

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Chief Minister:

**Visit of Chief Minister's Delegation to Japan, China
and Vietnam October 2013**

1. Following on from your answer to Written Question No. 393, on what dates were the following amounts of personal expenditure incurred on the official trip repaid to taxpayers:
 - (a) Hon Adam Giles - \$303.95
 - (b) Ron Kelly - \$63.56
 - (c) Gary Barnes - \$353.43

2. Would you provide copies of the relevant documentation?

ANSWER

1. In this instance all expenditure for the travel delegation was grouped together and paid for by Departmental staff without isolating any personal expenditure and giving the three people mentioned in this question the opportunity of repaying any non-official expenses.

Under usual circumstances, Ministers and/or staff would be given an invoice following the trip.

The amounts were repaid when the Department became aware during the reconciliation of the trip, that some personal costs had been included and at that time advising the people concerned.

Immediate arrangements for payment were made by the individuals concerned.

In the release of the documents under FOI, two amounts were highlighted as personal expenditure when they were actually official hospitality.

- (a) Hon Adam Giles - \$303.95
Repayment - \$113.95 on 7 August 2015
\$34.41 on 22 October 2015

Recovery of \$155.57 was not sought by the Department as it related to official hospitality and was incorrectly highlighted as personal expenditure.

- (b) Ron Kelly - \$63.56
Repayment - \$63.55 on 7 August 2015
- (c) Gary Barnes - \$353.43
Repayment - \$353.43 on 21 October 2015

2. Evidence for all payments is attached.