

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister:

**Trip to Hawaii 2017**

1. What was the purpose of this trip to Hawaii?
2. Why did the Chief Minister spend 5-6 days in Hawaii?
3. Could the full travel details of the Chief Minister's trip to Hawaii be provided including dates and the travel itinerary?
4. How many meetings did the Chief Minister attend during this trip?
5. Who did he meet with and for how long did the Chief Minister meet with these people?
6. How many people did the NT Government fund to go on this trip with the Chief Minister?
7. Please provide the full cost of this trip for each person who travelled on this trip as a part of the Chief Minister's entourage or group. Please provide the cost per person, including travel, accommodation, travel allowance and miscellaneous costs per person.
8. What has the NT gained by the Chief Minister's trip to Hawaii?

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**ANSWER**

1. A program was developed around Remembrance Day / Veterans Day ceremonies in Hawaii to capitalise on the opportunity to meet with key personnel in United States Pacific Command (USPACOM), the Marines, Air Force and Navy to continue to build positive engagement between the NT and US Force Posture.

\$20 billion in defence infrastructure investment is planned for the Northern Territory over the next 20 years. \$2 billion of this investment will be shared by Australia and the United States as part of the joint Australia-US Force Posture Initiative.

USPACOM is one of six geographic combatant commands defined by the US Department of Defense's Unified Command Plan (UCP). USPACOM is in

charge of using and integrating United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps forces within the USPACOM area of responsibility (AOR). The USPACOM AOR covers more of the globe of any of the other geographic combatant commands and shares borders with all of the other five US geographic combatant commands.

The commander of US Pacific Command (currently Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr.) reports to the President of the United States through the Secretary of Defense and is supported by multiple component and sub-unified commands including: US Forces Korea, US Forces Japan, US Special Operations Command Pacific, US Pacific Fleet, US Marine Forces Pacific, US Pacific Air Forces and US Army Pacific.

The USPACOM AOR includes more than 50% of the world's population, approximately 3,000 different languages, several of the world's largest militaries, two of the three largest economies in the world along with ten of the fourteen smallest. It is also home to five nations allied with the US through mutual defence treaties.

The delegation took part in commemoration events connected to Veterans Day and the Armistice, including a ceremony to mark the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day. This is to recognise the close relationship between the wartime history of the United States of America (USA), Hawaii, Australia (Northern Territory), and the existing close relationship which includes the joint facilities, US Marines, Air Force and a range of joint activities.

2. The Chief Minister spent four days in Hawaii, arriving on 8 November 2017 and departing on 12 November 2017.

3. **Chief Minister**

08/11/2017 Darwin to Alice Springs  
Alice Springs to Sydney  
Sydney to Honolulu

12/11/2017 Honolulu to Sydney (arriving Sydney 13/11/2017)

14/11/2017 Sydney to Melbourne  
Melbourne to Darwin

**Advisor to Chief Minister**

08/11/2017 Darwin to Alice Springs  
Alice Springs to Sydney  
Sydney to Honolulu

12/11/2017 Honolulu to Sydney (arriving Sydney 13/11/2017)

14/11/2017 Sydney to Melbourne  
Melbourne to Darwin

### **NT Defence and National Security Advocate**

08/11/2017 Canberra to Melbourne  
Melbourne to Honolulu  
13/11/2017 Honolulu to Sydney (arriving Sydney 14/11/2017)  
14/11/2017 Sydney to Canberra

### **Representative from the Northern Australia Development and Trade division**

08/11/2017 Darwin to Alice Springs  
Alice Springs to Sydney  
Sydney to Honolulu  
12/11/2017 Honolulu to Sydney (arriving Sydney 13/11/2017)  
14/11/2017 Sydney to Melbourne  
Melbourne to Darwin

4. Seven.
5. Numerous formal and informal meetings and discussions were held with USPACOM leadership over the period of the visit, including attendance at 3 different memorial services and the 242<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Formal meetings were held with:

Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr, Commander US Pacific Command (PACOM)

Lieutenant General David H. Berger, Commander US Marine Corps Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC)

General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)

Admiral Scott H. Swift, Commander US Pacific Fleet

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii

Scott Warner, US Air Force Civil Engineer Centre (PACAF) and regional representative Society of American Military Engineers (delegation)

Mr Carl Baker, Executive Director, Pacific Forum – Center for Strategic and International Studies

Mr Jeff Robinson, Consul General in Honolulu, United States of America

(These meetings averaged approximately 1 hour in duration)

6. Three plus the Chief Minister.

7. The Chief Minister: \$13,036.32

Advisor to the Chief Minister: \$13,608.03

NT Defence and National Security Advocate: \$15,181.09

Representative from the Northern Australia Development and Trade division: \$6,387.62

These figures are released as a total quarterly on the Ministerial Travel website - <https://dcm.nt.gov.au/ministerial-travel>

8. Established new and strengthened existing relationships with key US Military officials.

Gained an increased understanding of the potential for supply and service opportunities to support US regional interests.

Identified opportunities for ongoing dialog with senior decision-makers and leaders in the US military services.

Had discussions in relation to the Indo-Pacific Security situation and the role the NT can play in contributing to Australian National Security and US regional interests.