



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MR WALL MLA:

In relation to the Local Industry Advocate (LIA):

1. How many meetings were conducted by the LIA in the reporting period:
 - a. With local businesses?
 - b. With industry peak bodies?
 - c. With union representatives?
2. How many meetings were undertaken outside of the ACT?
 - a. What was the cost of each trip taken?
3. How many FTE staff are currently employed in the office of the Local Industry Advocate?
 - a. What classification is each employee?

MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. The role of the Local Industry Advocate and the Defence Industry Advocate were brought together in 2017 to reflect the importance of the defence industry to the ACT economy and the related opportunities for Canberra companies. It is, therefore, not possible to differentiate between the two roles.

The Local Industry Advocate / Defence Industry Advocate is not required to keep a record of all meetings attended. However, the Advocate engages regularly with key industry players, including SMEs, industry associations, public service and Department of Defence contacts and attends major industry events such as the International Astronautical Congress, the South Australian Space Forum and events organised by the Department of Defence for state and territory Defence Industry Advocates.

2. The meetings undertaken by the Local Industry Advocate / Defence Industry Advocate and the associate costs are as follows:

Date	Event	Flight Cost	Accommodation Cost
3 August 2017	Attend Public Hearing on Defence Industry - Sydney	\$420.00	Nil
22 – 23 August 2017	Naval Shipbuilding Meeting - Adelaide	\$500.00	\$145.00

24 – 28 September 2017	International Aeronautical Congress (IAC) - Adelaide	\$447.00	\$677.00
3 – 4 October 2017	PACIFIC 2017 Conference - Sydney	\$260.00	\$160.00
22 November 2017	Space MOU meeting - Adelaide	\$435.00	Nil
4 – 5 June 2018	CSIRO Space Workshop - Sydney	\$280.00	\$215.00

3. There is no 'office of the Local Industry Advocate'. The Advocate is supported by Economic Development's Industry and Investment team, which oversees sector development and investment attraction across key sectors including defence, space, cyber security and agri-technology.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment, Andrew Barr MLA