;
 - (ii) By location, what is the type of accommodation the Government funding (ie hotel, apartment, house); and
 - (iii) By location, what is the total cost to government of each funded residential accommodation up to 31 December 2023;
- (c) If no to (a):
 - (i) Is an allowance for accommodation expenses included in the salary packages of the Agent General and Trade Commissioners’ salaries; and
 - (ii) By employee, what is the total cost of the accommodation allowances paid to the Agent General and Trade Commissioners; and
- (d) What is the total annual salary and allowances package for the Agent General and each of the Trade Commissioners?

Mr R.H. Cook replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i)–(iii) Residential accommodation costs for 2022–23 are provided below.

Location	Accommodation Type	2022–23 Cost
London, United Kingdom	Apartment	\$308,880
Tokyo, Japan	Apartment	\$235,069
Chennai, India*	Apartment	\$32,800
Singapore^	Apartment	\$112,232
Shanghai, China	Nil – not deployed until 2 September 2023.	
Austin, United States	Nil – not deployed until 4 January 2024.	
Jakarta, Indonesia	Nil – not yet deployed.	

*The Investment and Trade Commissioner for India-Gulf’s spouse is employed by Austrade and receives accommodation assistance. JTSI and Austrade agreed have agreed to 40/60 split of residential lease costs (respectively) from 1 February 2023.

^The former Investment and Trade Commissioner for ASEAN’s employment concluded on 3 May 2023. Once appointed, the new Investment and Trade Commissioner for ASEAN will reside in Jakarta, Indonesia.

- (c) (i)–(ii) Not applicable.
- (d) The total annual remuneration (salary, superannuation and any allowances) as at 22 February 2024 for the Agent General and Investment and Trade Commissioners is provided in the table below. Allowances provided to the Agent General and Investment and Trade Commissioners (if any) are informed by third party global mobility data and vary depending on location and dependents.

Name	Salary	Superannuation	Allowances	Total Annual Remuneration
Mr Bryce Green	\$177,186	\$19,490	–	\$196,676
Ms Juan Le	\$177,186	\$19,490	\$163,402	\$360,078
Ms Nashid Chowdhury	\$177,186	\$19,490	\$97,451	\$294,127
Mr John Langoulant AO	\$376,560	\$41,422	\$116,851	\$534,833

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Ms Natasha Monks*	\$215,508	\$23,706	\$157,906	\$397,120
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*On secondment. Salary from role as CEO of Great Southern Development Commission applies.