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**REPORT OF INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS TRAVEL
UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FUNDED BY
THE IMPREST SYSTEM**

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

**This report contains a summary of all interstate and overseas travel undertaken by
Members of Parliament on official business funded by the Imprest system.**

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

PARLIAMENT TRAVEL - IMPREST SYSTEM

INTERSTATE TRAVEL

M TRENORDEN MLA (M)	03-Jul-08	22-Jul-08	DARWIN	SOUTHERN HILLS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, WESFARMERS, ARAFURA PEARLS. CLERK OF NT ASSEMBLY (ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE)	-	\$1,795
HON N HALLETT MLC (M)	04-Jul-08	09-Jul-08	ADELAIDE	SOUTHERN HILLS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	-	\$221
J MCGRATH MLA (M)	05-Jul-08	14-Jul-08	SYDNEY, BRISBANE	VISIT CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP, HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS. AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP CONFERENCE, TURF CLUBS	-	\$2,693
HON N MOORE MLC (M)	07-Jul-08	07-Jul-08	DARWIN, KUNUNURRA	AGM WYNDHAM BRANCH MEETING, LOVELL GALLERY	-	\$781
J RADISICH MLA (M) NO REPORT SUBMITTED	10-Jul-08	12-Jul-08	QUEENSLAND	AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP CONFERENCE	-	\$413
HON G WATSON MLC (M)	10-Jul-08	14-Jul-08	HOBART	AUSTRALIAN GREENS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING	-	\$1,703
HON K DOUST MLC (M)	15-Jul-08	17-Jul-08	SYDNEY	WORLD YOUTH DAY FORUM, MEET WITH MPS, MINISTER FOR POLICE	-	\$4,005
HON N HALLETT MLC (M)	17-Jul-08	22-Jul-08	DARWIN	TOUR OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE, LANDMARK, ARAFURA PEARLS	-	\$2,233
K HODSON-THOMAS MLA (M)	03-Aug-08	04-Aug-08	SYDNEY	MEETING OF COALITION SHADOW MINISTERS	-	\$3,764

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

T MCRAE MLA (M) NO REPORT SUBMITTED	03-Aug-08	10-Aug-08	SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA	SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT, 45TH CPA GENERAL CONFERENCE (SPOUSE AIRFARES)	-	\$1,667
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TOTAL FOR PARLIAMENT TRAVEL - IMPREST SYSTEM VISITS: 10 \$19,276

Adelaide Darwin Trip Itinerary :

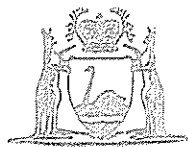
On July 4 Nigel Hallett MLC and myself meet with Mr Fred Pedler who is the Executive Officer for the Southern Hills Local Government Association. The East Avon Regional Councils (York, Beverley, Brookton, Cunderdin and Quairading) are using a system being produced by the Southern Hills since 2000 as their model for Local Government restructuring. The State Government has funded SEAROC to examine this new model of governance. This was a meeting of over two hours and of significant interest to the further reform of Local Government in Western Australia.

July 16 I had a meeting with The Clerk of Northern Territory Assembly Mr Ian McNeill and a selection of Senior Northern Territory Parliament Employees. That day we also met with Mr Terry Mills the Leader of the Country-Liberals.

Discussions were also held with Mr Linton Batt who operates from Ports in most States and is managed from Midland - Key interest of Kimberley cattle into Indonesia.

Met with State Manger of Wesfarmers Mr Dean Allan (Area includes Kimberley's Northern Territory and top of Queensland) over similar issues.

Met with Mr Chris Cleveland of Arafura Australian Pearls who operate pearling interests in the Kimberley and Northern Territory. The regulations for Pearling in the Northern Territory is controlled by Western Australian regulations and the Western Australian Fisheries Minister.



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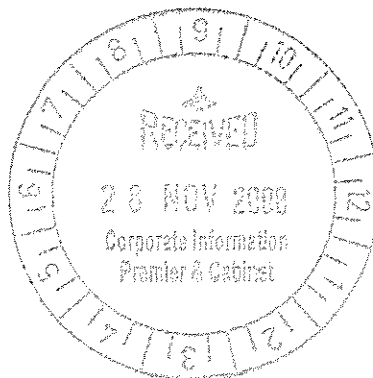
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24th October 2008

The Premier Hon. Colin Barnett MLA
Attn: Ms Dawn Thompson
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4-9/7/08

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23 July 2008

Hon Alan Carpenter MLA
Premier
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Executive Government and Security Services Branch
18th Floor
197 St George's Terrace
Perth WA 6000
Attention: Ms Dawn Thompson

Dear Premier

I recently travelled interstate and submit my claim for reimbursement from my imprest account.

Outlined below are the details of the travel I incurred.

Saturday 5 July Depart Perth -- Sydney

Sunday 6 July 11.30am: Visit to Chinese Garden of Friendship, Darling Harbour. The garden was initiated by the local Chinese Community in 1988 to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary and also share the rich cultural heritage the Chinese people had brought to Sydney. The Rotary Club of Mill Point and the South Perth Historical Society are seeking the support of the Parliament of Western Australia, the City of South Perth and the local Chinese community to locate a similar garden of great significance on the South Perth foreshore. It would commemorate the Chinese migrants who operated market gardens on the foreshore up until the 1950s. It would also be a tourist attraction.

Tuesday 8 July Depart Sydney -- Brisbane

8 July 2pm: Meeting with Justin O'Connor, Chief Executive Queensland Hotels Association regarding success or otherwise of lock-outs introduced statewide from 1 July 2006 in that state.

Thursday 10 July

11am: Meeting with Andrew Lincoln, part-owner Post Office Hotel, Brisbane, re success or otherwise of lockouts

4pm: Register for Australian Study of Parliament Group 2008 conference held at Parliament House Brisbane

Friday 11 July

Attend ASPG conference Topics discussed -- what the Australian election study reveals about the people; the New Zealand context; Everyone's Parliament? What does community engagement mean? Assessing the influence of select committee systems; Survey of Parliamentary education unit's community engagement; Parliamentary internship programs; Restoring the "grassroots"

Saturday 12 July

11.45am: Meeting with Brisbane Turf Club Chairman Wayne Milner, treasurer Wayne Purchas and directors Peter Tighe and Ross Tinniswood to discuss impact of betting exchanges and corporate bookmakers on TAB turnover; all-weather synthetic racetracks (for training and racing)

Sunday 13 July

10am: Travelled to Caloundra for inspection of new synthetic track at Corbould Park. Inspection arranged by Sunshine Coast Turf Club Racecourse Manager Murray Weeding. Track is used for trackwork and racing. Also interviewed trainers Bruce McLachlan, Mick Mair and Trevor Miller and jockey Michael Cahill about impact of new surface on safety of jockeys and wear and tear on horses.

8.45pm: Depart Brisbane - Sydney

Overnight stay in Sydney

Monday 14 July 12pm: Depart Sydney - Perth

Yours sincerely



JOHN MCGRATH MLA

Shadow Minister for Housing and Works,
Racing, Gaming and Liquor Licensing



Giz Watson MLC
BSc (Environmental Science)

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Mr M C Wauchope
Chief Executive Officer
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
197 St George's Terrace
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Wauchope

Report on Imprest travel

I wish to make application for expenditure from my Imprest entitlement for the following travel:

Summary of travel:

On Thursday 10 July 2008 I travelled to Hobart to attend the Australian Greens National Council Meeting. The Council meeting was held at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre, 1 Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart. The meeting commenced at 9.00am on Saturday 12 July and proceeded until 3.15pm on Sunday 13 July. I departed Hobart for Perth on Monday 14 July at 7.50am and arrived in Perth at 12.55pm. I did not undertake any business or recreational activities during this travel.

Purpose:

To participate in the Australian Greens National Council Meeting.

Benefits:

To debate, amend and ratify the Australian Greens strategic plan.

Expenses:

I wish to claim the following travel expenses:

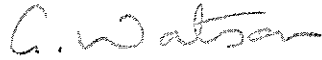
Economy Class return airfare Perth – Melbourne - Hobart

Qantas portion	\$973.60
Jetstar portion	\$81.82

Taxi fares - Perth City to Perth Airport	10.7.08	\$33.30
Hobart Airport to Battery Point.	11.7.08	\$41.63
Hobart City to Hobart Airport	14.7.08	\$33.30
Perth Airport to Mt Hawthorn	14.7.08	\$39.41

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Watson".

Giz Watson MLC
Member for North Metropolitan Region

July 28 2008

Thomson, Dawn

From: Russell, Enid (PEO) [Enid.Russell@mp.wa.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2008 12:59 PM
To: Thomson, Dawn
Subject: Norman's itinerary

Dear Dawn

Below is a record of the meeting Norman attended between 7 – 8 July

Mon 7 July Pick up car from Europcar (77 Cavanagh Street, Darwin)
 Drive to Katherine (approximately 319 kms)

Tues 8 July 8.00am – 12.30pm Katherine to Kununurra (approximately 516 kms)
 3.00pm Meeting with Ms Nathan Lovell of Lovell Gallery Kununurra
 7.00pm Attend AGM of Wyndham Branch of the Liberal Party

Kind regards

Enid

Ms Enid Russell

Electorate Officer

Hon Norman Moore MLC

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council

Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region

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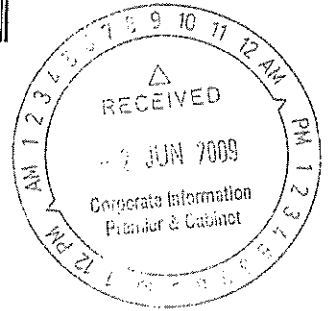
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28 May, 2009



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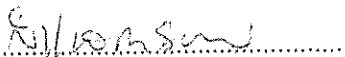
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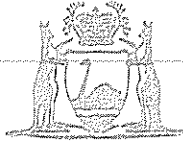
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SUBJECT:	IMPREST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: 15-17 July 2008 Sydney				

NUMBER OF PAGES [including this page]:	2
DATE SENT:	22 January 2009
MESSAGE: Hi Kate I refer to the Department's 11 August 2008 letter (see attached) about your trip to Sydney and a requirement to provide a written report for submission to the Premier within two months of your trip's completion. It would be appreciated if you would forward your report as soon as practicable. Kind regards 	

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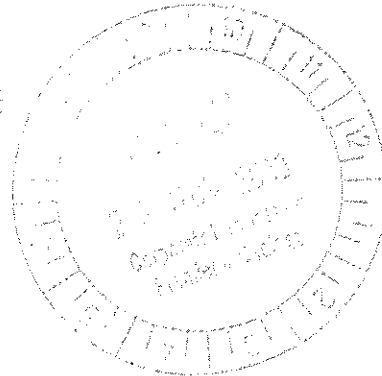
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On Thursday 17th July, I met with Dean Allen, Manager of Landmark in Darwin, formerly of Landmark, Bunbury. We discussed the livestock and transport industries, in particular the live export of cattle in the Northern Territory as well as feed lotting and opportunities for this in WA. Through this meeting I gained an understanding of ways in which the NT livestock industry had overcome some of their challenges. My aim for this meeting was to apply some of this information towards developing strategies in this crucial area in rural Western Australia.

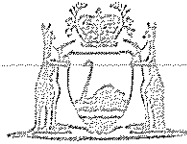
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**Re: Imprest for Members of Parliament
Travel to Darwin, NT**

I am writing to apply for reimbursement from my Imprest account for accommodation, car hire expenses and air fares incurred in Darwin in order to attend various meetings as part of my role at that time, as Shadow Spokesman for Regional Development.

On Wednesday 16th July 2008, I met with Mr Terry Mills MLA, Leader of the Opposition. Following a tour of the NT Parliament House, I had a discussion with Mr Mills regarding current issues affecting the Northern Territory and the similarities of those being experienced in WA.

On Thursday 17th July, I met with Dean Allen, Manager of Landmark in Darwin, formerly of Landmark, Bunbury. We discussed the livestock and transport industries, in particular the live export of cattle in the Northern Territory as well as feed lotting and opportunities for this in WA. Through this meeting I gained an understanding of ways in which the NT livestock industry had overcome some of their challenges. My aim for this meeting was to apply some of this information towards developing strategies in this crucial area in rural Western Australia.

On Friday 18th July 2008, I met with Captain Christopher Cleveland, Executive Director of Arafura Pearls in Darwin. Captain Cleveland and I had discussions regarding the NT Pearling Industry and his pearling operations in Broome which are an important part of the Kimberley economy.

The details of my expenses and application for Travel Entitlement have been lodged with The Dept. of Premier and Cabinet. Thank you and I look forward to your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,

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Hon. Nigel Hallett MLC
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To: The Hon A J Carpenter MLA
Premier of Western Australia

Dear Premier,

As per the guidelines of the Imprest System for Members of Parliament Travel, I write to offer you my report on my visit to Sydney during the period 3-4 August 2008 at a total cost of \$3,764.10.

I was invited to Sydney by Steven Ciobo, MP, the Federal Shadow Minister for Small Business, the Service Economy and Tourism, to attend a meeting of Coalition Shadow Ministers who hold portfolio responsibility for tourism and small business.

The purpose of the meeting was for these Shadow Ministers from across Australia to come together, and discuss the issues facing the small business sector and the tourism industry across Australia, in order to examine the similarities and differences we face, and how our States can ensure we adopt policies and initiatives that will be productive in developing these vital sectors of our economy.

Also in attendance at the meeting were representatives from:

- **Federal Parliament** (Mr Steven Ciobo MP – Shadow Minister for Small Business; the Service Economy; Tourism)
- **Victoria** (Hon. Louise Asher MLA – Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party; Shadow Minister for Small Business; Tourism and Major Events)
- **New South Wales** (Mr Donald Page MP – Shadow Minister for Small Business and Regulatory Reform; Tourism)
- **South Australia** (Mr Michael Pisoni MP – Shadow Minister for Small Business)
- **Australian Capital Territory** (Mr Brendan Smyth MP – Shadow Minister for Business and Economic Development; Tourism).

This complement of Shadow Ministers from so many States proved very interesting. It was clearly recognised that all Australian States share a common tourism attraction in terms of our natural environment, and that this is an element that needs to receive both protection and more attention in our national campaigns.

Common concerns regarding the increasing cost of travel, and the need to maintain Australia's reputation as a safe tourist destination were also a feature of the discussions.

We also received a number of very interesting industry briefings. These were from Ms Olivia Worth, the General Manager of Public Affairs from the Tourism and Transport; Mr Matt Hingerty, the Chief Executive Officer from the Australian Tourism Export Council; and Mr Peter Anderson, the Chief Executive Officer from the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

These briefings were followed by a roundtable discussion.

Yours sincerely

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KATIE HODSON-THOMAS, JP MLA
MEMBER FOR CARINE
SHADOW MINISTER FOR TOURISM