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Dear Madam Speaker

**Basic Allowance Travel: Perth, 14 – 17 May 2017**

On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 I travelled to Perth to attend the Australian Petroleum Production Exploration Association (APPEA) Exhibition and Conference held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. I returned on 17 May 2017, staying three nights.

As you are aware the oil and gas industry have a tremendous impact on the Northern Territory economy through projects such as the Darwin LNG plant and the Ichthys LNG project. In addition, despite massive reserves detected onshore, the government has put in place a moratorium on onshore gas while it conducts a scientific inquiry into hydraulic fracturing.

Given the massive contribution the gas contributor makes, with the potential to increase markedly increase, it was extremely valuable to my work as a Member of the Legislative Assembly to listen first hand to the industry, and their perspectives on the challenges facing them.

The Country Liberals believe that allowing properly regulated onshore gas exploration and production will create jobs for Territorians, increase private investment into the Territory, and spur the building of further infrastructure in the bush, and for this reason I believed it was important to show the industry they still had friends in the Northern Territory parliament.

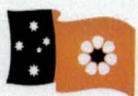
I heard speeches from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Hon Matt Canavan, the Premier of Western Australia, Hon Mark McGowan MP, The Chairman of APPEA, Bruce Lake, and the CEO of Woodside, Peter Coleman. Other discussions ranged from resource reserves of the North West Shelf, and the industry earning a social license all were interesting and of relevance to the economy and and political dialogue of the Northern Territory.

I had the opportunity to speak with representatives from numerous organisations, including APPEA, Clough, Conaco-Phillips, Katherine Mining Services Association, Nt Chamber of Commerce, NZ Government, Origin, Santos, Total, and Woodside,

Yours sincerely

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