

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.

Clerk

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):

Attend the 'Green New Deal' conference in Melbourne from 23-25 October 2009. The full conference details are available at <http://greeninstitute.org.au/gnd/>. A summary of the conference from the website states:

"We are living in extraordinary times. Our choice is to move consciously towards a new sustainable and satisfying future or be overwhelmed by multiple converging global crises. Business as usual—a return to "trend growth"—is not a viable option. The idea of a "green new deal" is shorthand for taking deliberate, long-sighted steps to tackle these crises, not piecemeal, but in an integrated and holistic fashion."

The outline program is available at: <http://greeninstitute.org.au/gnd/program/program-overview/>

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

Flight to Melbourne on Friday 23 October, attend opening function on Friday evening, attend conference on Saturday and Sunday, return flight to Canberra on Sunday 25th October.

Estimated Cost of Activity \$900 (Flights \$450, Conference fee \$195, non-commercial travel allowance)

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

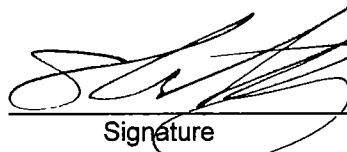
I have confirmed with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office that I have \$ _____ available/remaining of my "study travel" entitlement.

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.

Member's Name

Shane Rattenbury

Signature



23/9/09

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Tom Duncan
Clerk
PN CLRK100

REPORTS ON MEMBER'S STUDY TRIPS (Version 2.2- December 02)

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: Shane Rattenbury

Purpose of Visit: To attend the *Green New Deal* conference, looking at alternative economic models for delivering a sustainable economy

Places visited and dates of visit: Travelled Canberra to Melbourne return, departing 23 October 2009, returning 25 October 2009. Conference held at the University of Melbourne.

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

Air Fares: \$464.55
Conf Fees: \$295.45
TA: \$270.00
Transfers: \$ 18.45 (taxis)
Total Exp: \$1,048.45 (exclusive of GST)

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:

Attached is the program for the conference which provides an overview of the speakers and workshops on offer during the conference. In addition to the formal program, I also took the opportunity to discuss issues with members of parliament and their staff from around Australia and New Zealand, academics, unionists and green entrepreneurs.

Area of responsibility of persons contacted:
See above

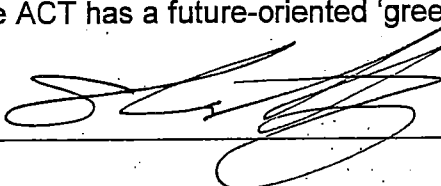
Business undertaken:

I attended all of the plenary sessions of the conference as well as various workshops and forums that were on offer over the two days. I also purchased a copy of the book *Prosperity without Growth* for further reading on my return. I attended the conference dinner as part of the weekend where I had the opportunity to further discuss the proceedings of the conference with other participants, and make ongoing contacts.

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

This was a very stimulating conference that both highlighted the current flaws in our economic system, and provided a range of ideas about how to redesign our economy to make it more sustainable. The keynote speech provided an interesting framework to consider, drawing a distinction between the concept of 'prosperity' and the current aspiration of 'growth'. I intend to undertake further reading and discussion on these topics in order to help develop policy ideas for helping to make the ACT more sustainable, and go further in ensuring the ACT has a future-oriented 'green economy'.

Signed:



Date:

19/1/10

Note: One or more attachments have been removed from this internet published version of the travel report. It is Secretariat policy not to scan images of certain documents that are incidental to the travel and the travel report (e.g. conference programs, promotional brochures) that Members attached to their study travel reports. Individuals wanting copies of these papers should contact the Assembly Secretariat via e-mail at secretariat@parliament.act.gov.au