

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

7th Assembly

19/07/1996

128. **Members' Overseas Official Travel**

Mr. BAILEY to SPEAKER for

QUESTION

1. What are the details of individual Members' official overseas travel, which was funded by the Department of the Legislative Assembly, during the 1995-96 financial year, under the following categories:
 - (a) name of the Member;
 - (b) date of departure;
 - (c) duration of the trip;
 - (d) destination;
 - (e) number of parties accompanying the Member, the travel and expenses of whom were funded by the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (f) the total cost of travel, accommodation and expenses which were funded by the Legislative Assembly.

ANSWER

Answered on 22/08/96

The following answer includes details of Members' official overseas travel for the 1995-96 financial year paid for by the Department of the Legislative Assembly for Members' entitlements pursuant to the Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 1995, travel relating to Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences and Seminars and travel to Conferences of Presiding Officers and Clerks.

In respect of part 1(e), it should be noted that the precise number of parties accompanying Members is not necessarily known due to the provisions of paragraph 5.24 of the above Determination. Further, travel undertaken in respect of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences and Seminars is subject to an authority of the Chief Minister, dated 21 May 1991, which enables Members to downgrade first class travel entitlements to offset the fares of accompanying spouses.

Paragraph 5.24 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination, together with the interpretation sought from the Tribunal and authorised by the Speaker, reads as follows:

“5.24 A Member may convert first class air travel to business or economy class travel so as to utilise the savings towards the cost of the fare of one or more nominees. Under these circumstances, travel allowance is not payable to the nominee if all other nominee travel entitlements have been used.”.

Tribunal Interpretation

“To clarify the full range of potential accompanying persons, omit ‘fare of one or more nominees’ and insert ‘fare of spouse, nominee or dependent child’.”.

NAME OF MEMBER	DEPARTURE DATE	DURATION OF TRIP	DESTINATION
Mr P. Adamson, MLA	1 October 1995	9 days	Darwin, Singapore, Colorado, Denpasar, Darwin
Mr P. Adamson, MLA	21 June 1996	27 days	Darwin, Singapore, Hong Kong, Washington, New York, Honolulu, Sydney, Darwin
Mr J. Ah Kit, MLA	11 May 1996	8 days	Darwin, Cairns, Hong Kong
Mr J. Bailey, MLA	8 September 1995	12 days	Darwin, Sydney, Auckland, Auckland, Sydney, Darwin
Mr T. Baldwin, MLA	21 December 1995	26 days	Darwin, Cairns, Los Angeles, Angeles, Pittsburg, Toronto, Amsterdam, London, Bangkok, Darwin
Mr N. Bell, MLA	11 December 1995	45 days	Alice Springs, Sydney, Sacramento, Denver, Haywards, Boston, Toronto, Edmonton, Edmonton, Seattle, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seattle, San Francisco, Sydney, Alice Springs
Mrs M. Hickey, MLA	22 October 1995	21 days	Darwin, London, Geneva, Frankfurt, Bahrain, Bangkok, Darwin
Dr R. Lim, MLA	2 May 1996	26 days	Alice Springs, Darwin, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Darwin, Alice Springs
Mr P. Mitchell, MLA	24 December 1995	25 days	Darwin, Singapore, Vancouver

			Helena, Salt Lake City, L New York, Amsterdam, L
Mrs N Padgham-Purich, MLA	9 September 1995	7 days	Darwin, Sydney, Auckland Auckland, Sydney, Darwi

NAME OF MEMBER	DEPARTURE DATE	DURATION OF TRIP	DESTINATION
Mrs N. Padgham-Purich, MLA	2 June 1996	33 days	Darwin, Singapore, Lond
Honourable E. Poole, MLA	10 September 1995	20 days	Alice Springs, Darwin, Si Petersburg, London, Vanc Sydney, Alice Springs
Mr R. Setter, MLA	8 July 1995	11 days	Darwin, Cairns, Port Mor