

PROPOSAL FOR "STUDY TRAVEL" BY NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER

The Remuneration Tribunal has determined that non-Executive members are entitled to financial assistance with travel for the purposes of undertaking studies or investigations of matters related to his or her duties and responsibilities as a Member ("study travel").

Chapter 15 of the Members' Guide sets out procedures for members to access this entitlement that the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure has endorsed. The process involves:

- the member completing a "study travel proposal" and lodging that proposal with the Secretariat's Corporate Services Office; and
- 2. the Corporate Services Office providing advice to the Speaker on the proposal and on the member's available entitlement.

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

The following information must be provided:

Brief description of the proposed activity (must include the purpose of the journey/activity and/or details of any conferences to be attended or training to be undertaken):

Meeting of Liberal Education Ministers/Shadow Ministers of Australia

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

Thursday 7th April 2011 7-9:30pm - Informal Dinner at Society Restaurant, Melsourne Friday 8th April 2011 10am - 2pm - Victorian Parliament House Melboure

I acknowledge that:

- within eight weeks of completing this activity, I am required to submit a written report detailing: the travel undertaken and the costs incurred (including any reimbursement received for nominee accompanied travel); the 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; and
- details of this proposal and the study travel report will be published on the Assembly's internet site.

Member's Name Signature	301312001
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STUDY TRIP REPORT

Purpose of Visit: Attend Meeting of Coalition Education Ministers and Shadow Education Ministers

Places visited and dates of visit: 7th and 8th of April 2011, Melbourne VIC.

Expenses incurred (including any reimbursement received for spouse accompanied travel): \$1,297.00

Organisation(s) and individuals visited: The Hon Martin Dixon, Minister for Education, Govt of VIC.

Area of responsibility of persons contacted: Education

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Business undertaken: Discussions of Issues that mutually affect our portfolios of Education and our electorates.

Conclusions and/or recommendations: The Ministers and Shadow Ministers agreed that all jurisdictions should move toward greater school autonomy recognising the need for accountability arrangements that support this, as well as Government policies at national and state levels that provide incentives to move in this direction. Some states already have a reasonable degree of autonomy in their schools, while others are just starting down this path. This means there will need to be different approaches taken.

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