

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Chief Minister

Audit of overseas Ministerial Travel

1. During the recent whole of government audit of overseas Ministerial travel coordinated by your Department:
 - (a) On what date was the anomaly in relation to the cost of Minister Chandler's trip to the UK and the USA in September 2013 detected?
 - (b) On what date was the anomaly referred to NT Police for investigation?

ANSWER

All documentation relating to Latitude Travel held by the Department of the Chief Minister was provided to NT Police in February 2015.

In August 2015, overseas travel bookings with Latitude Travel were compared with costings from either travel web sites or corporate travel provider. As a result, on the 16 September 2015 the Department raised concerns relating to this trip with NT Police.

Subsequent to Northern Territory Government agencies undertaking an internal review of travel transactions from 2009 to 2015 booked through Latitude Travel, Winnellie Travel or Latitude 69, a request to NT Police to investigate the September 2013 trip was formally made in February 2016.