

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Walker to the Minister for Tourism:

Hospitality in Japan

1. Has any Government agency paid for hospitality, entertainment or personal food and alcohol in relation to trips to Japan by the previous Minister for Tourism, Hon Matt Conlan MLA?
2. If so:
 - (a) On how many occasions and when?
 - (b) What was the total expenditure incurred?
 - (c) What is the itemised break- up of the expenditure incurred?
 - (d) Which other members of the Legislative Assembly, Ministerial Advisers or public sector employees were present?
 - (e) Who paid for the hospitality?
 - (f) What was the purpose of the hospitality?

ANSWER

1. Mr Conlan incurred costs against his ministerial travel cost centre for the Japan trip. I am also aware of a personal expense of Mr Conlan paid by the Chief Executive Officer of Tourism NT using his department's credit card for the amount of \$5119 which was subsequently reimbursed by Mr Conlan.
2. (a) Mr Conlan, as Minister for Tourism, travelled to Japan once as part of the Chief Minister's delegation to Japan and China.

The period of the trip was during 19-31 October 2013. The Japan leg was during 20-23 October 2013.

 - (b) Total hospitality, entertainment or personal food and alcohol incurred against the Minister's travel cost centre in relation to Japan is \$155.58.
 - (c) The \$155.58 amount solely relates to meal expenses incurred against the Minister's travel cost centre while in Japan.

(d) The delegation to Japan and China included:

- The Hon Adam Giles MLA, Chief Minister
- Mr Ron Kelly, former Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief Minister
- Mr Gary Barnes, former Chief Executive Officer, Department of the Chief Minister
- Mr Brian O'Gallagher, former Managing Director, Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment, Department of the Chief Minister
- Mr Kevin Fong, Director Project Coordination, Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment, Department of the Chief Minister
- Mr Tony Mayell, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism NT
- Ms Suzanne Morgan, Director International Operations, Tourism NT
- The Hon Peter Chandler MLA, Minister for Education
- Mr Ken Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Education.

(e) Not applicable. The \$155.58 amount solely relates to meal expenses.

(f) Not applicable.