

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Lands and Planning

**Overseas Travel by
former Minister**

- 1. What is the total itemised cost of travel undertaken by the former Minister, Hon Peter Chandler and his Chief of Staff to the UK and the USA in September 2013?**

The total cost for the Minister is \$32,496.67 consisting of:

Flights - \$21,788

Accommodation - \$9,942

Transport - \$516.67

Service Fees & Exchange Rate Fees - \$250

The total cost for the Senior Ministerial Adviser is \$32,496.67 consisting of:

Flights - \$21,788

Accommodation - \$9,942

Transport - \$516.67

Service Fees & Exchange Rate Fees - \$250

- 2. Who approved the travel?**

The Chief Minister the Hon Adam Giles MLA.

- 3. Who paid for the travel?**

The Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment (DLPE) co-ordinated the travel and made all flight and hotel bookings directly with the travel agent. These were then approved by the Minister's office and the costs were transferred to the Department of the Chief Minister after the invoices were paid.

- 4. What was the total itemised cost for the Planning Commissioner to undertake the UK/USA trip?**

The total cost for the Planning Commissioner is \$32,546.67 consisting of:

Flights - \$21,588

Accommodation - \$9,942

Transport - \$516.67

Service Fees & Exchange Rate Fees - \$500

- 5. Who approved the travel?**

Minister the Hon Peter Chandler MLA approved the Planning Commissioner's travel.

- 6. What were the itineraries for the Minister's and the Planning Commissioner's travel?**

Refer to Attachment A.

7. Would you please provide the Movement Requisition acquittals and related documentation for the travel undertaken by the Minister, his Senior Advisor and the Planning Commissioner?

Requests of this type should be made through the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act*. Indeed, the Leader of the Opposition's office has recently received material from the Department of the Chief Minister pursuant to Application DCMIR2015/34 identical to that requested in this written question.

8. Did anyone else accompany the delegation on the trip?

No.

9. If so would you please provide relevant details and itemised costs?

Not applicable.