

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

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.

Madame 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):

I will be meeting Mr. Glenn Everett who is from International Well-Being. The meeting will involve discussion concerning well-being legislation.

I will be accompanied by my senior advisor, Merlin Kong.

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

Monday 5 August 2013; 88 Dowling Street, Sydney (meeting location) from 15:00-16:00.

I will be flying to Sydney on Monday 5 August 2013 and returning on Monday 5 August 2013.

Estimated Cost of Activity: \$680

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

I have approximately \$22,366.43 available 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.

Mr Brendan Smyth MLA

Member's Name

Signature

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APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED

Speaker

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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: Brendan Smyth MLA

Purpose of Visit: Study Travel – Meet with Mr Glenn Everett from the British Government to discuss the United Kingdom's wellbeing legislation, its development, application and outcomes.

Places visited and dates of visit: Monday 5 August 2013; 88 Dowling Street, Sydney.
(meeting location)

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

\$824.56 – This covers Air Fares, Taxi Services and Parking at the Canberra Airport.

Organisation(s) and individuals visited: Mr Glenn Everett, British Civil Service.

Area of responsibility of persons contacted: Mr Glenn Everett is an officer of the British Civil Service with responsibilities for the government's program to measure the wellbeing of British citizens.

Business undertaken: The purpose of the trip was to meet with a representative of the British Government to discuss the policy, implementation and outcomes of the measuring of the wellbeing of British citizens. Unfortunately due to travel difficulties Mr Everett was unavailable for the meeting. Attempts to reschedule the meeting were unsuccessful. A subsequent phone meeting was facilitated by the British High Commission.

Mr Everett detailed the process by which the British Government had determined and implemented their election commitment to measure the wellbeing of British citizens. The Conservative Party wanted measurement beyond the standard budget financial details to determine the effectiveness of government policy. He stressed that it is not simply measuring how happy people are. The outcomes of wellbeing measurement are now being used to influence policy development, assist cabinet decision making and drive program delivery.

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

The ACT Government implement Wellbeing Reporting as a part of the annual budget papers.

Signed:

Date: 28/2/2014

