

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Chief Minister:

#### Overseas Ministerial Travel - Costs

For each overseas trip undertaken by Ministers in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 (year to date):

1. What is the itemised break-up of costs?
2. What are the details of any personal expenditure paid for by the Government?
3. When were these costs recouped?

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### ANSWER

The data requested in this question is considered an onerous imposition on the Department of the Chief Minister. Ministerial travel has been the subject of rigorous interrogation in the Estimates process and I refer you to responses provided previously. The travel report prepared for the 2014-15 Estimates question took Department staff 6 weeks to prepare and reconcile. This is not considered to be constructive use of public servants' time and is a waste of tax payer dollars.