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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 31 DECEMBER 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

HON T STEPHENS MLA (M)	03-Oct-08	13-Oct-08	CANBERRA, SYDNEY	INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, HEALTH (ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE)	-	\$2,533
HON M MCGOWAN MLA	19-Oct-08	26-Oct-08	BRISBANE	MEET WITH VARIOUS MINISTERS (ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE)	-	\$2,809
HON B GRYLLS MLA (M)	24-Oct-08	25-Oct-08	CANBERRA	NATIONALS FEDERAL COUNCIL - FARES ONE- WAY ONLY (ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE)	-	\$763
HON P LLEWELLYN MLC (M)	06-Nov-08	09-Nov-08	BRISBANE	AUSTRALIAN GREENS NATIONAL CONFERENCE	-	\$1,111
HON G WATSON MLC (M)	06-Nov-08	09-Nov-08	BRISBANE	AUSTRALIAN GREENS NATIONAL CONFERENCE	-	\$1,210
B WYATT MLA (M)	16-Nov-08	20-Nov-08	MELBOURNE	TREASURY MATTERS, PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN WA, AGM RESERVE BANK DINNER	-	\$1,784
HON A MACTIERNAN MLA (M)	17-Nov-08	17-Nov-08	SYDNEY (EX VICTORIA)	MEETING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA	-	\$580
HON T STEPHENS MLA (M)	10-Dec-08	18-Dec-08	SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	INDIGENOUS ISSUES	-	\$2,817

#### OVERSEAS TRAVEL

HON B SCOTT MLC (M)	04-Oct-08	16-Oct-08	BELGIUM, SWEDEN, UNITED	STUDY VISIT INVOLVING PROSTITUTION LEGISLATION AND CHILDCARE	-	\$2,400
J BOWLER MLA (M)	17-Dec-08	23-Jan-09	SINGAPORE, UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE	URANIUM ISSUES (ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSE)	-	\$10,621
I BRITZA MLA (M)	22-Dec-08	01-Feb-09	USA	MEET WITH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LEARN ABOUT LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	-	\$2,800

**TOTAL FOR PARLIAMENT TRAVEL - IMPREST SYSTEM      VISITS: 11      \$29,428**

To: Ms Dawn Thomson  
Fax: #9222 9632.

To Director General  
Department of Premier & Cabinet

Re: Imprest Travel 2008

#### BRIEF REPORT OF IMPREST TRAVEL

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Perth – Canberra – Sydney – Perth 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Meetings and briefings and research for parliamentary and electorate purposes as below:

- \* Office of Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs;
- \* AMA – National Office – re Indigenous Health intervention;
- \* CARITAS National Office – Surrey Hills - re indigenous assistance program;
- \* Sydney University – International Environmental Law Discourse;
- \* Educators – Recruitment opportunities for Aboriginal Education context in Pilbara and the North West;

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**Benefit** - During the briefings, meetings and opportunities for research I was able to equip myself with information to assist me in the further discharge of my parliamentary and electorate work in the areas of developments in environmental law, bioethical legal issues, indigenous access to cultural and support programs. Secured contact with relevant personnel with whom future contact will be of use to my parliamentary and electorate work.

Tom Stephens, MLA  
Member for Pilbara

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# Mark McGowan MLA

## Member for Rockingham



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*Dawn*  
Dear Ms Thomson,

**RE: Written report on travel to Brisbane (19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008)**

Please find attached my written report, addressed to the Premier, on the cost, purpose and benefits derived from my aforementioned trip to Brisbane.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mark McGowan MLA  
Member for Rockingham  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**To: Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier; Minister for State Development  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Governor Stirling Tower  
197 St George's Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000**

**From: Hon Mark McGowan MLA  
Manager of Opposition Business in the Legislative Assembly;  
Shadow Minister for State Development; Trade; Planning; Housing  
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Member for Rockingham**

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It became apparent that in Queensland, many of the problems being faced were the same as in Western Australia with high growth rates and a lack of skilled people to meet the demand for jobs required to be undertaken.

Furthermore there was pressure in relation to providing infrastructure in communities that produced most of the mining and agricultural product of that particular State.

The Queensland Government has produced a range of infrastructure strategies which deal with issues, in particular rail infrastructure to meet the needs of the coal industry in north Queensland.

This plan is designed to provide a long-term indicator of the provision of strategic infrastructure in relation to port development, rail, road, electricity and joint-use infrastructure between various companies. It also facilitates the provision of appropriate education and health infrastructure to meet the needs of communities in the area.

In addition to this, south east Queensland has a infrastructure strategy which provides long-term planning up to 2026 for road, rail, housing and health, public transport, sporting, water and community services etc.

This plan enables private investors to plan based around the expectations of Government infrastructure in the south east quadrant of the State. Queensland has an approach of providing an indicator of when and where infrastructure will be built. It enables private and public investors and the general community to have confidence about what infrastructure will be in place in the future.

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# Paul Llewellyn MLC

South West Region



Hon Colin Barnett, Premier  
Office of the Premier  
Attention Ms Dawn Thomson  
Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Level 13, 197 St Georg's Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000

17 November 2008

Attention: Ms Dawn Thomson

Dear Premier

## REPORT ON IMPREST TRAVEL

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

### Summary of Travel

On Friday 7 the November I travelled to Brisbane to attend the Australian Greens National Conference held on 7 – 9 November 2008. Conference meetings were held from Friday 7 and over the weekend until 4pm on Sunday 9. I departed for Perth at 7.50pm on Sunday evening. I did not undertake any business or recreational activities during this period.

### Purpose

To participate in the Australian Greens National Conference.

### Benefit

To debate, amend and ratify the Australian Greens policy in order to inform our Parliamentary and electorate work

### Expenses

I wish to claim the following travel expenses:

Economy Class return airfare Perth Brisbane... \$541.00  
Taxi fares – Brisbane airport to accommodation \$70.26

Please allocate travel allowance for 2 days

Thank you for your assistance

Yours sincerely

PAUL LLEWELLYN MLC  
Member for the Southwest





**Giz Watson MLC**  
BSc (Environmental Science)

Member for North Metropolitan Region

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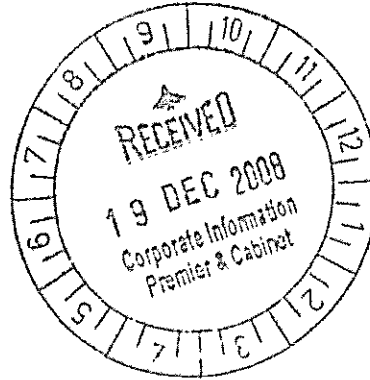
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Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier  
24th Floor  
197 St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6000



Dear Mr Barnett

### Report on Imprest travel

On Thursday 6 November 2008 I travelled overnight to Brisbane to attend the Australian Greens National Conference. The Conference was held at the Griffith University. The meeting commenced at 9.00am on Friday 7 November and proceeded until 4pm on Sunday 9 November. I departed Brisbane for Perth on Sunday 9 November. I did not undertake any business or recreational activities during this travel.

### Purpose:

To participate in the Australian Greens National Conference 2008.

### Benefits:

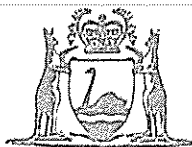
The Australian Greens strategic plan was further developed. National Council meetings are the forum for policy development and discussion of Parliamentary work with fellow MPs and the broader membership. Attending this meeting enhances and informs my Parliamentary and electorate work. I enclose the agenda for your information.

### Expenses:

I have claimed the following travel expenses from my Imprest allowance:

Economy Class return airfare Perth – Brisbane Perth -Virgin Blue		\$541.00	✓
Taxi fares: Home to Perth Airport	6/11/08	\$44.18	✓
Conference to Accommodation	7/11/08	<del>\$41.63</del> \$30.30	
Conference to Brisbane Airport	9/11/08	\$50.73	✓
Perth Airport to Home	10/11/08	\$43.62	✓ 168.83
Living Allowance – 2 days @ \$250 / day		\$500.00	

TOTAL: ~~\$1,221.16~~  
\$ 1209.83



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Mr M Wauchope  
Director General  
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197 St George's Tce  
PERTH WA 6000

ATTENTION : Ms Dawn Thomson

10 December 2008

Dear Mr Wauchope

**IMPREST REPORT – MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 2008**

I refer to my requested funds from the Imprest System for Members of Parliament Travel that I used to visit Melbourne during November 2008.

As required under the Imprest System guidelines I hereby provide my written report.

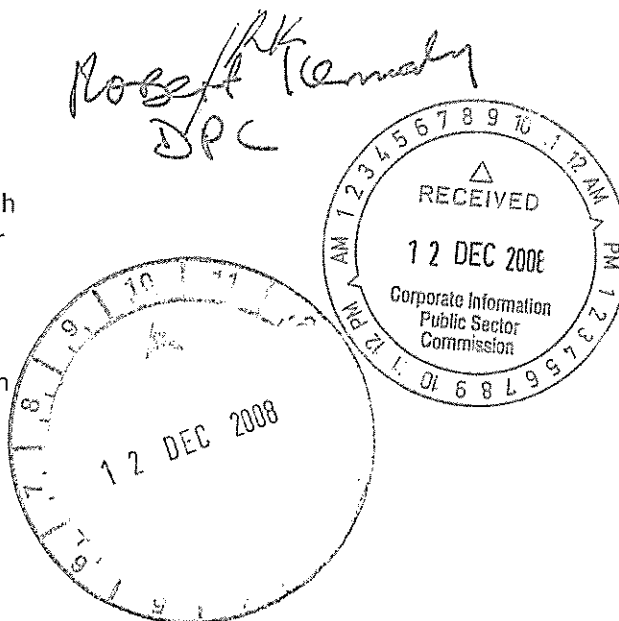
The primary purpose of my trip to Melbourne was to meet with Treasury officials and members of the private sector to discuss the history, strengths, weaknesses and future of 'Public Private Partnerships' (PPPs).

PPPs are a procurement method used by Governments across Australia, including Western Australia, and Internationally, to fund and provide public infrastructure. This is an area that has direct relevance to my portfolio responsibilities as Shadow Treasurer.

Whilst in Melbourne I met with representatives from Deloitte and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Both these accounting firms provide services to Australian Governments in respect of PPPs including the development of Public Sector Comparators which are the primary method by which PPPs are developed and measured.

Further, I met with Plenary Group who are involved in the development and funding of PPPs in Australia.

I also had meetings with representatives of 'Partnerships Victoria' within the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance who provide the expert advice to Government PPPs as well as members of the 'Sector Improvement and Office of Climate Change' within the



# Alannah MacTiernan MLA

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Department of the Premier & Cabinet  
Entitlements and Transport Branch  
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(Attn: Dawn Thomson)



Dear Premier

**Re: Imprest – Travel to Sydney from Melbourne November 2008**

On 17 November 2008 I travelled from Melbourne to Sydney to attend a meeting with Infrastructure Australia in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Strategic Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

**HON ALANNAH MacTIERNAN MLA  
MEMBER FOR ARMADALE**

13 March 2009

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Department of the Premier and Cabinet  
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Our Ref: F49809

3 March 2009

Hon A MacTiernan MLA  
Member for Armadale  
Unit 11, Kelmscott Retail Park  
2756 Albany Highway  
KELMSCOTT WA 6111

Dear Ms MacTiernan

You recently requested funds from the Imprest System for Members of Parliament Travel to visit Sydney on 17 November 2008. An EFT payment of \$579.79 was deposited into your nominated bank account.

Under the Imprest System guidelines you are required to provide a written report to the Premier on the cost, purpose and benefits derived from such travel within two months of the trip's completion. This report, along with those of other Members, will be tabled in Parliament with the standard quarterly travel report.

It would be appreciated if you would forward two copies of the report to this Office addressed to the Premier and marked for the attention of Dawn Thomson at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Entitlements and Transport Branch, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, Governor Stirling Tower, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000 (Attn: Dawn Thomson).

Yours sincerely

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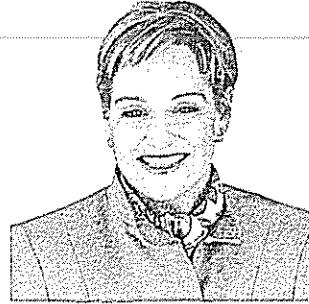
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Yours sincerely

Peter Conran  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

To: Ms Dawn Thomson  
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To Director General  
Department of Premier & Cabinet

Re: Imprest Travel 10 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008

BRIEF REPORT OF IMPREST TRAVEL

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Perth – Melbourne - Sydney 10th to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Meetings and briefings and research for parliamentary and electorate purposes as below:

- \* Indigenous Employment Program – Australian resource sector – Pilbara operations;
- \* Remote Indigenous Community Teacher Recruitment program;
- \* Meeting & Briefing with Sydney University International Environmental Law Centre
- \* Meeting & Briefings with St Vincent's Bioethical
- \* Gondwana / TS Island Children's Choir – Access for Indigenous Performance Training
- \* AGNSW – Parliamentary Research – Indigenous Art Collection
- \* CARITAS National Office – Surrey Hills - re indigenous assistance program
- \* State Library of NSW – Parliamentary Research
- \* National Congregation of Sisters of St Joseph, North Sydney; tribute to Sister Veronica Ryan, RSJ;

Sydney – Perth 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

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PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



HON. BARBARA SCOTT MLC  
*Member for the South Metropolitan Region*




5 February 2009

Hon Colin Barnett MLA  
Premier  
24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
197 St George's Terrace  
**PERTH WA 6000**

Dear Premier,

**REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

 Attached are two copies of my report to the Parliament with details of my visit to Europe and the United Kingdom in 2008.

Yours sincerely  
**MEMBER FOR SOUTH METROPOLITAN REGION**

  
**HON BARBARA SCOTT MLC**

Travel 2008/Report to Parliament Europe & UK



# REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HON BARBARA SCOTT MLC  
Member for South Metropolitan Region

VISIT TO BELGIUM, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM  
4/16 OCTOBER 2008

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On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 I flew to Belgium.

## BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

### Monday 6 October 2008

Met with GUNILLA EKBERG, a human rights lawyer working in Brussels. Ms Ekberg is Co-Executive Director of the International Coalition Against Trafficking of Women, and a former advisor to the Swedish Government on human trafficking and violence against women.

Currently her main work is with organisations against trafficking of women.

This meeting was in the context of the Western Australian Government's commitment to repeal prostitution legislation.

In 1998 the Swedish Government decided to curb the proliferation of prostitution and the exploitation of women and children by criminalising the person who hires another for sexual purposes (in other words the purchaser).

Now, ten years later, they have achieved astonishing improvements in each of the following five areas:

Proliferation of prostitution and abuse of women: In 1999 there were 2500 prostituted Swedish women. In 2002 there were 1500 prostituted women. In 2008 recruitment of Swedish women has almost come to a halt.

- c. Invite a critical group of people (including men) to inform them of the issues surrounding prostitution and trafficking and suggest forming a "Justice" group.
- d. Share the information with as many community groups as possible.
- e. Check the status of the current situation governing prostitution in Western Australia.
- f. Look at the Swedish model.

Swedish Prostitution legislation enacted in 1999 was discussed in detail, such as how the legislation came about. The change in public attitudes was driven mainly by women's groups and women Members of the Swedish Parliament.

How it now works – to purchase a sexual service is considered a CRIME.

### Enforcement

Initially the Swedish Government provided three million euros to train the Police force in the prevention of the crime of prostitution (just as they would to curb bank robberies, house break ins, murder, domestic violence etc) and finding the buyers of sexual services.

Ms Ekberg provided information on the special internet unit in the Swedish Police force.

She also explained that Scottish legislation is similar to Sweden (Safe City program). In Norway all parties agreed that they would copy the Swedish model and a vote was taken on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the Norwegian Parliament which resulted in the passing of similar laws to Sweden.

Strategies were suggested to research trafficking on a state and national level.

Examples of indigenous attitudes towards prostitution in the U.S.A. and Canada were given. American and Canadian Indian women have adopted an official stance on this issue, i.e. Prostitution furthers racism.

Tuesday 7 October 2008

MEETING with KASJA WAHLBERG – NATIONAL RAPPORTEUR, SWEDEN

At a meeting of European ministers in the Hague, it was recommended that each country have a National Rapporteur.

Kasja has this post in Sweden, she is a senior police officer overseeing criminal surveillance and trafficking of humans and drugs throughout Sweden. She is also the Swedish representative on The European Commission Expert Group on Trafficking of Human Beings.

She reports via the National Police Board to the government. She is totally independent and may criticise the government, the police service etc.

She began ten years ago when many people did not understand much about the trafficking of humans or prostitution. When cross-border visas were abolished, immigrants from Lithuania (1997) started coming into prostitution. Prior to that there were very few pimps – most Swedish women in prostitution did not have pimps - they operated on their own.

1999 – Sweden introduced legislation to charge buyers of sex.

In the 1970s to 1990 – much research into abused women was undertaken. They found that approximately 70 per cent of women in prostitution are abused and exploited.

Who are the women who end up in prostitution in Sweden? – the answer lies in the common background of these women – sexual abuse and exploitation. It is not the poor girl making a choice to have good clothes etc. Many are so young they do not understand the effects on them later. Kasja interviews many women after they have left prostitution.

Swedish police target pimps, buyers and traffickers. Some of the operational techniques include:

Wire tapping eg. apartments following tip-offs from neighbours.

Children have input into setting up rooms. This facility was near a park and strong emphasis is placed on children spending a lot of time outdoors.

Charges are government subsidised and parent co-contribution is based on income.

Child abuse was briefly discussed, as was a local and specialised centre for autistic children. There are five centres in each district of Stockholm and each have five staff and two special paedagogues to direct staff and assist children with disabilities.

#### Monday 13 October 2009

Met with Sir Al Aynsley Green, United Kingdom's Children's Commissioner.

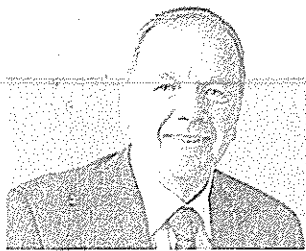
Received an update from Sir Al Aynsley Green on his role and responsibilities. I hosted Sir Al on his visit to Western Australia in December 2007.

Sir Al will be retiring in 2010. He will undertake an enquiry into the pre-custodial treatment of children before he retires.

We discussed common phenomena relating to the position of Children's Commissioner, including the United Kingdom, Sweden and Denmark. They seem to be universally unpopular and this is mainly because they expose serious issues about children.

Sir Al recommended reviewing the Paris Principles in relation to the operation of the Committee in the Western Australian Parliament.

Also recommended that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child be reviewed in relation to current State and Federal policies. This Convention is reviewed every five years and this was carried out in Geneva in 2008.



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JOHN BOWLER MLA  
State Member for Kalgoorlie

Dawn Thompson

In reply please quote: 240209PersonallImprestTrip2008

Hon Colin Barnett  
Att: Dawn Thompson  
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PERTH WA 6000

SCAN



Dear Premier

Re: Study tour

I hereby report on my recent study tour involving the use of uranium, to increase my knowledge for the time when uranium mining commences in my electorate as per your government's policy.

The first stop was Singapore where I received a briefing from BHP-Billiton's uranium division on the likely trends for the use of uranium in the nuclear energy cycle. My confidence in the short and long-term future of uranium was enhanced.

In London I met Dr Mel Draper, the head of non-proliferation with the British government's Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The briefing in Whitehall was also attended by senior officials from the Foreign Office, British security and public health.

Their advice on their work was invaluable and gave me confidence in what the world is doing to track uranium and ensure it is only used for peaceful purposes.

The briefing was followed by a visit to Urenco's uranium enrichment plant at Capenhurst. This impressive plant, which has been operating with the current centrifuge system since 1982, converts the uranium, which hopefully will be coming from new mines in my electorate, into a range of enrichment, usually from 4 to 5 percent, for use in nuclear power stations.

The next stop in my study tour was to the Sizewell B nuclear power station. The nearby Sizewell A site is in the process of being decommissioned but the British Energy officials I spoke to expect another nuclear power station to be built next to Sizewell B.



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Premier of Western Australia

Our ref: 200901500

Mr J Bowler MLA  
State Member for Kalgoorlie  
PO Box 10406  
KALGOORLIE WA 6430

Dear Mr *John* Bowler

Thank you for your letter reporting on your recent study tour involving the use of uranium.

I appreciate you taking the time to increase your knowledge of uranium use and the nuclear industry.

The Liberal/National Government is working to ensure that Western Australia can develop a uranium export industry in the future.

Yours sincerely

Colin Barnett MLA  
PREMIER

5 MAR 2009

IAN M BRITZA, MLA

# OVERSEAS TRAVEL REPORT

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A REPORT ON THE PURPOSE, COST  
AND BENEFITS DERIVED FROM TRIP  
TO AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA  
13-21 JANUARY 2009

SUITE 1, CENTRO GALLERIA  
COLLIER ROAD, MORLEY

## Brief Summary Meetings Held At The Texas House of Representatives

13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2009

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

State Representative Harvey Hilderbran and State Senator Troy Fraser

I met with both men separately and discussed my purpose for the trip to the Capitol and then asked them to outline their responsibilities to their Constituents, to the State and to the Governor.

### Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Texas Department of Public Safety - ROAD SAFETY

Met with officers from TDPS and they outlined the different responsibilities of State Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Lieutenants, Sheriffs, Constables, and State Troopers. Discussed their policy on road safety in regards to speed, education, age requirements for licenses and their training. Discussed whether or not speed was the biggest issue, they said no, by far it was alcohol and youthful recklessness. Discussed the toll on officers families.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice - CORRECTIVE SERVICES

We discussed the number of prison location, their grades/level and functions. Training of officers and their 'turn around' and protection. Discussed the toll on the families of Officers.

### Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Texas Commission on Environment Quality - ENVIRONMENT

We discussed Air Quality Planning and attainment of the standard required. Discussed Texas Air Pollution levels and their State Implementation Plan to monitor the levels. Discussed at length their Modeling and Analyzing Air Data Programme. Spoke about their Grants & Incentives Support Implementation to reduce NOx emissions in nonattainment and near-nonattainment areas. They shared about their "...AIR CHECK TEXAS Driver a Clean Machine..." campaign.

Texas Water Development Board - ENVIRONMENT

We discussed at great length the proposal of piping water from East Texas to the water deprived and barren West Texas. They asked for information around the proposal to pipe water from the Kimberley's down to Perth and felt it was still a good idea to float. We discussed aquifers and their uses, also the rights to the fresh water aquifers by landowners. We also discussed the several large desalination plants in Texas, their capacity, primary uses and financial return to the State.



**Tuesday, January 20th****Special Interest Roundtable**

Several representatives from the House & Senate came and asked me various questions on Australia and Western Australia. There were no 'questionable' questions asked as they were fairly general. I think I asked more questions to them than they asked me. I mainly asked about their responsibilities in Government and around the Texas Capitol. We discussed the history of the Capitol and Texas relationship to the Federal Union of the United States.

**Wednesday, January 21st****Key Legislative & Committee Staff Roundtable**

Met with several staff members of the Texas Legislature and Capitol Committee. Was briefed on their roles and responsibilities. Discussed the 'confidential' aspects of their committee work, of which there were none as all meetings are public! Discussed the procedure of Bills being passed in the Legislature going to the Senate and then returning to the Legislature to become Law. With great interest, we discussed the role of more than 600 lobbyists in the Capitol and their effectiveness.

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