

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Chief Minister:

Pre-payment to Latitude Travel

When you approved on 6 September 2013 overseas travel to the UK and USA for Minister Chandler and his delegation, were you aware that a pre-payment of \$21,038 for the trip had already been made to Latitude Travel?

ANSWER

The Chief Minister's role in the travel process is to approve the purpose of travel and the actual trip for all Ministers. The approval of payments to suppliers is carried out by the appropriate delegated officers in Agencies. In the case of Minister Chandler's Trip to the UK and the USA in September 2013, my approval was provided on 6 September, 15 days prior to the commencement of travel on 21 September 2013.

It is my understanding that payment for this particular travel was organised and paid for through the Department of Lands and Planning. Any questions relating to payments should be directed to that agency.