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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Mark Parton MLA on 27 July 2023: Mr Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Can I just get you to—you will probably have to take it on notice or reject it. Can I get you to take on notice the percentage of business class as compared to economy class on ministerial travel in the last 12 months?

Mr Barr: Well, certainly the requirements in relation—there is an entitlement to business class travel under the Remuneration Tribunal. There are certain sectors of travel that business class is not available and so minister would travel economy. There are rules in relation also to duration of flight. I have a standing policy in relation to Canberra Sydney flights, that they should be undertaken in economy. And flights that are longer, certainly overseas flights, are either taken in premium economy or business.

THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you.

Mr Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

In the 2022-23 financial year, there were a total of 275 domestic and international flights for Ministers and their staff. Of the 275 flights, 28 per cent (76) were business class and 72 per cent (199) were economy class.

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By Chief Minister, Mr Andrew Barr MLA