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MEMBER FOR FONG LIM



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Hon Kezia Purick MLA  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
DARWIN NT 0800

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*9/3/17*

**RE: Clause 6.12 – RTD No.2 of 2016 - Basic Allowance Post-Travel Report**

**Member for Fong Lim travel to Sydney December 2016**

Dear Speaker,

The Following is my report with regard to the Basic Travel Allowance travel to Sydney undertaken in December 2016.

- (a) Objectives:
  - a. Meet with various members of the NSW Legislative Council to discuss issues relevant to the work of the Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the People and to assist with my position as Assistant Minister for Primary Industry & Resources.
- (b) Organisations or Parliaments visited:
  - a. NSW Parliament and Wentworth Chambers.
- (c) Documents or publications obtained or considered to be of interest as a Member of Parliament:
  - a. [N/A]
- (d) Summaries of the study areas pursued in the places visited:
  - a. NSW Legislative Council meeting with Hon Adam Searle MLC, Shadow Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations.
  - b. NSW Legislative Assembly meeting with Hon John Robertson MLA, Member for Blacktown.
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Wentworth Chambers meeting with Duncan Miller SC.
- (e) Summary of the results achieved:
  - a. Discussed issues relating to Workers Compensation reforms.

- b. Discussed issues relating to energy security and possible major infrastructure projects, in particular, the connection of the Northern Territory to the South Eastern states electricity grid and the large-scale use of solar energy.
  - c. Discussed issues relating to the Royal Commission into Juvenile Justice and possible legal reform.
- (f) Recommendations arising:
- a. That the Northern Territory should pursue every opportunity to discuss the potential for renewable energy with state and federal counter-parts. Specifically with regard to solar energy, to be produced in large scale in the Territory so that it can supplement the south-eastern electricity grid.
  - b. That the Northern Territory should pursue opportunities for embarking on large-scale infrastructure projects consistent with securing the NT's own and the national interest in energy security.
  - c. Recommendations to be made to the NT Review into Workers Compensation presently being constituted.
  - d. Recommendations to the Attorney-General and the Minister for Territory Families regarding legal reforms.

Regards,



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