



Standing Committee on Economy and Gender and Economic Equality

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Reference: Hearing on 10 November, Annual Report of Minister for the Arts

In relation to: Cultural Facilities Corporation – CEO Travel

1. What was the current CEO's travel budget in the 2021-22 financial year?
2. Please advise the total amount spent on the current CEO's travel in the 2021-22 financial year, broken down by flights, accommodation, and incidentals.
 - a. For any trips taken, please advise the destination and purpose of any travel undertaken by the current CEO in the 2021-22 financial year.
 - b. For any cancelled trips planned by the current CEO, please advise the destination and purpose of the planned trip, and advise why it was cancelled.
 - c. What is the CEO's travel budget for the 2022-23 financial year?
 - d. Please advise the total amount spent on the CEO's travel in the 2022-23 financial year to date, broken down by flights, accommodation, and incidentals.
 - (i) For any trips taken, please advise the destination and purpose of any travel taken by the CEO in the 2022-23 financial year.
 - (ii) Please advise the destination and purpose of any planned travel for the CEO in the 2022-23 financial year.
 - e. For any trips where the CEO was accompanied by a staff member of staff members, please advise the capacity in which the staff member travelled, and the cost of travel, broken down by flights, accommodation, and incidentals.

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Cultural Facilities Corporation (CFC), an independent body with a governing board, advises:

1. The travel budget for the CEO team, which is comprised of 5 positions, was \$3,000 for the 2021-22 financial year. There was no specific allocation for the CEO's position itself.
2. The total amount spent on the current CEO's travel in the 2021-22 financial year was \$0.00.
 - a. No trips were taken by the current CEO in 2021-22 financial year.
 - b. No cancelled trips were planned by the current CEO in 2021-22 financial year.

- c. The travel budget for the CEO team, which is comprised of 5 positions, is \$5,500 for the 2022-23 financial year. There is no specific allocation for the CEO's position itself.
- d. The total amount spent on the CEO's travel for the 2022-23 financial to date is \$566.51. Of this \$566.51 was spent on flights, \$0.00 on accommodation, and \$0.00 on incidentals.
 - i. The CEO has travelled in an official capacity once in the 2022-23 financial year. This was a trip to Sydney to represent the CFC at a theatre opening event.
 - During a separate private trip to Sydney in a personal capacity, the CEO also conducted one work-related meeting, a tour of PIER 2/3 in relation to planning for the redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre Centre, at zero cost.
 - ii. A trip to Sydney is anticipated but not yet organised for inspection of cultural venues in relation to planning for the redevelopment of the Canberra Theatre Centre.
- e. A member of the CTC marketing team responsible for campaign management of the upcoming Canberra season of the show accompanied the CEO to the theatre opening event in Sydney. The total cost of travel of the marketing staff person was \$312.75. Of this \$0.00 was spent on flights, \$201.40 on Accommodation, and \$111.35 on ground travel to and around Sydney. The staff member did not incur any costs for meals or incidentals.

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Signature:



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By the Minister for the Arts, Tara Cheyne MLA