

PROPOSAL FOR NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER TO UNDERTAKE "STUDY TRAVEL"

(Updated Nov 08)

The relevant Remuneration Tribunal Determination (copied overleaf) provides non-Executive Members with an entitlement to financial assistance for the purposes of studies and investigations ("study travel") as well as an accompanied travel entitlement when travelling on Assembly Business.

Consistent with the requirements of the Determination and the Assembly's **Guidelines for non-Executive Members' Travel**, a non-Executive Member proposing to utilise this entitlement is required to submit certain details of their proposal to the Speaker for approval. Non-Executive Members should complete the following details to address these requirements.

Members should note that approval to utilise this entitlement cannot be sought retrospectively.

Mr Speaker

I am proposing to utilise my "study travel" entitlement and seek your approval accordingly. To enable you to consider my proposal, the following details are provided:

Brief Description of the Proposed Activity (including the purpose of the journey/activity and details of any conferences to be attended or training to be undertaken):

Meetings with local government representatives with responsibility for Education, Disability and Sport Sectors and visits with schools and charitable groups that cater for students and young adults with a disability in the UK and Ireland. Trip would be undertaken between the 5th of July and the 10th of August

Detailed itinerary (including dates and times) of the places to be visited/activity to be undertaken:

Please see attached proposed itinerary and tentative program

Estimated Cost of Activity: **\$10,000 +**

(cost should include fares, travelling allowances, conference fees and other training expenses)

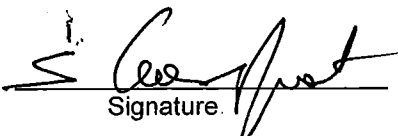
I have confirmed with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office that I have **approx \$ 23,000** available/remaining of my "study travel" entitlement.

I understand that, if the proposal is approved, I will submit to you, within eight weeks of completing the activity, a written report detailing the travel undertaken and expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for nominee accompanied travel), names and area of responsibility of persons contacted, a summary of business undertaken, and, in relation to any approved training undertaken, a report on that training.

Steve Doszpot

Member's Name

Signature

 10/03/2010

APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Speaker

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Mr Steve Doszpot MLA
Member for Brindabella

Speaker

Steve
Dear Mr Doszpot

I am writing in relation to the proposal you recently lodged with my office for study travel to the United Kingdom and Ireland in July and August this year.

I am sure you are aware that, in seeking prior approval for any study travel proposal, the Guidelines for non-Executive Members' travel require that members must submit details of:

- the purpose of the journey;
- the period of the journey;
- a detailed itinerary of the places to be visited; and
- details of any proposed attendance at conferences or training to be undertaken

The information you have provided quite clearly set out the purpose, and the period, of the proposed travel and it is sufficiently clear that you are not proposing to attend any conferences or undertaken any training. That leaves the matter of a detailed itinerary which I appreciate has probably not been finalised at this stage. I acknowledge that you have provided details of a tentative program.

I recognise that finalising the detailed itinerary may, to some extent, be contingent on flight, accommodation and other bookings that can only proceed once any approval is obtained. Equally, the requirements for prior approval including a detailed itinerary play an important role in:

- ensuring that, as far as practicable, the official program for members travelling at public expense is relevant to the member's parliamentary and electorate responsibilities; and
- providing clarity and certainty for the determination of matters such as travel entitlements.

To assist in achieving our mutual objectives, I have decided that it would be sensible in this situation to grant you "conditional" approval for your travel. This gives you the certainty you require to proceed to making bookings but the condition on which the proposal is approved is that you will submit the detailed itinerary as soon as it is finalised (and at least several weeks before your departure).

I trust that you will regard this as a sensible way forward.

Yours sincerely

Shane Rattenbury
Speaker

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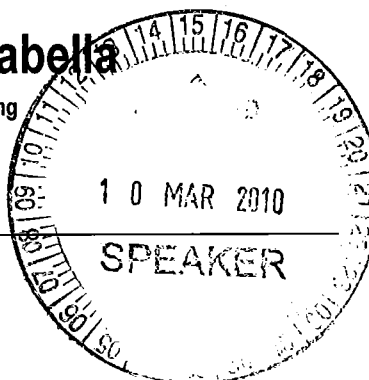
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Shadow Minister for Education and Training
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The Speaker
Mr Shane Rattenbury

Dear Mr Speaker,

I write to seek your approval to undertake study travel, please find below the tentative program and objectives in support of a study trip to the UK and Ireland in July this year. I am currently in the process of finalising a firm program of meeting times with the relevant officials. I do note that it is probable that a general election will be called in early May in the UK, which may alter my program slightly.

The proposed dates of this trip are 5th of July until the 10th of August 2010; however I would also seek your approval to incorporate some personal travel that would occur at the beginning of the journey, from the 5th of July 2010 to 11th July 2010.

The tentative program would include travel to the UK and Ireland – including London and surrounding districts, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Edinburgh and surrounding districts in Scotland and Dublin and surrounding districts in Ireland. This travel would occur between the 12th of July and the 10th of August 2010.

My intention is to meet the objective of learning about how jurisdictions in these regions tackle the issues and challenges of the portfolio areas of Education, Disability and Sport. My program will include but is not limited to:

- Meetings with local politicians with responsibility for the Disability, Education, and Sport sectors – UK and Ireland; including meetings with Ofsted (Office for Standards in Schools) regarding their inspection and testing regimes and their experience with school league tables; meetings with the Department for Children, Schools and families; meetings with members of Equality 2025 - a network of people with a disability who provides advice to the Westminster Government on how to achieve disability equality; meetings with House of Commons committee groups with responsibility for Disability and Special Education issues.
- Meetings with autism charity called Autism Plus that has an employment arm that assists people with ASD and other disabilities into sustained employment – this charity is located in the Greater Manchester area.
- Visit to St Margaret's School in Tadworth, Surrey which provides Residential and day education for pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Thank you for your consideration.
Yours Sincerely,

Steve Doszpot MLA

10/3/2010

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8 October 2010

The Speaker
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA
ACT Legislative Assembly
Canberra ACT



Mr Speaker,

Please note the attached Members Report of my recent study trip to the UK and Ireland.

The program included travel to and within the UK and Ireland – including London and surrounding districts, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, Edinburgh and surrounding districts in Scotland and Dublin and surrounding districts in Ireland. This travel occurred between the 12th of July and the 10th of August 2010.

Yours Sincerely,

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REPORTS ON MEMBER'S STUDY TRIPS

A study trip report must be submitted within eight weeks of completing any travel made under the Member's study entitlement. The report will be presented in the Assembly by the Speaker. The following format may be used by Members or may act as a guideline for Members in preparing reports.

STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Steve Doszpot MLA

Purpose of Visit:

- a) Meet with my direct portfolio counterparts and or relevant Government, Council and private agency representatives to discuss innovations, issues and challenges within my shadow portfolio areas of: Education (including special needs Education), Disability, Multicultural Affairs and Sports in London, Manchester, Dublin and Edinburgh to study how jurisdictions in these regions tackle the issues and challenges in their respective portfolio areas.
- b) Meet with former Canberra constituent Ms Monique Blakemore, who relocated to the UK to assist her children with their special education needs. She is currently working for an autism charity called Autism Plus as an Employment Specialist Development Consultant.
- c) As a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, to visit the Parliaments of: Westminster in London, Edinburgh in Scotland, and The Parliament of Ireland in Dublin, as well as Manchester City Council. To be briefed with regard to their roles and to undertake a tour of their respective institutions.
- d) Meet with the London Organising Committee of the 2012 Olympic Games (LOCOG) to look at their current progress and explore potential opportunities for Canberra Schools involvement in the London 2012 Education Program.
- e) To meet with RM Assessment & Data Services, management at the Milton Park HQ. RM is a global supplier of assessment and data solutions to education and industry, and has been providing services to examination boards, professional awarding organisations and government agencies since 2003. Also learn about their experience with enterprise systems for schools, including RM's experience as a major contractor to the UK BSF (Building Schools for the Future).
- f) To meet with the Education Division of the Edinburgh Municipal Council and Edinburgh Festival organizers to discuss the development of their festival calendar, and to further learn about the management of significant events like the Fringe Festival and their innovative multicultural education initiatives through the Edinburgh Schools system.

Places visited and dates of visit: - England

London Monday, 12 July 2010: Meeting with Ms Claire Bowman, Executive Officer, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, BIMR Secretariat Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament, London, to discuss arrangements for Guided Tour of Parliament and attendance at Prime Minister's Question Time.

London Monday, 12 July 2010: Discussion with Mr Jon Berry, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of Hertfordshire.

London Tuesday, 13 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Charlie Henry, Her Majesty's Inspector, Principal Officer – Special Educational Needs and Disability, Ofsted.

London Tuesday, 13 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Phil Sherwood, Head of Volunteering, and Ms Claire Bench, Education Team London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Ltd.

London Wednesday, 14 July 2010: Meeting with Ms Claire Bowman, Executive Officer, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, and meeting with other visiting overseas parliamentarians for Guided Tour of Parliament and in the afternoon attended Prime Minister's Question Time.

London Wednesday 14 July 2010: Telephone discussion with Mr Neil McIvor Head of Analysis, Disability and Work Division, Work, Welfare and Equality Group, Department for Work and Pensions.

London, Wednesday 14 July 2010: Discussions with Steve Grainger and Alex Jackman (Public Affairs Officer) from Youth Sport Trust.

Travel to Oxfordshire 15 July Thursday 2010:

Oxfordshire, Thursday 15 July 2010: Meeting with Ms Gill Parry, Commercial Manager of RM Assessment & Data Services, Global supplier of assessment and data solutions to education and industry, provider of services to examination boards, professional awarding organisations and government agencies.

Travel towards Cheadle 16 July Friday 2010:

Cheadle, Tuesday 20 July 2010: Meeting with Dr Stephen Tyler, Principal of Inscape House, and Mr David Marriott, Chief Executive, Together Trust Centre.

Manchester, Wednesday 21 July 2010: Meeting with Monique Blakemore, Employment Development Consultant, Jobsteps (part of Autismplus Ltd).

Sheffield, Thursday 22 July 2010: Meeting with Ms Juliann Hall, Director of Personalisation and Ms Suzanne Lees, Head of Development & Specialist Services of Jobsteps – Autism Plus The Coleridge Resource Centre.

Sheffield, Thursday 22 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Neil McIvor, Head of Analysis, Disability and Work Division of Department for Work and Pensions.

Sheffield, Thursday 22 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Matthew Hesmondhalgh MBE, teacher in charge of The Integrated Resource centre for King Ecgbert School.

Manchester, Friday 23 July 2010: Visit to the Manchester City Council and Guided Tour of the Manchester Town Hall.

Travel to Dublin 24 July Saturday 2010:

Places visited and dates of visit: - Ireland

Nenagh, Wicklow County, Monday 26 July 2010: Meeting with Clir. Tom Mulqueen, Fianna Fail Member of the Nenagh Town Council.

Glendalough, Wicklow County, Tuesday 27 July 2010: Met with Mr Rufus Frowde, Director of Surrey Youth Choir – visiting performance at Glendalough.

Glendalough, Wicklow County, Wednesday 28 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Pat Casey, Wicklow County Council Member.

Glendalough, Wicklow County, Thursday 29 July 2010: Meeting with Mr Andrew Doyle TD, Fine Gael (government) spokesperson on Food and Horticulture and Member for Wicklow and East Carlow Constituency.

Friday 30 July 2010: Travel to Dublin

Dublin 2 August 2010: Guided Tour of the Houses of the Oireachtas, Houses of the Irish Parliament.

Dublin 3 August 2010: Meeting with Mr Pat Duff, former member of the Dublin Neighbourhood Watch.

Dublin 4 August 2010: Travel to Edinburgh

Places visited and dates of visit: - Scotland

Edinburgh 5 August 2010: Discussions regarding appointments with various City of Edinburgh Council Officers with Ms Annie Page, International Officer, City of Edinburgh Council, Children and Families, Waverly Court, Business Centre Edinburgh.

Edinburgh 5 August 2010: Visit and Guided Tour of Scottish Parliament, Brendan McCluskey, Scottish Parliamentary Visitor Services.

Edinburgh 6 August 2010: Meeting with Ms Sally Hobson, Edinburgh Festivals Education Unit, re Schools involvement in the Festivals' innovative experiment in Multicultural Education through the Edinburgh Schools system.

Edinburgh 9 August 2010: Meeting with Mr Robin Yellowlees, Manager, Sports and Outdoor Education Unit, Children and Families, City of Edinburgh Council.

Edinburgh 9 August 2010: Meeting with Aileen McLean, Neighbourhood Manager, General discussion on Education issues, City of Edinburgh Council.

Meeting with Moyra Wilson, Neighbourhood Manager, Inclusion Officer, City of Edinburgh Council.

Meeting with Rosie Wilson, Quality Improvement Officer (Special Schools), City of Edinburgh Council.

Edinburgh 10 August 2010: Travel – Return to Australia.

Expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for spouse accompanied travel)

Travel and Accommodation: Total \$16,099.04

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:

Ms Claire Bowman, Executive Officer, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, BIMR Secretariat Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament, London.

Mr Jon Berry, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield.

Mr Charlie Henry, Her Majesty's Inspector, Principal Officer – Special Educational Needs and Disability, Ofsted.

Mr Phil Sherwood, Head of Volunteering, and Ms Claire Bench, Education Team London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Ltd.

Mr Neil McIvor Head of Analysis, Disability and Work Division, Work, Welfare and Equality Group, Department for Work and Pensions, Steel City House, Sheffield.

Ms Gill Parry, Commercial Manager of RM Assessment & Data Services.

Dr Stephen Tyler, Principal of Inscape House, and Mr David Marriott, Chief Executive, Together Trust Centre.

Monique Blakemore, Employment Development Consultant, Jobsteps (part of Autismplus Ltd).

Ms Juliann Hall, Director of Personalisation and Ms Suzanne Lees, Head of Development & Specialist Services of Jobsteps.

Mr Matthew Hesmondhalgh MBE, teacher in charge of The Integrated Resource centre for King Egbert School.

Clir. Tom Mulqueen, Fianna Fail Member of the Nenagh Town Council.

Mr Rufus Frowde, Director of Surrey Youth Choir – visiting performance at Glendalough.

Mr Pat Casey, Wicklow County Council Member.

Mr Andrew Doyle TD, Fine Gael (government) spokesperson on Food and Horticulture and Member for Wicklow and East Carlow Constituency.

Mr Pat Duff, former member of the Dublin Neighbourhood Watch.

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Mr Robin Yellowlees, Manager, Sports and Outdoor Education Unit, Children and Families, City of Edinburgh Council.

Aileen McLean, Neighbourhood Manager, General discussion on Education issues, City of Edinburgh Council.

Moyra Wilson, Neighbourhood Manager, Inclusion. Officer, City of Edinburgh Council.

Rosie Wilson, Quality Improvement Officer (Special Schools), City of Edinburgh Council.

Area of responsibility of persons contacted:

Predominantly Council Officers, Teachers and Administrators in the areas of Education, Disability, Sport, and Special Needs Education

Business undertaken:

Attended meetings and discussions, with various organizations and educators in the private and government sectors.


Conclusions and/or recommendations:

Information gathered during the study trip will be utilized for policy development in areas of Education, Disability, Multicultural Affairs and special needs initiatives, with particular emphasis on post-school options for students with Special Needs and pathways to work. It is recommended that information be furthered assessed regarding the Autismplus strategy for pathways to work initiatives.

Further examination will be undertaken on the work of the Integrated Resource Unit at Sheffield's King Ecgbert's Secondary School and their autism program—a program founded and operated by Matthew Hesmondhalgh, whose work and publications on autism were honoured by the awarding of an MBE.

The program at the Integrated Resource Unit is also an interesting example of linking schools with businesses to help transition autistic students into employment. As only approximately 12% of people with autism are in employment, programs like this in the UK are pioneering the efforts to bridge the education / employment gap.

Signed:



Date:

1 - October - 2010