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Post travel report: Member for Katherine travel to Adelaide , SA

Dear Madam Speaker,

On Wednesday 14th of June , I travelled to Adelaide –South Australia, in my capacity as Assistant Minister for Women’s Policy and also as the Member for Katherine.

During this trip I met with Minister’s of the South Australia government, in addition to also meeting with relevant sector organisations to discuss strategies and initiatives that they have successfully implemented in their electorates , and that could be transferred to the NT.

I have listed below, a brief itinerary of my trip:

Wednesday 14th of June:

1pm – travel to Adelaide

Thursday 15th of June:

8am-10:15am Conference calls and catch up on electorate matters

10:30am – 12pm: Meeting with Gail Gago
Discussed: Women’s Policy , Gender Equity , Local Government

12pm – 1:30pm: Lunch meeting with Lachlan Cibich
Discussed: nnti-discrimination legislation reform , same-sex legislation

1:30pm – 3pm: Tour of Adelaide Art Museum
Discussed: Revitalisation of Indigenous Art , incorporating art and tourism for regional areas

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Friday 16th of June:

- 8am – 10am: Conference calls with Katherine Electorate office
- 11am – 1pm: Meeting with Women’s Safety Services SA and Maria Hagias
Discussed: Whole of sector amalgamation , working with law enforcement to address domestic violence , Immigrant women services
- 1:30pm – 4pm: Meeting with Professor John Williams Vice Chancellor of University of Adelaide
Discussed: anti-discrimination legislative reform, constitutional law reform,

Saturday 17th of June:

- 7:30am – 9.45am: Meet with Minister Ian Hunt
Discussed: environmental law , legislation reform to recognise same - sex couples

As you may be aware , recently the SA government introduced several pieces of new legislation that will significantly improve the quality of life for same-sex couples. Legislation which allow for same-sex couples to register their relationship ; and also legislation that allows same-sex couples to adopt and/or access IVF.

It was incredibly beneficial for me to have met with Professor John Williams , Minister Hunt , and MLC Gail Gago – three people that have been instrumental in the legislative changes that now provide members of the LGBTQI community with dignity, access to services and support. Changes that I am championing for in the NT.

I was also very fortunate to meet with Maria Hagias , CEO of Women’s Safety Services SA . The Women’s Safety Services South Australia (WSSSA) was established as a result of a collaborative effort between Central Domestic Violence Service (CDVS), Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) and Migrant Women’s Support Services (MWSS) in 2016.

WSSSA is a women's domestic and family violence service that provides an integrated response through the provision of specialised, accessible and flexible models of service delivery. The service's framework is underpinned by a safety first approach which seeks to ensure that the safety and empowerment of women is paramount in all aspects of service delivery and advocacy. It is my hope to replicate this framework in Katherine.

Yours sincerely,

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