REPORT OF OVERSEAS TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FUNDED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

T KRSTICEVIC MLA 25-Sep-15 4-Oct-15 NEW ZEALAND ATTEND THE 2015 AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP CONFERENCE. - $4,375

J FREEMAN MLA 28-Sep-15 3-Oct-15 NEW ZEALAND ATTEND THE 2015 AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP CONFERENCE. - $4,622

P WATSON MLA 28-Sep-15 3-Oct-15 NEW ZEALAND ATTEND THE 2015 AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP CONFERENCE. - $5,334

M TAYLOR MLA 27-Oct-15 7-Nov-15 ISRAEL ATTEND THE AUSTRALIA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TRADE MISSION. - $10,185

HON B ELLIS MLC 1-Nov-15 5-Nov-15 INDONESIA ACCOMPANIED THE PREMIER TO THE JAKARTA TRADE OFFICE. PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS WITH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIAN BANKS, AGRIFOOD SECTOR AND KEY MINING AND ENERGY COMPANIES. - $5,786

R SAFFIOTI MLA 25-Nov-15 27-Nov-25 SINGAPORE ATTEND THE TRANSPORT ORIENTATED DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. - $6,186

TOTAL FOR PARLIAMENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SYSTEM VISITS: 6 $36,488

ADDENDUM - LATE SUBMISSION - REPORTS

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SYSTEM AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2015 REPORT WAS SUBMITTED

HON M LEWIS MLC 18-Jul-15 26-Jul-15 CHINA ADDITIONAL FUNDS - PARTICIPATED IN A SHEEPMEAT INSIGHTS TOUR ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD WESTERN AUSTRALIA. - $1,144

TOTAL FOR PARLIAMENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE SYSTEM VISITS:1 $1,144
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PURPOSE OF TRIP:
To attend the 2015 Annual Australasian Study of Parliament Group Conference
30 September to 2 October 2015, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, New Zealand

The cost of the trip was $4,374.86

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE TRIP FOR THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA:
(A brief report of no more than 2 pages may be attached if required)

Programme as per below:

**Wednesday, 30 September Programme event**

**ASPG Executive Committee Meeting and APR Editorial Board Meeting**
*Only for ASPG Executive (parent and chapter) Committee members*

From 16.45 **Conference Registration**

17.15 to 17.30 **Welcome Ceremony – Pōwhiri**

17.30 to 19.00 **Welcome Reception**
*Hosted by: Rt Hon David Carter, Speaker, New Zealand House of Representatives*
Thursday, 1 October

8:45 to 9:00 *Karakia and Conference opening remarks*

9:00 to 10:00 **Keynote panel: The Next Generation's Vision for a Modern Parliament**
Panel Chair: Hon Nikki Kaye (NZ), Minister for Youth and Associate, Minister of Education

10:00 to 10:30 **Keynote speaker: Rethinking Parliament for Future Generations – musings of an experienced and thoughtful parliamentarian**
Chair: David Wilson, Clerk of the House of Representatives, New Zealand
Presenter: Hon Christopher Finlayson (NZ), Attorney General, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, and Associate Minister for Māori Development

10:50: to 12:20 **Representing Women in a Modern Parliament**
Chair: Ms Tracey Martin (NZ), List Member, New Zealand First Party
Presenter: Hon Catherine Cusack, Member, New South Wales Legislative Council, Australia
*Engendering the New Zealand Parliament*
Presenter: Ana Gilling, Teaching Fellow, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
*A Perspective from Women Parliamentarians*
Presenters: Joanne Hayes and Louisa Wall, Members of New Zealand Parliament

13.20 to 14.30 **Workshop 1A: Representing Indigenous Peoples in a Modern Parliament**
Chair: Kāiāwhina Matua mō Mārama Fox, Māori Party Co-Leader, List MP based in Ikaroa-Rāwhiti (NZ)
Presenter: Morgan Godfery, Communications and Media Officer, FIRST Union (and *Overland Literary Journal*), Wellington
Presenter: Veronica Tawhai, Lecturer, Māori development, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand

13.20 to 14.30 **Workshop 1B: Technology's Role in Modernising Parliament**
Presenter: David Farrar, Political Blogger

14.30 to 15.40 **Workshop 2A: Representing Multiculturalism (Diversity) in a Modern Parliament**
Presenter: Joris de Bres, Independent Advisor, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations, Wellington
Presenters: Dr Kate McMillan, Senior Lecturer in Politics and Dr Fiona Barker, both from Victoria University, Wellington. Presenter: Melissa Lee (NZ), Member of Parliament

14.30 to 15.40 **Workshop 2B: Engaging the People with a Modern Parliament**
The Community and Public Policy
Engaging Parliament Through the Use of Internet Plebiscites
Presenter: Dr Norm Kelly, Associate, Australian National University

16:00 to 17:00 **Modernising Parliament: An International Perspective**
Chair: Mr Jonathan Sinclair LVO, British High Commissioner to New Zealand
*Performance and Reform in the National Parliament of the Solomon Islands*
Presenters: Dr Graham Hassall, Associate Professor, School of Government, Victoria University, Wellington and Celsus Talifilu, UNDP Solomon Islands Office
*A Canadian Perspective on the Modernisation of Parliament*
Presenter: Dr Jonathon Malloy, Carleton University, Canada

17.10 to 18.00 **Annual General Meeting**
Friday, 2 October 2015

9:00 to 9:30 Plenary Session

9:30 to 11:00 A Modern Parliament – The People’s House
Public Stakeholder Engagement in Policy Development
Presenter: Hon Ruth Forrest, Independent Member for Murchison, Legislative Council, Tasmania
The Nordic Example: Lessons in Citizen Engagement
Presenter: Hon Louise Upston (NZ), Minister for Women
The People’s House: Enhancing Parliaments’ Community and Civic Engagement in the Twenty-First Century – the Western Australian Experience
Presenter: Hon Barry House, President of the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia

11:20 to 12:50 Parliamentary Committees – Vehicles to Modernise Parliament
Chair: Hon Peter Dunne (NZ), Minister of Internal Affairs, Associate Minister of Health and of Conservation
Public Engagement by House of Commons Select Committees
Presenter: Professor Ian Marsh, University of Tasmania
How Well Do Parliamentary Committees Connect With the Public
Presenter: Dr Martin Drum, Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, Western Australia
Enhancing the Role of Select Committees and Other Means to Making Parliament Relevant to the Next Generation
Presenter: Hon Trevor Mallard, MP, New Zealand

13:30 to 15:00 Proceedings of Parliament: Modernising How Parliament Operates
Guiding Principles for Modernising Parliament
Presenter: Dr Kennedy Graham (NZ), Member of Parliament
Out of Step? The NSW Parliamentary Evidence Act 1901
Presenters: Beverly Duffy, Clerk Assistant Committees and Sharon Ohnesorge, Principal Council Officer, both from New South Wales Legislative Council
Reviewing the Standing Orders – How to Make Dreams Come True
Presenter: David Bagnall, Senior Parliamentary Officer (Clerk of the Standing Orders Committee), NZ

15:30 to 17:00 Ethics, Transparency and Professional Development – Keys to a Modern Parliament
Chair: Ms Lynn Provost, Controller and Auditor-General (New Zealand)
Making Parliamentary Ethics Relevant for the Next Generation
Presenters: Hon Dr Ken Coghill, Associate Professor and Julia Thornton, Monash University, Victoria
Rethinking the Future of Parliament – Openness and Transparency in Government
Presenter: Janine McGruddy, Director, Transparency International New Zealand
Professional Development of Members of Parliament
Presenter: Adjunct Professor Colleen Lewis, National Centre for Australian Studies, Monash University

17.00 Conference Closed
Report of Travel to New Zealand

28th September to 3rd October 2015

Janine Freeman MLA
Member for Mirrabooka
PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL REPORT FORM

Purpose


Trust in parliaments across the globe is declining, and as parliamentarians we should consider it an important part of our responsibilities to consider how we can make our work more relevant to citizens, and more responsive to their needs.

I registered for the conference on the basis that I had submitted an expression of interest to present a paper at the conference on the effectiveness of the Legislative Committee on Public Health. Unfortunately, the delay in establishing the committee until after the conference resulted in my not being able to present a paper.

The papers presented are available on the New Zealand Parliament website http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/about-parliament/how-parliament-works/relationships/00CLOOCasp13/australasian-study-of-parliament-group-conference

Benefits

Some of the most pressing issues raised at the conference were the need to increase the representativeness of elected members, so that the diversity within our walls is the same as the diversity in the communities who elect us. Ana Gilling from the School of Political Science at Victoria University discussed ways that we can equalise the number of women in parliament, including changes to the voting structure; quotas for candidate pre-selections; and changes to the role of MP itself so that those with caring responsibilities are able to participate on a more equal footing.

Melissa Lee MP, the Parliamentary Private Secretary for Ethnic Communities, talked about efforts to ensure that the electoral process is inclusive of people with languages and cultures outside the experiences of the majority. It is important for information to be clearly presented in ways that all citizens can understand, and more importantly that our processes are respectful and inclusive in order to increase participation in our democracy.

I was also interested to hear from presenters about experiments in making parliaments more open and participatory using new technology to speak and listen to the community more clearly. David Farrar of Kiwiblog spoke about some of the ways we can do this, using examples from around the world. The US and the UK, for example, have made it easier for citizens to petition parliament over the internet, instituting rules that make responses mandatory when a certain number of signatures are achieved.
He notes that this is an important alternative to allow citizens to voice their views without allowing third parties to harness their contact information for other purposes. Following on from online petitions, Farrar raised some other exciting ideas, such as allowing the public to comment directly on bills and even providing online copies that can be amended.

Norm Kelly discussed some of the complexities of moving plebiscites online, the experiences of which have been mixed. When participants are all acting in good faith, online plebiscites can be a valuable way to include a more diverse range of views into our decision making. However, they also have the potential to be hijacked for humorous or malicious reasons. At the other end, where citizens participate in plebiscites only to see their views dismissed or ignored by the parliament, this can potentially increase cynicism about the democratic process.

There were many important ideas raised at this conference for parliamentarians to consider, both now and for the future. Making our parliaments more diverse and representative of the electorate is a long-overdue first step, but representativeness is not enough. We must also be continually open to new ways of using technology to make parliament more participatory, so that we can draw on the wisdom of crowds to supplement our efforts, and make sure that at all times we respect and reflect the will of the people.

I appreciate the Parliamentary Travel Scheme which allowed me to participate in this valuable conference.
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**PURPOSE OF TRIP:** To attend the 2015 Australasian Study of Parliament Group Conference, to meet with representatives of the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association (RSA) and to inspect sporting facilities at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington.

**BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE TRIP FOR THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA:**

As Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, I gained an understanding of the workings of a major sporting stadium which will be applicable to the new Perth Stadium.

As Shadow Minister for Veterans’ Issues, I had fruitful talks with the RSA in Wellington about our shared Anzac heritage.

The actual ASPG conference – “Modernising Parliament: Rethinking Parliament for the Next Generation” – gave me tremendous insight in to the challenges and opportunities facing Parliaments in modern Western democracies and some of the ways in which we can improve our Parliament and our Democracy.
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PURPOSE OF TRIP:
To learn what governments can do to develop thriving entrepreneurial, innovation and technology sectors. Network with globally significant leaders of innovation and technology, visit key innovation and technology businesses and gain an understanding of Israeli entrepreneurial business ecosystem.

Have a deeper and broaden understanding of start-up companies, the restrictions, limitations and hindrances that impact on innovation within the framework of a developed nation such as Israel, and to embrace culturally significant experiences in Israel.

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE TRIP FOR THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Background:
The downturn in our natural resources competitive advantage driven not only by volatile global markets, in addition to a trending slowdown in China’s GDP and forecasted growth that has fuelled our local economy for more than the past decade, has and will leave scope for change in how WA continues to grow and establish itself in Australia and our region. Geopolitical factors that result in increased globalisation of human resource competitiveness require that we as a State, look elsewhere to enhance our new competitive advantage. One strategic area that requires attention is in technological innovation by providing world’s best practice solutions to issues that have arisen in WA, derived from local stake holders, in the scope of start-up companies and innovative technological areas of business within Western Australia.
Government Benefits:
Direction for innovation, clean energy concepts, industry raising capital to invest in future enterprise that in turn leads to skill development and further employment in new sectors, away from more traditional employment categories. The experience provided new concepts on how to incentivise companies and the private sector, not just through tax incentives, to innovate and provide a platform for growth and expansion in fledgling industries and sectors of the economy.

Tertiary Benefits:
University modelling concept - aim to develop higher-tier education institutions that drive and support start up technological innovation within the State. Commercialisation and exit strategies for intellectual property that promote and feature Western Australian businesses and their respective IP through royalties that have an ongoing income stream that puts back into the tertiary sector.

Linkages between Israel and Australian Universities – information sharing that enables contacts with Alumni of both institutions.

Business benefits:
Funding through combining capital funds to operate early stage investment centres, which provide a return on the capital invested if and where the innovative concept is taken up by a wider business group or industry. Successful conception of ideas may then lead to successful investment and return.

Mentorship and cultural change that seeds innovation and drives development into new fields.

Incubators with the specific focus on start-up companies in the technological innovation field that will facilitate the normal business of incubation that includes office space, speeding up growth and providing advice to new enterprise to streamline and function with increased efficiency. Furthermore, incubators can provide credibility and network linkages which often enhance and strengthen new business in their fledgling years.

Conclusion:
For the State of Western Australia to remain at the forefront of development and competitiveness adaption is required and must be invested in. One avenue and clear pathway for this development is the adoption of world’s best practice in technological innovation. I remain convinced that this past experience has provided useful, educational and dynamic examples to be implemented and followed here in, not only WA, but Australia as a whole.

Annex A:
Itinerary AICC Israel Trade Mission Thursday 29th October 2015 to Wednesday 5th of November 2015 inclusive (12 pages).
Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Visit to Indonesia with Premier
1-5 November 2015
What Indonesia Wants

According to the recent ABARES report titled “What Indonesia Wants”, the real value of Indonesia’s agrifood imports is expected to rise more than 20 times between 2009 and 2050.

The value of agrifood consumption in Indonesia is projected to quadruple during that period and the real value of beef consumption is projected to rise more than 14 times.

A decline in infant and aged mortality rates has led to a population increase, and along with an increase in urbanisation this has led to greater demand for consumables and increased protein consumption. Between 1990 and 2013, total consumption of wheat, fruit and milk each increased by more than 200 per cent, and meat consumption almost doubled. By comparison, and indicative of changing dietary choices by younger people in particular, rice consumption only increased by 32 per cent.

Whilst Indonesia has a policy to become increasingly self-sufficient, the average size of highly fragmented farms producing rice and other food crops range from 0.3 hectares on Java to 1.4 hectares elsewhere. This is compounded when plots are divided into smaller parcels to satisfy family inheritance.

According to ABARES, tradition is one obstacle to agricultural development in Indonesia. In many cases farmers grow the same crops as previous generations, using the same methods and tools. This is despite the changing consumption habits.

Although there are bigger farms of around 2,600 hectares, these are devoted to plantations and industrial crops dominated by oil palm, coconut and natural rubber.

Transport and infrastructure are a challenge to primary producers. Indonesia consists of 17,508 islands of which about one third are inhabited and only one third is classified as agricultural land. Half of the population live on Java – on only 7 per cent of Indonesia’s total land area.

Spoilage during transport eats away at farm returns, along with high transport costs and bottlenecks and delays at ports. There are also growing water needs, and inefficient use of heavily subsidised fertiliser builds up nutrient reserves which can affect yield.

In short, Indonesia is looking to feed an increasing population with an increasing appetite for meat, dairy, grain and fresh produce.

Where will Indonesia find all this food?

Business is hotting up in Indonesia. Our Federal Agriculture Minister, Trade Minister (along with 300 business people) and Prime Minister have recently visited Jakarta. A South Australian trade delegation was close on their heels.
As our Premier has noted with decisive action, we can’t afford to lose our competitive edge. At his invitation I joined him on a broad-ranging trade mission to Indonesia.

The Premier has taken a personal interest in our Jakarta Trade Office since Hon Phil Edman, Hon Nigel Hallet and I made an urgent fact-finding trip to Jakarta in 2014 after the Department of State Development indicated that the office would close. My Imprest Report of that trip details the discussions we had with a cross-section of industry, all of whom believe that there is a need for a proactive, stand-alone WA Trade Office.

Following our discussions with the Premier on our return from that earlier trip, and particularly the comprehensive report I provided to him, the Premier decided that the Jakarta Trade Office would be retained as an independent entity, with upgraded staffing.

In June this year I personally funded a return trip to the Jakarta office to meet the expanded staff and the new Regional Director.

On this, my third trip, I joined the Premier on a visit to the Trade Office, and meetings with Indonesian officials, representatives from Australian banks and the agrifood sector, and key mining and energy companies. Other discussions included tourism and education. We were also taken on a site visit to Bogasari Flour Mills and their scientific laboratory, and as a primary producer it was interesting to see the end-product outcome for WA grain.

The visit culminated in a dinner with the Indonesia- Australia Business Council, which was valuable to me as a member of the WA branch of the Australia-Indonesia Business Council.

After the trip, the work continues

This year marks the 25th anniversary of WA’s Sister State relationship with Indonesia’s East Java province and after my return, at a State Luncheon to mark the occasion, I was pleased to be able build on the work I have done on my visits to Indonesia.

I continue to have regular contact with the Australia-Indonesia Business Council.

Over the last twelve months I have also had numerous meetings with Indonesia’s Consul General, and value the opportunity to continue to strengthen our relationship with his country.

Since my visit with the Premier, our Federal Trade Minister Andrew Robb has announced that Australia and Indonesia will make a comprehensive trade agreement a priority in the 2016 new year.

Last year Australia was the second-largest exporter of agricultural products to Indonesia. The competition will be on, and we must make sure WA has more than its fair share of this lucrative market.
Dear Mr Conron

I am writing to provide my parliamentary travel report for my travel to Singapore on the 25th and 26th of November.

I attended a two day conference on Transport Orientated Development.

The conference was well attended and included presentations from a number of experts around the world.

In assessing the Government’s own performance, and in developing our policies on this issue, the conference gave me the following insights:

- A confirmation that WA Labor’s MetroNet and MetroHub policy is absolutely appropriate and necessary to allow Western Australia to grow over upcoming decades. Perth will continue to compete globally as a place live in and for tourism. The ability to move around Perth and the suburbs is instrumental to making sure Perth continues to be a great place to live and work;
- Transport Orientated Development requires early planning and coordination across key portfolios. Planning is the key, to ensure that the right settings are in place. It is clear just allowing a transport agency to plan for these precincts is not appropriate;
- Transport Orientated Development requires a strong mix of commercial and residential development. There was some debate about the mix of these developments but it was clear that you needed a strong mix of both;
- There was significant information and discussion about value capture. Again strong confirmation that value capture is definitely a method of financing infrastructure, in particular rail infrastructure;
- Intermodal connectivity was also discussed at length. In particular the need to ensure strong connection between different modes eg riding and trains; walking and bus travel.

Overall the conference was very informative and very useful for policy development. The wide-ranging experience and knowledge from the presenters was very useful in further developing our ideas and adding to the policy debate in the State.

Rita Saffioti MLA
Member for West Swan
10 February 2016
ADDENDUM
Hon Mark Lewis MLC
Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region

Kimberley, Pilbara, North West Central, Kalgoorlie, Eyre

Mr Peter Conran AM
Director General
Department of Premier & Cabinet
Entitlements and Transport Branch
Locked Bag 3001
WEST PERTH WA 6872

Attention: Laurie Birrell

Dear Mr Conran,

RE: PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL ALLOWANCE REPORT

On the 28th of August of last year I submitted a Parliamentary Travel Allowance Report in relation to my trip to China as a participant in a Sheepmeat Insights Tour.

At the time of the report, the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) had not yet provided my office with an invoice for the remaining expense components from the tour. These components included such items as interpreter services, accommodation, meal and computers (see Attachment 1).

On the advice from the Entitlements and Transport Branch, our office was instructed to wait until the outstanding invoice was received and at that point, we could make a request for these additional expenses to be reimbursed. Further, in doing so, my Parliamentary Travel Allowance Report would be amended to reflect the updated total cost.

I can now inform you that I have since received and paid the DAFWA invoice, which was for the amount of $2,910.37. Upon liaising with Laurie Birrell, a few items were identified as non-claimable or have already been reimbursed. In light of this, I seek to be reimbursed the amount of $1,143.98 (see Attachment 1 – yellow highlighted items).

Yours sincerely,

Hon Mark Lewis MLC
Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region

1 February, 2016