



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:

1. 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):

The Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) is holding its National Conference in Canberra on 14-15 October 2011. The theme of the National Conference this year is *Putting Kids First*: the ACL is seeking to promote the best interests of children in the formulation and implementation of public policy. I am proposing to attend this Conference for the plenary presentations and discussions on 15 October 2011.

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

The ACL National Conference venue is the Hyatt Hotel, Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra. The Conference will be held over 14 and 15 October 2011.

Estimated cost of activity: \$150

(Note: Analysis of cost should include fares, travelling allowances, conference fees and other training expenses)

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; 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

B.M. Smyth

Signature

29/9/11

*APPROVED / NOT APPROVED

Speaker

30/9/11

*Delete as applicable

STUDY TRIP REPORT

Name: Brendan Smyth MLA

Purpose of visit: To attend the National Conference of the Australian Christian Lobby

Places visited and date(s) of visit: Canberra, 15 October 2011

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

Air fares	-
Conference registration	150.00
Expenses and Incidentals	-
Total:	\$150.00

Organisation(s) and individuals visited and areas of responsibility:

The ACL National Conference featured:

- international speaker, Indian Dr Vishal Mangalwadi
- Professor Patrick Parkinson AM, Professor of Law at Sydney University
- Joe de Bruyn, who is a member of the ALP National Executive and
- Richard Eckersley and Jim Wallace.

Business undertaken:

The ACL National Conference provides an excellent opportunity for participants to be brought up to date with developments across a range of important public policy matters. Professor Parkinson, for example, spoke on the well-being of children and Joe de Bruyn spoke on the prospects for ensuring that the definition of 'marriage' remains unchanged. Other issues included the future of the family, the role of the Bible in the development of the western world and child development. The panel discussions and question times also are a valuable means of highlighting critical issues.

Conclusions and/or recommendations:

The attendance at conferences such as this and the quality of speakers emphasises the widespread community interest in and concern about some of these fundamental public policy issues. This Conference confirmed that there is considerable concern about moves to seek to widen the definition of marriage; as well, there is deep concern about the need to ensure that children are allowed to grow and develop in loving, protective and caring environments.

Signed:



Date:

23/1/12