

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Chief Minister:

Overseas travel undertaken by Hon Willem Westra van Holthe

1. How many official overseas trips to Vietnam has the Hon Willem Westra van Holthe undertaken since September 2012?
 2. Who approved each overseas trip to Vietnam by the Hon Willem Westra van Holthe?
 3. For each trip in (1) above:
 - (a) What was the purpose of the trip?
 - (b) What was the itinerary for the trip?
 - (c) What was the breakup of costs for the trip for each member of the delegation for:
 - (i) Travel?
 - (ii) Accommodation?
 - (iii) Transfers?
 - (iv) Hospitality?
 4. For each trip in (1) above:
 - (a) On how many occasions did the Minister take personal leave in conjunction with the trip?
 - (b) What was the duration of the personal leave?
 - (c) Who approved the personal leave?
 5. For each trip in (1) above:
 - (a) Were any gifts given to the Minister?
 - (b) If so, what gifts were received and what was the value?
 6. Would you provide me with all government documentation in relation to questions (1) to (5) above?
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ANSWER

1. The former Minister travelled to Vietnam on 5 occasions since September 2012.
2. The Chief Minister approves all ministerial overseas travel.
3. The attached table summarises all details of the travel.
4. Ministers do not receive recreation or personal leave entitlements; however Ministers will seek a leave of absence for the purposes of seeking approval for an Acting Minister to act on their behalf.
5. One gift of two boxes of cigars was declared by the former Minister as being received from the CT Group, valued at \$240.00.
6. All the information that has been requested is included in the attached table.

Traveller	Approver	First Departure Date	Final Arrival Date	Total Amount	Official Allowance	Accom	Travel Fare	Other Expense	Total GST	Origin	To	Reason for Travel
Willem Westra van Holthe	Chief Minister by Ministerial	30/11/2014 10:00	10/12/2014 13:25	9,891.80	0.00	439.38	9,225.56	226.86	898.69	Darwin	Singapore-Ha Noi-Hai Phong-Ha Noi-Nha Trang-Dak Lak-Nha Trang-Ho Chi Minh City-Phnom Penh-Kandal Province-Phnom Penh-Singapore-Perth	Darwin NT Industry Delegation to further develop the relationship between NT Govt and the Vietnamese Govt and Industry. Building a relationship with the Cambodian Govt and Industry
Minister Westravannolthe	Chief Minister by Ministerial	19/04/2015 15:30	24/04/2015 19:35	8,105.99	0.00	669.13	5,346.29	2,089.97	0.00	Darwin	Manila-Bangkok-Ho Chi Minh City-Singapore-Denpasar	Darwin A courtesy visit to further strengthen existing relations between the NT and industry in Vietnam, Philippines and Thailand. Introduction and relationship building in the Philippines and Thailand and to promote the NT as a supplier of choice for live cattle. To explore future opportunities for the potential other agricultural commodities that could be exported from the NT.
Minister Westravannolthe	Chief Minister by Ministerial	09/07/2015 10:25	13/07/2015 08:00	5,528.64	0.00	613.73	4,728.60	186.31	0.00	Ho Chi Minh	Hai Phong City-Hanoi-Nha Trang-Ho Chi Minh City-Singapore	Darwin To attend the official opening ceremony of the Khanh Hoa Sea Festival on behalf of CM and to attend meetings to strengthen existing relations between NTG and Vietnamese industry and promote NT as a supplier of choice for live cattle and buffalo. Travel with Alister Tiner, and booked by DPIF. Personal time precedes this trip. Minister meeting delegation in Ho Chi Minh.
Minister Westravannolthe	Chief Minister by Ministerial	09/08/2015 07:00	16/08/2015 05:15	11,631.43	0.00	3,354.93	8,059.37	217.13	0.00	Katherine	Darwin-Singapore-Jakarta-Bangkok-Ho Chi Minh City-Singapore	Darwin To further strengthen existing relations between northern Australia and industry in Indonesia and Thailand. Introduction and relationship building in Indonesia and Thailand and promote northern Australia as a supplier of choice for live cattle. Explore future possibilities for the potential for other agricultural commodities that could be exported from the NT. Delegation to include staff from DPIF, industry stakeholders and Bill Byrne MP QLD and Charles Easton MP WA.
Minister Westravannolthe	Chief Minister by Ministerial	10/03/2014 08:00	16/03/2014 09:25	10,105.00	0.00	1,605.00	8,500.00	0.00	918.64	Darwin	Kuala Lumpur-Ho Chi Minh City-Cam Ranh-Hanoi-Haiphong-Ho Chi Minh City	Melbourne To lead a NT Buffalo industry delegation to Vietnam, including department and media representatives. Introducing buffalo industry representatives to Vietnamese importers and promoting live export to Vietnam. Also to follow up on Chief Minister's previous visit. Travel to continue to Alice Springs on MR SFB3VD.