

Estimates-related Community Questions

Ministerial Portfolio	DENR
Agency	DENR
OUTPUT GROUP	Whole of Agency
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Question:	Travel (5/6)
	In the case of international travel, please provide the purpose, itinerary, persons and costs involved in each trip and the written report into what taxpayers gained from the trip. If no report given to department chief executive exists, please explain why.

Answer:

NTG funded trip for the Director Land Assessment, Jason Hill, to attend the Soil, a balancing act down under conference in Queenstown New Zealand – dates of travel were 9 December to 16 December 2016. A total cost of \$3,584; with \$1,831 official duty fares, \$1,438 accommodation and \$315 travel allowance. Mr Hill attended as the NT representative and Chair of the National Committee on Soil and Terrain and this conference allows him to keep abreast of environmental and agricultural soil research in Australia and New Zealand. On Mr Hill return an article in the CE newsletter which is distributed to all staff was featured; and also in a NT public sector newsletter.

Externally funded trip for Chief Botanist, Ian Cowie, to attend heads of herbaria meeting in Auckland New Zealand – dates of travel were 6 November to 11 November 2016. A total cost of \$1,768; with \$911 official duty fares and \$857 accommodation. Mr Cowie is the Heads of Herbaria representative for the Northern Territory herbaria; the NT herbarium has maintained representation at CHAH meetings since the 1970's and at sub committees since their inception. No report was given to the Chief Executive, however the joint approach of the heads of herbaria group has been the driving force in obtaining substantial funding for many projects, and improving services benefiting the NT over many years.

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Externally funded trip for Scientist, Danielle Stokeld, to attend spatial capture- recapture modelling training course in Atlanta America – dates of travel are 10 July to 18 July 2016. A total cost of \$5,004; with \$3,387 official duty fares, \$824 accommodation and \$793 travel allowance. Ms Stokeld plays a key role in developing methods to optimise the departments monitoring and evaluation of feral cat populations in the Top End. The Flora and Fauna division collects a range of data types which can be used to evaluate the effects on management actions on animal populations. However the analytical and modelling methods are rapidly developing and few staff have the knowledge or skills necessary to implement them. The course material was highly applicable to work undertaken by the division and similar training in this highly specialised field is not available in Australia. No report was given to the Chief Executive, however attending this course has allowed Ms Stokeld to provide advice and expertise back to others in the division and to stakeholders.