

MINISTER VOWLES
Estimates Review Committee

Travel

Question 1:

Please provide the total expenditure and itemised details of travel, including but not limited to, travel-related costs such as itinerary, accommodation, travel allowance, entertainment, hospitality, car rental, meals and incidentals for all chief executives in each agency from July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 for international, intrastate and interstate travel.

Response:

Chief Executive Travel Expenses


For the Period 01 July 2016 to 31 March 2017

Total expenses from the Government Accounting System (GAS)

	NTG Funded \$	Total Cost \$GST Exc
International	19,488.16	19,488.16
Interstate	6,657.70	6,657.70
Intrastate	3,589.85	3,589.85
Other Travel Cost*	1,884.44	1,884.44
Total	31,620.15	31,620.15

*Includes Air Charter, Bus fares and booking fees

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Tabled By: Vowles
Signed: 

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Question 2:

Please provide a list of all international cities or towns visited by chief executives from July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 and please list the number of times the chief executive has visited that location over the last five years.

Response:

Rizhao City (1) and Beijing (3) – China

Jakarta (3), and Balikpapan (2) – Indonesia

Tokyo (1) – Japan.

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Question 3:

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 minister exists, please explain why.

Response:

3 Trip reports attached.

Rizhao City - Beijing and Shandong Province China –

Jakarta, and Balikpapan, East Kalimantan Province – Indonesia
(16-0740-sec)

Tokyo – Japan (17-0153-sec)

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Dept Ref: 16-0830-SEC

Min Ref: 2016/0223-LEN

HPRM Ref: 2014/0579

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Title: Northern Territory-Rizhao City Joint Economic Cooperation Forum

Destination: Rizhao, Shandong Province (China)

Date/s: 1-8 November 2016

Travel approved: 6 April 2016

Officer/s travelling: Alister Trier, Ian Scrimgeour, Lorraine Corowa and Fiona Park

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PURPOSE

A delegation from the Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) travelled to Beijing and Shandong Province, China to participate in the Northern Territory (NT)-Rizhao City Joint Economic Cooperation Forum (Forum) between 1-8 November 2016 and to attend the 23rd China Yangling Agricultural Hi-Tech Fair.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES

The objectives of the visit (as defined prior to the trip) were to:

- Play an active role in the delivery of the agribusiness and minerals streams at the Rizhao Forum
- Communicate the NT's ongoing willingness to be a trusted, long-term and stable supplier of minerals and agricultural commodities to China
- Provide a platform in which NT agribusiness and minerals organisations can identify and directly access potential investing and trading partners
- Support industry representatives included in the delegation

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED/GAINED FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Outcome 1 – achieved:

Play an active role in the delivery of the agribusiness and minerals streams at the Forum

The Forum was made up of various elements, including a formal government to government meeting, business banquets, site visits, a morning plenary session, and an afternoon in which Chinese delegates attended breakout sessions focussed on different NT economic sectors. DPIR delivered separate breakout sessions focussed on agribusiness and minerals & energy.

The minerals and energy breakout session took the form of a business roundtable, with approximately 25 Chinese attendees from 13 organisations. The organisations included prominent industry players Shandong Iron and Steel, Rizhao Iron & Steel, and a subsidiary of the Shandong Provincial Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (SDGM). The Chinese delegation at the session was led by Mr Yue, a senior official from China's Ministry of Commerce, which plays an influential role in the approval of Chinese outbound investments. DPIR Chief Executive Officer Alister Trier exchanged opening remarks with Mr Yue on behalf of the NT delegates present.

Ian Scrimgeour, Executive Director of the NT Geological Survey, gave a well-received overview presentation about the NT's minerals and energy sector. Other NT delegation presentations included Rum Jungle Resources (owner of the Ammaroo phosphate and Karinga Lakes potash projects), SRA Information Technology (provider of environmental management software) and the Minerals Council of Australia – NT Division.



Minerals and energy breakout session

The agriculture session was the largest breakout group, with 30 Chinese attendees from a range of companies including cold chain logistics, farming machinery, food importers and processors, donkey farming and processing, aquaculture, biofuels and Landbridge subsidiaries. DPIR Chief Executive Alister Trier co-chaired the session with Ms Shen Shuqing who is a high profile Executive Deputy District Mayor of the Lanshan District, including Rizhao City.

Lorraine Corowa, Director Major Agribusiness Projects provided a well-received overview of the trade and investment opportunities in agriculture and aquaculture in the NT including reference to the two industry participants who were present at the forum, Mark Sullivan from Flying Fox Station and James Paspaley from the Paspaley Group. Both industry participants received significant interest from forum attendees.

Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Chief Executive Officer Tracey Hayes provided a presentation on the pastoral industry and also donated a stock whip as a business card draw prize. This was well received and won by Mr Zheng Qiang, General Manager of Rizhao Tianze Cold Chain Logistics Co. who had travelled to Darwin in the May 2016 delegation and may be considering investment in the new Landbridge industrial park at East Arm.

Outcome 2 – achieved:

Communicate the NT's ongoing willingness to be a trusted, long-term and stable supplier of minerals and agricultural commodities to China

At both the formal government-to-government meeting and the plenary session, NT Chief Minister Hon. Michael Gunner MLA reaffirmed the NT's commitment to a solid trade and investment relationship with China. The scale of the NT delegation visiting Rizhao – numbering more than 80 – reinforced the importance of the relationship to the NT.

During the Forum's site visits, the NT delegation witnessed the development of new facilities designed to accommodate the expected increase in exports of NT agricultural and mineral commodities over coming years, arising from the lease of the Port of Darwin to China's Landbridge Group. One of this site visits was to Landbridge's own port in Rizhao, capable of high-volume handling of bulk commodities. Another site visit was to the new Australia-China Industrial Park in Rizhao, which will include extensive refrigerated storage facilities for food imports.



Mineral unloading facilities at Rizhao Port



Landbridge Rizhao Port complete design concept



New refrigerated bonded storage facilities in Rizhao

In Beijing Chief Executive Alister Trier, Lorraine Corowa and James Paspaley were invited to inspect the processing facility of Sino-Australia Top Beef. The Department has been working with the owner, Mr Zhang, for the past 2 years to facilitate trade and investment in the Northern Territory. This company has successfully imported a box of frozen Humpty Doo Barramundi on a trial basis and is confident of future trade. Sino-Australia Top Beef owns cattle properties and feedlots in Victoria and New South Wales and is expanding its processing facilities in China.



Also in Beijing meetings were arranged with the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Austrade to discuss progress in live cattle, donkey protocols and potential for melon imports.

Outcome 3 – achieved:

Provide a platform in which NT agribusiness and minerals organisations can identify and directly access potential investing and trading partners

There were numerous opportunities for NT companies in the delegation to meet and build relationship with potential new Chinese business partners. The NT delegation was well represented by organisations from the agribusiness and minerals & energy sectors, including:

- NT Cattlemen's Association
- The Paspaley Group
- Mark Sullivan from Flying Fox Station
- Various groups interested in donkey farming and processing
- Rum Jungle Resources
- SRA Information Technology
- Minerals Council of Australia – NT Division
- Atrile Solutions

DPIR will track any investment and new trading relationships that arise from the introductions and networking which took place at the Forum.

Other activities:

Minerals and energy meeting in Jinan

Dr Scrimgeour and Ms Park travelled to Rizhao via Jinan, the capital city of Shandong Province. In Jinan they met with the Shandong Provincial Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources (SDGM), a long-time contact of DPIR. SDGM has been an active investor in Australia's minerals sector for more than a decade. It has recently expanded its investment interests to include agribusiness assets, having purchased a farming property in South Australia. During the meeting, SDGM stated that, with recent signs of a recovery in mineral commodity prices, it would be actively seeking new mineral investments in 2017, and intended to visit the NT within the next year.

Yangling Agriculture Hi-Tech Fair in Shaanxi

Chief Executive, Mr Alister Trier travelled to China in February 2016 with a delegation of Chief Executives to strengthen relationship with Chinese officials and industry in provinces where the Northern Territory has established formal ties. Yangling is an agriculture demonstration zone just outside Xian and is the host site for the largest agriculture fair in China, attracting more than 1.5 million people over 4 days. Mr Trier was invited to attend and Lorraine Corowa was given the honour of presenting trade and investment opportunities during a forum on international cooperation and cross border investment on the economic belt and road, the signature investment policy of the Chinese Government.



Presentation of NT trade and investment opportunities at Yangling

A meeting was also held with the Foreign Affairs Office of the International Cooperation Bureau for the Yangling Agricultural Hi-Tech Industries Demonstration Zone. At this meeting the Director, Mr Ming Tao committed to bringing a delegation of “dragon-head” agriculture investors to the Northern Territory early in 2017. Dragon-head companies are those who have been approved by the Chinese Government for outward investment. This delegation is a strong sign that the NT has forged a solid relationship with Yangling Agriculture Hi-Tech Industries Demonstration Zone.



Yangling Agriculture Hi-Tech Industries Demonstration Zone model

FOLLOW UP ACTION REQUIRED

Detailed notes were taken of all investor enquiries and meetings held in China.

Major actions arising from the visit include:

1. Liaise with SDGM to organise its planned investor visit to Darwin in 2017.
2. Continue to work closely with other NT government agencies who participated in the Forum to maximise new investment and trade opportunities for the NT. This particularly includes the Office of Asian Engagement, Trade and Investment (Department of Trade, Business and Innovation) which was the lead agency on this delegation.
3. Follow up with Paspaley Group regarding future trade opportunities scoped during the visit
4. Liaison with Yangling Agricultural Hi-Tech Industries Demonstration Zone regarding future delegation of investors in 2017.
5. Participation on a panel with the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with Rizhao Department of Commerce for future joint trade and investment activities.

CONCLUSION

DPIR's participation in the Northern Territory (NT)–Rizhao City Joint Economic Cooperation Forum achieved its objectives.

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Group Head:	Ian Scrimgeour	95377
	Lorraine Corowa	95363
Chief Executive	Alister Trier	92005

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Dept Ref: 16-0740-SEC
Min Ref: 2016/0300-12EV
HPRM Ref:

MIN.LIAISON

Title:

To accompany Minister Ken Vowles MLA on a courtesy visit to Indonesia including a visit to the East Kalimantan Project

Destination:

Jakarta, East Kalimantan Province and Lampung, Indonesia.

Date/s:

4-11 December 2016

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Travel approved:

6 October 2016 (refer Attachment A).

22 DEC 2016

Officer/s travelling:

Mr Alister Trier and Mr Neil MacDonald

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PURPOSE

To accompany the Hon Ken Vowles MLA, Minister for Primary Industry and Resources on a courtesy visit to Indonesia for meetings with Senior Indonesian Government Officials and industry leaders, and to conduct a supervision visit of the East Kalimantan Project.

BACKGROUND

Minister Vowles chose to visit Indonesia in December 2016 as his first official overseas visit, focussing on the cattle industry and the BIMP-EAGA Friendship Games. He was accompanied by Mr Rohan Sullivan representing the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) and Mr Stuart Kemp representing the NT Live Exporters Association (NTLEA). Mr Steve Rossingh, Chief of Staff, accompanied the Minister throughout the visit and Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) accompanied the Minister for the first day in Jakarta.

The live cattle trade to Indonesia, of major importance to the economy of the NT, is currently facing a number of challenges. The high price of Australian cattle is severely impacting on the domestic price of beef in Indonesia. To counteract this, the Indonesian Government has permitted the importation of frozen buffalo meat from India, which is expected to have a major impact on the demand for cattle from Australia.

The Indonesian Government has also introduced a regulation requiring importers from 2018, to import and manage one breeder per five feeders. These two new policies are expected to further reduce the profitability of the feedlot sector, which has already been severely impacted by high cattle prices. In recent months, personnel changes within the Indonesian Department of Livestock Services have resulted in reduced communication with the NT, so it is hoped that the Minister's visit will encourage further effective strategic dialogue.

DPIR is currently supervising a project in East Kalimantan in which 2 000 heifers are being managed by nearly 1 000 small-holder farmers. For project management, Mr MacDonald tries to visit East Kalimantan approximately once every two-to-three months.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES

- Familiarisation tour by the Minister of the Indonesian beef industry, including meetings with key government and industry personnel.
- Supervision visit to the East Kalimantan project

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED/GAINED FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

- Successful meetings with the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr Paul Grigson; the Director-General of the Indonesian Department of Trade; representatives of the Director-General of Livestock Services in Jakarta on 5 December 2016; and the Director of Livestock for East Kalimantan in Samarinda, Pak Dadang Sudarya, on 6 December 2016.
- A successful dinner in Jakarta on 5 December 2016, where eight senior Indonesian cattle importers and two graduates of the NTCA Indonesian student exchange had an opportunity to meet the Minister.
- Visit to the Juang Jaya feedlot near Lampung, South Sumatra on 9 December 2016. This is a well-established facility, 80% owned by the Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC). During the visit the Minister was able to see the cattle, most of which were finished and ready for market, the feed resources and mill, the farming area, and discuss the operation with the feedlot managers.
- On 7 December 2016, the Minister had the opportunity to see a wet market in East Kalimantan.
- On 7 December 2016, Mr MacDonald had a very useful meeting in Samarinda with senior staff from the East Kalimantan Department of Livestock Services.
- On 8 December 2016, Mr MacDonald and Mr Kemp visited the East Kalimantan Breeder Project, south of Balikpapan. Eight farms in the Bubalu area of Penajam regency were inspected. Mr Sullivan was unable to accompany them that day, as he was sick. The inspection was generally pleasing. A summary of the conclusions from that day are provided below. An Itinerary of the travel is provided (refer Attachment B).

FOLLOW UP ACTION REQUIRED

- Further communication will be conducted, whenever possible, with the Department of Livestock Services, preferably at Director-General level.
- The Director-General of Livestock Services will be approached by the Indonesian Co-Chair of the Red Meat Partnership, to seek his endorsement for an extension of the East Kalimantan project.

BUDGET

The cost of Mr MacDonald's trip, totalling \$3 932 and was fully paid by the external funding provided to the East Kalimantan Breeder Project by the Federal Government on behalf of the Indonesia-Australia Partnership for Food Security in the Cattle and Red Meat Sector.

CONCLUSION

A short summary of information learnt at each meeting held during the week, is as follows:

Australian Ambassador

- An up-to-date description of the Indonesian business environment and the Indonesian beef industry.
- The Ambassador stressed that the beef trade was "all about price". Reducing the domestic price of beef was the primary job description of the Director-General of Livestock Services and this depends greatly on the price of Australian cattle.
- A discussion of areas of trade with Indonesia that could be expanded, notably education, training and tourism. Charles Darwin University has the potential to capture a bigger Indonesian market, especially as they are the only University to integrate vocational training and undergraduate studies.
- Investment in Australia - there would be lots of potential investors for shovel-ready projects. Aquaculture would be of particular interest.

Director-General of Trade and Livestock Services staff

- Discussion of some of the issues facing the Indonesian Government.
- Discussions about trade and availability of Australian cattle for breeding.
- Requested an update on the East Kalimantan Project (which will be prepared by DPIR and communicated through Mr Dean Merrilees).

Pak Dadang, Director of Livestock for East Kalimantan

- Introductory meeting for the Minister.
- He said the East Kalimantan project was 'going very well'.

Juang Jaya feedlot

- This is a very well set up and run feedlot.
- Target weight gain for cattle is 1.7 kilograms/day which they achieve by varying the diet to overcome issues of nutritional variability in the feed ingredients.
- Most of the cattle in the feedlot were already finished and should have gone off to slaughter, but as there had been no supply for feeders for three months to maintain a continuing supply to the market.
- Managers reported that they had not made a profit for some time and they were pessimistic about the prospects for the coming years.

Mr MacDonald's meeting with East Kalimantan Livestock Services staff (Dinas)

- The Dinas staff had a realistic understanding of the project, in terms of both appreciation of progress made and challenges remaining.
- The Dinas staff was updated on a possible extension of the Project for a further year, with a decision due in February 2017.
- The Dinas staff was evasive when the issue of tracking down more bulls was raised. It seems clear that ownership issues will prevent more bulls being

supplied to the project, so the farmers will have to rely on Artificial Insemination (AI) and the young bulls already there growing up.

- The Dinas staff asked for assistance to improve their AI system and for pregnancy-testing training. Help with AI had already been considered for the Project so that was agreed, subject to the project being extended until 2018. Pregnancy training could also be arranged though the logistics of assembling sufficient cows in one place would be a challenge.
- It was explained that the proposed pasture course in the NT to which departmental staff had been invited, was not supported by the Indonesian members of the Red Meat Committee. Alternative ways of delivering this training are being considered.
- An honest discussion was held about the performance of the Dinas staff assigned to assist the project; good in some areas, poor in others.

Visit to Breeder project

- Because of time constraints, the sample of eight farms inspected was not representative of the whole project. Nevertheless, it was encouraging Cattle condition was very good throughout.
- More calves had been born from AI than expected
- The immature bulls delivered earlier this year are growing up and putting on weight faster than expected. One was reported to be mating.
- Some farmers were getting the message about weaning, some were not. The size of the unweaned calves (up to 300 kg at ten months) was causing a lot of admiration but these growth rates would be at the expense of a second calf.
- The most encouraging sign was the Dinas staff has started to remove cows from poor farmers who were not feeding them adequately and giving them to the better cooperatives.
- A potential applicant for a position assisting Mr Greg Smith with data collection was identified.

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Group Head	Neil MacDonald	39746
Chief Executive	Alister Trier	92005



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Dept Ref: 17-0153-SEC
Min Ref: 2017/0250-KEU
HPRM Ref: P2016/00072

Title: Northern Australia Agricultural Development Forum

Destination: Tokyo, Japan

Date/s: 13-14 March 2017

Travel approved: 21 February 2017 (refer Attachment A)

Officer/s travelling: Mr Alister Trier and Ms Linda Lee

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PURPOSE

An invitation was extended to the Northern Territory (NT) Government to attend the Japan-Australia Public and Private Sector Forum on Northern Australia Agricultural Development (the Forum). In discussion with the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) it was agreed that the Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) was best placed to present, since it would build on our existing relationship with the Japanese Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MAFF) formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on research and development projects for agriculture and aquaculture, and development of supply chain logistics into South-East Asian markets.

Mr Alister Trier, Chief Executive, DPIR and Ms Linda Lee, Manager Food Industry Investment, DPIR attended.

In addition to the Forum, high-level meetings were undertaken with a range of potential investment partners.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES

The proposed outcomes for the trip included:

- Promotion of agribusiness opportunities in the Territory;
- Meeting with potential industry partners to discuss investment and trade opportunities in northern Australia;
- Expansion of NT Government's network to facilitate direct access for Territory agribusinesses; and
- Strengthening of our partnership with MAFF to deliver agreed outcomes through the MoC.

Refer to Attachment B for a detailed Itinerary.

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED/GAINED FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

The presentation at the Forum provided general information about the Territory, including the scale of our agribusinesses, investment attraction policies, and specific

opportunities for investment. The presentation was very well received with gratitude offered from the Japanese Government and industry participants.

Mr David Thorn, Managing Director of Darway also presented the proposed NT Clean Food Park Project; a large scale protected horticultural facility in the Greater Darwin Region comprising (at full scale) a total of 6 500 hectares of greenhouse. The presentation emphasised the early stage of the proposed development with pre-feasibility work underway to confirm financial viability, and no current official NT Government status.

Following the Forum, a reception was held during which a number of introductions were made with Forum participants. Importantly, DPIR was able to connect with JA Zenchu (Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives), potential industry partners including Fuji Oil and Mayekawa, and an extended network of Japanese-based trade and investment officers from MAFF, Austrade and the Queensland and Western Australian (WA) Governments. Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia made an impromptu visit to the reception, which added gravitas to the occasion and signified the Australian Government's commitment to working with Japan in developing agriculture in northern Australia.

A meeting was held with senior representatives of the Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC). Following a discussion about opportunities in the Territory for agriculture and resources, SMBC shared information on their Growth Industry Project. This project operates differently to other divisions in the organisation, in that it has moved from finding bankable projects to assisting with the development of bankable projects with partners. Examples of innovative lending arrangements for agribusiness projects were provided from the Philippines, Vietnam and Brazil.

Fuji Oil met with Mr Trier and Ms Lee for a briefing on their global sourcing, processing and marketing operations. Their products include: fats and oils, chocolate, cream, spreads and fillings, soy protein, and soy food products. Fuji Oil invests heavily in research and product development, including the recent development of a new manufacturing process to produce dairy-free products such as cheese. Advice was provided on the technical requirements for culinary soybean production and suggestion provided to investigate cacao production, since there is currently a supply short-fall.

A meeting was also held with the global trading house Inabata. Inabata provided detailed information about their company's history and diversification from their origins in textiles, as well the types of agriculture and food products they were looking to source. Information was exchanged about the potential opportunities in northern Australia by Territory and WA Governments, as well industry representatives. Mr Stuart Hughes, representing the Paspaley Group, was able to discuss the range of products offered by their pastoral portfolio including crops which could be developed from diversification of their lease holdings in the Katherine region and Bunnamagoo wines.

MAFF senior officers hosted a working lunch during which a range of topics related to our ongoing relationship were canvassed. The discussion provided fine-tuning of the MoC Masterplan which sets out the projects to be agreed for delivery. MAFF also indicated their intention to send another delegation to northern Australia in late 2017 or early 2018, with the emphasis of this delegation on encouraging Japanese farmers to view agribusiness opportunities.

A meeting was held with Mr Adam Cunneen, which provided useful contextual information on investment partnerships with Japan. Previously an employee of the NT Government, Mr Cunneen is the Commissioner with the Victorian Government Business Office. The nuances of the process used to facilitate Japanese investments into an agribusiness (Kaiteki fresh) and a proposed resource development (ultra-supercritical black coal technology) in Victoria were described and provide useful insights into our own negotiations.

During the trip formal meetings and informal conversations were held with senior Austrade representatives, including the Senior Trade Commissioner (based in Tokyo) and the Senior Investment Specialist for Agribusiness and Resources (based in Sydney). Austrade relayed very positive feedback from MAFF with regard to DPIR's approach to working together. They offered advice regarding our strategies for engaging other potential investment partners and reaffirmed their ongoing support to our efforts.

FOLLOW UP ACTION REQUIRED

There are a range of follow-up actions from the meetings held, as well as from introductions made at the Forum, which are detailed in DPIR's meeting notes (refer Attachment C). There is also an ongoing program of work to implement the MAFF MoC as detailed in the draft Masterplan.

CONCLUSION

This was an extremely short, but worthwhile, trip to strengthen our relationship with MAFF, potential industry partners and our northern Australian colleagues. It was a very visible demonstration of our ongoing commitment to implementing the MoC with MAFF.


The trip also provided an opportunity to increase potential Japanese partner's awareness of specific opportunities in the Territory, in conjunction with our local industry partners.

Action Officer:	Linda Lee	96058
Group Head:	Lorraine Corowa	95363
Chief Executive	Alister Trier	92005



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Response:

DPIR Total Travel Expenses

For the Period 01 July 2016 to 31 March 2017

Total expenses from the Government Accounting System (GAS)

	NTG Funded \$	Externally Funded \$
International	99,185.49	61,850.57
Interstate	213,835.46	92,574.93
Intrastate	479,363.11	63,537.26
Other Travel Cost*	36,551.24	12,005.64
Total	828,935.30	229,968.40

*Includes Air Bus Train And Boat Charter and QBT booking fees

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Question 5:

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.

Response:

See attached.

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NOTE:

Data is per the Travel Request Information Processing System (TRIPS) and includes all acquitted travel that occurred during the period 01 July 2016 and 31 March 2017.

*TRIPS Travel Cost will not match the Government Accounting System (GAS) due to timing of expenses paid in GAS.

INTERNAL FUNDING

Position	*Travel Cost \$	Travel Date From	Travel Date To	Destination	Reason for Travel
Senior Aquatic Resource Manager, Fisheries	6,340.38	29/06/2016	20/07/2016	Aberdeen, Scotland	Attend the International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET 2016) Conference 10-15 July 2016. Funded by Chief Minister's 2014 Award: Delivering a Balanced Environment
Regional Manager, Market & Enterprise Development	4,284.10	11/07/2016	25/07/2016	Saskatoon, Canada	Attend the 10th International Rangelands Congress (IRC) held in Saskatoon, Canada 17-23 July 2016. Invited to present "Quality Graze Steer Challenge - Engaging Pastoralists in Central Australia". [Traveller Self-Funded Airfare]
Senior Petroleum Engineer	5,644.02	14/08/2016	20/08/2016	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Attend the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) "Reserves, Resources and Definition Workshop" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 15-18 August 2016.
Pastoral Production Officer	2,317.03	2/09/2016	15/09/2016	Berlin, Germany	To attend the International Conference of the Association of Institutions for Tropical Veterinary Medicine (AITVM) and the Society of Tropical Veterinary Medicine (STVM). Opportunity to also promote officer's Abstract Poster "Muscle glycogen at slaughter is higher with higher growth rates in extensively managed cattle."
Director - Livestock Industry Development	2,677.76	16/09/2016	23/09/2016	East Kalimantan, Indonesia	Provide technical assistance to East Kalimantan Indonesia Provincial Government breeder importation program as part of the NTG's commitment to the Live Export Trade and Indonesia's livestock industry development.
Director Investment Attraction	6,097.01	19/09/2016	27/09/2016	Tianjin China	Delivery of industry delegation to promote opportunities for international investment in the NT's resource sector. Delegation timed to coincide with the China Mining Congress held annually in Tianjin.

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Phone: 8999 7879

Date: 20/06/2017

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Position	*Travel Cost \$	Travel Date From	Travel Date To	Destination	Reason for Travel
Executive Director Geoscience	6,539.10	21/09/2016	30/09/2016	Tianjin China and Tokyo Japan	Delivery of industry delegation to promote opportunities for international investment in the NT's resource sector. Delegation timed to coincide with the China Mining Congress held annually in Tianjin. Represent the NT at the Australian Minerals Investment Seminar in Tokyo Japan.
Primary Industry Livestock Management Officer	2,570.28	8/10/2016	17/10/2016	Haiphong and M'Drak, Vietnam	Request from exporting company South East Asian Livestock Services for officer to provide technical assistance and monitoring to 500 Northern Territory buffalo to Animex in Hai Phong, Vietnam and provide advice on setting up a Beef Breeder Management Plan for the Red Star farm in M'Drak.
Director Investment Attraction Chief Executive Senior Director - Major Project Development Executive Director NT Geological Survey	23,686.15	1/11/2016	8/11/2016	Rizhao, China	To accompany Chief Minister on a major trade and investment delegation including Industry representatives visit to China. Attend Northern Territory - Rizhao City Joint Economic Cooperation Forum in Rizhao City.
Executive Director NT Geological Survey Director Investment Attraction	9,470.52	13/11/2016	21/11/2016	Kolkata (Calcutta) India	To participate and present in the Australian Minerals (an initiative of all Australian Geological Surveys) investment promotion events in India.
Chief Executive	6,780.97	4/12/2016	8/12/2016	Jakarta, Indonesia	To accompany Minister on introductory visit and meetings in Jakarta. Return via Sydney to attend critical Mines and Energy meeting.
Deputy Chief Executive Executive Director NT Geological Survey	27,779.43	1/03/2017	11/03/2017	Toronto, Canada and St. Louis, United States of America.	To attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) 2017 convention in Toronto Canada, visit uranium mine site operated by McArthur River in Canada's Saskatchewan province and visit St. Louis, USA Doe Run mine.

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Date: 20/06/2017

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Position	*Travel Cost \$	Travel Date From	Travel Date To	Destination	Reason for Travel
Chief Executive Manager, Food Industry Investment	10,320.54	11/03/2017	15/03/2017	Tokyo Japan	To attend Japan-Australia Public and Private Sector Forum on Northern Australia Agricultural Development
Chief Information Officer	1,338.15	15/03/2017	17/03/2017	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	To attend the Open Government Leadership Forum. Invited as Guest Presenter to discuss challenges government face with ever adopting technology.
	115,845.44				

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Senior Research Agronomist	3,219.02	1/07/2016	12/07/2016	Girona, Spain	Attend Compositional Data Analysis Course at the University of Girona, Spain 4-8 July 2016. 5 day course to provide training on analysing nutrient balance of ionic data facilitating greater collaboration with the international mango research community. (Externally funded by Horticulture Australia Limited)
Director - Plant Industry Development	1,172.35	5/07/2016	10/07/2016	Bangkok, Thailand	Attend Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) Regional Mango Workshop for Mango markets, trade and strategic research issues in the Asian Pacific. (Externally funded by ACIAR).
Senior Horticulturist, Plant Industries Development	2,097.63	9/07/2016	16/07/2016	Cebu, Davao, Philippine	Required to complete project milestones as part of the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) Tropical Tree Fruit Research project. (Externally funded by ACIAR).

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Senior Technical Officer	3,275.11	2/10/2016	12/10/2016	Dili, Timor-Leste	To conduct a cold chain audit for the Timor-Lest Village Poultry Health and Biosecurity project. The Berrimah Veterinary Laboratory (BVL) has been involved in training veterinary laboratory staff in Dili under an Australian Aid funded Public Sector Linkage Project (PSLP) to improve capabilities in animal disease diagnosis. This program is jointly managed by the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) and the Timor-Leste Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF). Funding provided by DAWR.
Research Officer, Livestock Industry Development	2,426.90	3/10/2016	8/10/2016	Jakarta, Indonesia	To present lecture to the Alumni at NT Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) workshop "Indonesia-Australia Pastoral Program". This is part of the NT Government's commitment to the Live Export Trade. Externally funded by the Australian Government on behalf of the Indonesia-Australian Red Meat Partnership
Aquaculture Research Officer	-	6/11/2016	13/11/2016	Penang, Malaysia	Attend the Crawford Funds Master Class in Agricultural Research Leadership and Management at the WorldFish Centre Penang Malaysia. This Officer was sponsored by the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR).
Veterinary Officer	2,632.13	12/11/2016	21/11/2016	Kathmandu, Nepal	To participate in the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) "Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)" real time training course and improve Australia's FMD preparedness. The training is undertaken in collaboration with the European Commission for the Control of FMD (EuFMD) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. Officer was one of ten merit based selections funded by DAWR, who covered training, travel and accommodation within Nepal. Flights funded by NTG.
Principal Entomologist Principal Molecular Scientist Plant Industries Development Science Leader Director - Plant Industry Development	15,917.16	14/11/2016	1/12/2016	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	As part of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) project "Building a resilient mango industry in Cambodia and Australia through improved production and supply chain practices" attend the project review workshop. (Externally funded by ACIAR)

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Primary Industry Livestock Management Officer	6,706.72	21/11/2016	2/12/2016	Cartagena Columbia	To attend 11th International Buffalo Congress in Cartagena, Colombia. The Officer is an internationally recognised expert on water buffalo. A BreedPLAN for Australian buffalo is currently under development as a joint project between DPIR and the Animal Breeding Research Institute funded by Rural Industry Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC). As the Officer was recipient of the Department's Star Awards, this trip has been partially funded by the NT and external funding provider RIRDC.
Director - Livestock Industry Development Pastoral Research Officer	5,277.56	21/11/2016	1/12/2016	Lampung, Bandung, Medan, Surabaya - Indonesia	Request by Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) to present at four workshops (Lampung, Bandung, Medan and Surabaya) on breeder managements based on findings of the East Kalimantan Breeder Project. Externally funded by MLA and the Australian Government on behalf of the Indonesia-Australia Partnership for Food Security in the Cattle and Red Meat Sector (the "Red Meat Partnership") to manage the East Kalimantan project.
Market Development Officer	7,948.43	29/11/2016	11/12/2016	Los Angeles, United States of America	To support the Australian Mango Industry Association's (AMIA) United States market access and development effort. Horticulture Innovation Australia (HIA) requested officer to travel to US to monitor the progress of Australian mango shipments in the third year of access to the US market. (Externally funded by HIA)
Director - Livestock Industry Development	2,891.00	4/12/2016	10/12/2016	Jakarta, Indonesia	Accompany the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources to develop relationship between the NTG, Australian Embassy and Indonesian Governments. (externally funded by Department of Agriculture and Water Resources- DWAR)
Market Development Officer	5,088.71	5/02/2017	13/02/2017	Los Angeles, United States of America	To support the Australian Mango Industry Association's (AMIA) United States market access and development effort. Horticulture Innovation Australia (HIA) requested officer to travel to US to monitor the progress of Australian mango shipments in the third year of access to the US market. (Externally funded by HIA)

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Position	*Travel Cost \$	Travel Date From	Travel Date To	Destination	Reason for Travel
Senior Technical Officer	2,109.85	5/02/2017	11/02/2017	Dili, Timor-Leste	To conduct final cold chain audit for the Timor-Lest Village Poultry Health and Biosecurity project. The Berrimah Veterinary Laboratory (BVL) has been involved in training veterinary laboratory staff in Dili under an Australian Aid funded Public Sector Linkage Project (PSLP) to improve capabilities in animal disease diagnosis. This program is jointly managed by the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) and the Timor-Leste Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF). Funding provided by DAWR.
Principal Livestock Research Officer	1,175.26	20/03/2017	1/04/2017	Texas, United States of America	As recipient of the Department's Star Award and Chief Minister's Medal for his work on "Senepol Cross Breeding" project regarding cattle production the Officer requested to utilise funds from the award for a study tour to Texas A&M University. The Texas A&M University is an internationally recognised research team working to improve the fertility of Brahman cattle. This travel was partially funded by the NTG and external funding provider - Commonwealth Scientific And Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
Principal Molecular Scientist Principal Entomologist	4,659.83	25/03/2017	3/04/2017	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	As part of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) project "Building a resilient mango industry in Cambodia and Australia through improved production and supply chain practices" attend the project review workshop. (Externally funded by ACIAR).
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EXTERNAL ENTITY FUNDED and ARRANGED TRAVEL with the exception of some Travel Allowance

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Director Mining Remediation	470.64	2/07/2016	11/07/2016	Vienna, Austria	Invited to assist the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to prepare a Strategic Master Plan for the remediation of uranium legacy sites in Central Asia. Travel in July 2016. [Externally funded arranged flights and per diem allowance for 5 days provided by the European Commission. Travel allowance funded by NTG. Accommodation funded by Traveller]
Principal Research Leader, Livestock Industry Development	1,725.00	8/07/2016	31/07/2016	Saskatoon, Canada	Attend the 10th International Rangelands Congress (IRC) held in Saskatoon, Canada 17-23 July 2016. Invited to present "Precision Pastoral Management System: automated 'big data' analysis for pastoral properties". [Travel fares, accommodation, registration fees, and car hire externally funded by Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP). Travel allowance funded by NTG]
	2,195.64				

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Question 6:

Please provide a list of all international cities or towns visited by public servants from July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 and please list the number of times the public servant has visited that location over the last five years.

Response: This question will be taken on notice.