

**Question No: 159**

**Question: Departmental International Travel**

**Date: 22/09/92**

**Member: Mr BAILEY**

**To: MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. How many overseas trips for the Department of Health and Community Services have been made by -

- (a) the minister;
- (b) the Secretary of the department;
- (c) the Assistant Secretary;
- (d) Deputy Secretaries;
- (e) The Chief Executive Office, Royal Darwin Hospital; and
- (d) section medical staff, Royal Darwin Hospital,

in the following financial years -

- (i) 1991-92; and
- (ii) 1992-93 to date.

2. What was the duration of each of the above trips.

3. What was the purpose of each of the above trips.

4. What was the cost of each of the above trips.

**ANSWER**

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(a) Minister for Health and Community Services - This question should be referred to the Chief Minister.

(b) Secretary

Purpose: Further develop sister hospital relations and the exchange of staff, and to investigate

Indonesian community health needs. Meet with the Governor of State and the head of the

Health Department.

Duration: 25.4.92 - 2.5.92

Cost: \$474.20.

(c) Assistant Secretaries

Purpose: Compulsory trip to Kupang as part of the Indonesian course being undertaken through

the Adult Education Centre. Ongoing involvement with future negotiations with Indonesia.

Duration: 19.9.92 - 26.9.92

Cost: \$370.00.

Purpose: To attend study itinerary on cooperative initiatives in health, East Indonesia.

Duration: 24.8.91 - 31.8.91

Cost: \$458.00.

(d) Deputy Secretary

Purpose: To attend study itinerary on cooperative initiatives in health, East Indonesia.

Duration: 24.8.91 - 31.8.91

Cost: \$458.00.

(e) General Manager, Royal Darwin Hospital

Purpose: To prepare draft plans with staff from the Kupang and Soe Hospital for 1992.

Duration: 7.12.91 - 14.12.91

Cost: \$329.40.

Purpose: Further develop sister hospital relationship and exchange of staff, and to investigate

Indonesian community health needs.

Duration: 25.4.92 - 2.5.92

Cost: Salary only. (Fare paid by AIDAB).

Purpose: To meet with people associated with AIDAB in Indonesia and learn what is required to put a

successful bid for assistance together for the Sister Hospital Project.

Duration: 19.7.92 - 29.7.92

Cost: \$5266.

(f) Snr Registrar/Surgery

Purpose: To further sister hospital relationship between Royal Darwin Hospital and Kupang/Soe

(West Timor) and to undertake reconstructive surgery in Soe.

Duration: 10.11.91 - 22.11.91

Cost: Salary only.

Purpose: To further sister hospital relationship between Royal Darwin Hospital and Kupang/Soe

(West Timor) and to undertake reconstructive surgery in Soe.

Duration: 11.12.91 - 21.12.91

Cost: Salary only.

Specialist

Purpose: To set relationship for reconstructive surgery Royal Darwin Hospital and Kupang/Soe.

Duration: 7.12.91 - 21.12.91

Cost: Salary only.

Specialist/Paediatrics

Purpose: To provide advice and training to sister hospitals in the paediatric specialty.

Duration: 27.4.92 - 6.5.92

Cost: Salary only.

Visiting Staff Specialist/Paediatrics

Purpose: To provide advice and training to sister hospital in the paediatric specialty.

Cost: Paid normal sessions.

NB. The above figures do not include trips undertaken (by doctors, nurses and the General Manager) whilst staff were utilising recreation leave where no costs were

borne by the Department of Health and Community Services.