

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism and Culture

Overseas Travel to Singapore and China

In relation to the delegation that you led to Singapore and China in December 2017, to continue talks with a number of international airlines about flights to the Territory:

- a) Please advise additional outcomes achieved since this trip in terms of securing direct flights to the Territory.
- b) Please provide details of the Government employees who travelled, including position and agency.
- c) Please provide details of the people and local businesses, external to Government, who were invited and those who actually travelled, as part of this delegation.
- d) Please advise the total cost to Government of those members of the delegation identified in b) and c) above, broken down to fares, accommodation, travel allowance, other travel expenses and hospitality, indicating which agency paid for each traveller.

ANSWERS:

- a) As a result of the trip, Donghai Airlines made a public statement of its intent to commence a direct service between Guangzhou and Darwin. The service commencement is contingent on the receipt of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approval to operate in Australia. The CASA process has commenced and is progressing.
- b) The following Northern Territory Government employees accompanied Minister Moss to Singapore and China in December:
 - Ms Mary Fall, Chief of Staff to Minister Moss;

- Mr Michael Tennant, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Department of Trade, Business and Innovation and acting CEO, Department of Tourism and Culture (DTC);
- Mr Andrew Hopper, A/Deputy CEO, DTC; and
- Ms Valerie Smith, General Manager, Destination Development, DTC.

c) The following external stakeholders were invited and travelled to Singapore and China as part of this delegation:

- Mr Michael Bridge, CEO, Air North Group and Chair of the Tourism NT Board of Commissioners;
- Mr Ian Kew, CEO, NT Airports; and
- Mr Matt Findlay, Head of Aviation Business Development, NT Airports.

d)

Name	Flights*	Accomm	TA**	Other#	Hospitality***	Agency
Minister Moss	\$4650	\$1041	-	\$142 Airline Fee \$221.25 – Annual Visa fee	-	DCM
Mary Fall	\$4650	\$1041	\$113	\$142 Airline Fee \$221.25 – Annual Visa fee	-	DCM
Valerie Smith	\$2044	\$1042	\$131	\$634 Transport Singapore	\$2819	DTC
Michael Bridge	\$5009	\$1042	-	-	-	DTC
Andrew Hopper	\$4010	\$1021	\$257	\$192 One visit Visa fee	\$694	DTC
Michael Tennant	\$4014	\$1042	\$145	\$131.50 One visit Visa fee	\$906	DTBI
Other Costs	-	-	-	\$10 669 translation & transport service (China Ready & Accredited)	-	DTC
TOTAL	\$24 377	\$6229	\$646	\$11 779	\$4419	\$47 450

* Flights and accommodation were booked at different days and daily rates.

**Please note TA does vary as overpaid allowances have been recovered.

***Hospitality was for an investment roundtable, working lunches and dinners.

#Please note, some travellers hold annual visas

NT Airports booked and paid their own flights and accommodation.