

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):

Attendance at the National Conference of State Legislators Legislative Summit for 2010 in Louisville Kentucky
Visit to the Rocky Mountains Institute in Denver or Snow Mass, Colorado
Visit to the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan
Appointments in Washington DC

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

Approximately three weeks in July/August 2010 but not yet confirmed as Speaker's approval not yet obtained. The fixed event is the 2010 Legislative Summit 25-28 July 2010.

Estimated Cost of Activity: Fares \$3500 (my husband proposes to travel with me but will be using frequent flyer points including some accumulated on previous accompanied travel), Conference Registration \$US499 (early bird before 7 May), accommodation, sustenance and internal travel \$9,000 (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 **\$13,000 approx** 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.

VICKI DUNNE
Member's Name

Lidia Dunne
Signature 12 13 10

APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Approval granted by Speaker on 23/3/10
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STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Vicki Dunne MLA

Purpose of Visit:

The principal aim of the visit was to attend the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) Legislative Summit for 2010 in Louisville Kentucky. In addition I visited the Rocky Mountains Institute in Boulder, Colorado; the Acton Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan; the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy; the National Association for Missing and Abused Children in Alexandria, Virginia; The Kennedy Centre, Washington DC; meetings with Members of Congress and their staff; and a tour of the energy efficiency retrofit of the Empire State Building. In addition I took the opportunity for visits to regional art galleries, arboreta and side meetings on public transport.

Places visited and dates of visit:

Boulder, Colorado; Louisville, Kentucky; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Washington, DC and New York, NY from 18 July to 14 August 2010.

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

Expenses amounted to \$13421.41 these are in the attached schedule. International fares and some internal fares as well as the registration fee for the NCSL Summit were paid in advance, in addition I received an advance of \$10,000. I incurred some expenses over the \$10,000 advance but I will not be seeking reimbursement for them.

My husband, Mr Lyle Dunne, accompanied me. The international component of his travel was covered by frequent flyer points.

Organisation(s) and individuals visited:
(See attached)

Area of responsibility of persons contacted:
See attached

Business undertaken:
See attached

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

Signed: *Vicki Dunne*

Date: 20 October 2010

Itinerary and activities for Vicki Dunne MLA 18 July – 14 August 2010

Date	Activity	Comments
18-19 July	Travel (Canberra/Boulder)	
Tuesday, 20 July	<p>Meeting with staff at the Rocky Mountains Institute, Boulder, Colorado</p> <p>Colorado Shakespeare Festival</p>	<p>Met with Ben Holland, Mat Mattila; Natalie Mims, Elaine Adams and Cher Seruto of the Rocky Mountains Institute. Received Briefings on the Institute's <i>Reinventing Fire</i> initiative; retrofitting initiatives including work on iconic buildings like the Empire State Building (see below); transportation and energy efficiency initiatives at the county and municipal level.</p> <p>I visited the Festival Offices, discussed the history and growth of the festival with staff and volunteers and attended a performance.</p> <p>The Colorado Shakespeare Festival grew out of a long tradition of Shakespearean productions at UC Boulder dating back to the turn of the 20th century. The festival was formally constituted in 1958 and 2010 was its 51st season. The festival is a mixture of professional and amateur actors with both professional and volunteer support. The 2010 season included <i>King Lear</i>, <i>Taming of the Shrew</i> and <i>Measure for Measure</i>. The festival has a school outreach program, "Living Shakespeare" that reaches about 5000 students annually in Colorado.</p>
Wednesday, 21 July	<p>Visit to Boulder County Commissioners' Energy Office</p> <p>Travel (Boulder/Tulsa)</p>	<p>Discussions with the Boulder County Commissioners' Office about the ClimatSmart loan program and the operation of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Bonds</p>
22-23 July	Private	
Saturday 24 July	Travel (Tulsa/Louisville)	
Sunday 25 July - Wednesday 28 July	National Conference of State Legislators Legislative Summit	<p>The 2010 NCSL Legislative Summit in Louisville Kentucky hosted over 5000 delegates, 350 international delegates and including about 15 Australians from most state parliaments. The four-day program included two half days especially tailored for the international delegation. The Conference keynote speakers included US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and US Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell and Florida Governor Jeb Bush. In addition to the international program I attended sessions on human trafficking (see NCMEC below); the economy and crime; initiatives for children and working families; addressing delinquency; improving government efficiency; transparency in the legislature; legislative privilege and immunity; campaign financing; constitutional issues in relation to health care reform; briefing on the forthcoming mid-term election and prospects for the parties; a site visit to a community centre.</p>

Thursday 29 July	Travel (Louisville/Chicago)	
Friday 30 July	Travel (Chicago/Grand Rapids) Visit to the Acton Institute	The Acton Institute was founded in 1990 to promote a free; liberal and virtuous society. It is a privately funded think tank named for Lord Acton the 19 th century thinker and advocate of religious liberty. I received a briefing on the current work of the Institute from Dr Samuel Gregg, an Australian, who is currently research director.
31 July-1August	Travel (Grand Rapids/Pittsburgh)	
Monday 2 August	Visit Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Travel (Pittsburgh/Washington)	The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was founded during the depression as a conservation initiative which has been responsible for the greening, restoration and protection of major watershed in western Pennsylvania. The Conservancy now runs community garden projects as well as more traditional nature conservation work. It is also custodian for the iconic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Fallingwater. I visited Fallingwater and received a briefing on the operation of the Conservancy as well a tour of the house and visitor centre.

Tuesday 3 August	Visit to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC), in Alexandria, Virginia	<p>NCMEC is a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1984. Its aim is to be a point of co-ordination and research in relation to missing and sexually exploited children. Since its foundation the co-ordination of missing person has been completely transformed. NCMEC is a leader in technology for "aging" missing people so that accurate information is sent out to help in identification and discovery. NCMEC has partners across the US including the FBI, the American Postal Service and Custom Service, law enforcement agencies both civilian and military; and international partnerships including with Interpol and the AFP. As well as its national office in Alexandria NCMEC has offices in New York, Texas and California.</p> <p>I was invited to a visit to the national headquarters and a briefing by the Chief Executive Officer Ernie Allen who had spoken on human trafficking issues, especially as they relate to internal trafficking of minors in the USA, at the NCSL legislative summit.</p> <p>Mr Allen offered me a tour of their facilities and a full briefing on the operation of the Centre, their technology and their mandates from federal and state legislatures. I received a briefings on current activities from Mr Allen, Caroline Humer, Senior Program Manager and a range of law enforcement officers seconded to the centre from the FBI, the US Postal Service and the Naval Criminal Investigation Service.</p> <p>Of increasing interest and attention is the problem of minors who are trafficked for sexual exploitation domestically in the United States. It is estimated that 160,000 minors are trafficked in this way every year. The briefing ranged over current legislative moves such as listing people who traffic minors for sexual exploitation on sex offenders' registers; initiatives in creating missing children resources and a practical demonstration of how their technology and techniques.</p>
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Wednesday 4 August	Visit to the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC	<p>The Kennedy Center had its origins in the decision by President Dwight D Eisenhower to establish a national cultural centre in Washington DC. The Centre was designated as a national memorial to President Kennedy following his assassination in November 1963. The Kennedy Center was opened in 1971. I had a meeting with Ms Kathy Kruse, Vice President International who outlined the operations of the Center and its sources of funding, its status as a not for profit entity and the appointment of its trustees by the President of the US. Ms Kruse outlined the cultural imperatives of the centre and the collaborative approach taken with other large, performing arts centres across the country. Ms Kruse also explained about the level of community involvement with the local community through a range of projects including daily free concerts on the Millennium Stage in the Center's foyer.</p> <p>I was given a private tour of the facility by a volunteer guide. Later in the day I attended one of the daily free concerts on the Kennedy Centre's Millennium Stage.</p>
Thursday 5 August	<p>Meetings with congressional staff</p> <p>Ms Autumn Christensen</p> <p>Mr Michael Schwartz</p>	<p>Ms Christensen is Chief of Staff to Rep Chris Smith, co-convenor of the Congressional Anti-Trafficking Caucus. (Rep Smith was unable to attend the meeting as he was in his district in the run-up to the congressional mid-term elections) Ms Christensen outlined initiatives in the anti-trafficking caucus including the recently passed initiative that will place people convicted of trafficking minors for sex on sex-offenders' registers.</p> <p>Mr Schwarz is the Chief of Staff to senior Oklahoma Senator Cockburn. Mr Schwartz has particular expertise and campaigning and implementation of changes to campaign finances.</p>
Friday 6 August	Meeting Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues	The network that provides, support, briefing and connections for legislators and parliamentarians around the world who are interested in issues like religious liberty, fertility, sexuality trafficking. The meeting was an opportunity to couch base with the Director, Mrs Marie Smith.
Monday 9 August	Travel (Washington/New York)	

Tuesday 10 August	Tour Empire State Building	<p>A tour of the works underway as part of the energy retrofit of the Empire State Building. This tour was facilitated by the Rocky Mountains Institute in co-operation Malkin Holdings the building owners. The tour was conducted by Mr Kiel Lawrence Project and Development Services Manager for Jones Lang LaSalle, the property manager for the Empire State Building. Between 2009 and 2013 the plan is to improve the energy-efficiency of the Empire State Building through retrofit of windows, chillers, radiation barriers, improved daylight in the building and tenant-controlled ventilation and energy management programs. The program of retrofitting aims to achieve a 38% reduction in energy use amounting to \$4.5m in reduced energy charges every year.</p> <p>As well as a general briefing on the retrofit program and a tour of the energy efficiency retrofit displays, which are now incorporated into all visits to the building, I was given a tour of on-site workshops where work is undertaken to increase the energy rating the entire 6,500 window in the building.</p>
Wednesday 11 August	Private	
12-14 August	Travel (New York/Canberra)	

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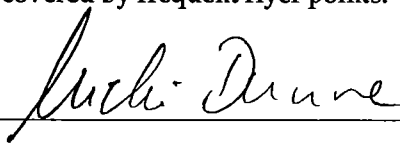
Below is an addendum to my travel report of 20 October 2010 for my travel to the USA in July and August 2010.

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

Expenses amounted to \$13522.59 these are in the attached schedule. International fares and some internal fares as well as the registration fee for the NCSL Summit were paid in advance, in addition I received an advance of \$10,000 . .

My husband, Mr Lyle Dunne, accompanied me. The bulk of the cost for the international component of his travel was covered by frequent flyer points.

Signed:



Date: 9 May 2011

