

Estimates-related Community Questions

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<p style="text-align: center;">LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NT TABLED DOCUMENTS</p> <p>Committee: <i>Estimates</i></p> <p>Paper No: <i>7.4</i></p> <p>Table No: <i>Shields</i></p> <p>Date: <i>21/6/17</i></p> <p>Signed: <i>[Signature]</i></p>	<p>7. From March 5 to March 23 2017 Mr Alastair Shields attended the International Tourismus Borse (Germany) and UK KDP meetings.</p> <p>8. What was his travel itinerary?</p> <p>9. What dates was Mr Shields in Germany from?</p> <p>10. What dates was Mr Shields in the UK from?</p> <p>11. What meetings did Mr Shields attend and the dates he attended them?</p> <p>12. Was a report filed on what value the taxpayers received for this travel? If not, why not?</p> <p>13. Mr Robert Crack also attended the Internationale Tourismus Borse (Germany).</p> <p>14. What was his role?</p> <p>15. Mr George Christakis also attended the Internationale Tourismus Borse (Germany).</p> <p>16. What was his role?</p>

Answer:

- Mr Shields travelled the UK and Germany from 5 to 12 March, which allowed for one day of meetings with Tourism NT’s in-market representative and members of the UK travel industry in London. He then travelled to Berlin to the International Tourismus Borse (ITB) (Germany).
- Mr Shields attended the following meetings:

Date	Meeting	Location
6 March	Voyages Australia, networking with Tourism Australia, Tourism Queensland and Tourism NT in market representatives	London
7 March	Sheldon Lee, UK County Manager, Singapore Airlines	London
7 March	Mick Heitzinger, Product Director,	London

	Flight Centre Travel Group	
7 March	Lunch meeting with Tourism NT in market representatives and staff, Chris Lee, Robert Hardless, and Fleur Sainsbury	London
7 March	Denise von Wald, Regional General Manager, UK and Northern Europe, Tourism Australia	London
7 March	Tony Russell, Managing Director, Trailfinders	London
8 March	Meeting with Tourism NT Central Europe and Head Office Teams	Berlin
9 March	Mr Christopher Huckle, Knecht Reisen, (Swiss Wholesale/Tour Operator)	Berlin
9 March	Reinhard Kotaurek, Managing Director, Central Europe, STA Travel (Central Europe)	Berlin
9 March	Dominic Eckert, Managing Director, Dreamtime Travel (Best of Travel Group)	Berlin
9 March	Tourism Australia, Phillipa Harrison (Executive General Manager, International) and Eva Seller (Regional Manager, German Speaking and Eastern Europe)	Berlin
9 March	Hosted the Tourism NT Industry Dinner, for NT Industry members, and key stakeholders	

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10 March	Mohamed Rafi Mar (General Manager, Germany, Austria, Central and Eastern Europe), Singapore Airlines	Berlin
10 March	Mr Rick Walker, (International Sales Manager), Virgin Australia	Berlin
10 March	Mr Sebastian Martens, (Senior Product Manager Oceania), FTI Touristik	Berlin

- Mr Shields travelled from Darwin to London on 5 March 2017, arriving in London in the afternoon of 6 March; London to Berlin on 8 March 2017; and Berlin to Darwin 11/12 March 2017.
- Mr Robert Crack is the Director International Operations and Mr George Christakis is the Western Markets Manager, UK/Europe and Americas.
- The purpose of this visit was to participate and lead the Northern Territory operator delegation to North America Marketplace (Pasadena, USA), the ITB (Berlin, Germany), Central Europe Roadshow (Zürich, Stuttgart and Munich), joint Northern Territory & South Australia Explorer's Way Trade & Media Event (Milan, Italy) and meet with key UK/European airline and trade distribution partners (London, United Kingdom).
- Mr Crack and Mr Christakis attended different meetings with different operators during the trip.
- A detailed report was prepared for the Minister's consideration, and the Minister was verbally briefed.