

Premier's and Ministers' Official Overseas Travel Report

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Premier's Memorandum 2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information requires Ministers to publish on an appropriate agency website details of the costs, purpose and benefits of overseas trip, including scheduled meetings, **within 28 days** of return.

Visit/Mission Title : VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND DENMARK

Purpose of travel

To meet with senior officials from social and community housing, child protection and child welfare, with a particular focus on preventing young people exiting the out of home care system to homelessness and involvement in the criminal justice system and social housing.

Benefits of travel for the State of New South Wales

The United Kingdom has since 1998 through legislative, regulatory and policy initiatives, achieved success in improving the outcomes for children in care, such as reducing the numbers of children in out of home care in the criminal justice system. Lessons learnt by the UK will assist NSW in responding to similar challenges and provide a blueprint for the State's own attempts to reduce the criminalisation of children in care, an Election commitment and one of the Premier's priorities. The visit also provided valuable insight into adoption practices, which will assist in the NSW Election commitment to establish an Open Adoption Institute.

The United Kingdom and Denmark have also developed promising social and community housing initiatives designed to overcome dependence on social housing. Discussions regarding finance models, such as private sector investment and super-fund involvement in supporting community housing, as well as measures to address homelessness and social dislocation were held and will be considered in the NSW context.

Scheduled meetings

| Date | Organisation/Individual | Purpose of Meeting |
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| 28.9.15 | Who Cares? Trust | Care Leavers and children in care |
| 28.9.15 | Deputy Lord Mayor of London (Housing, Land and Property) | Statutory housing strategy and investment programmes – the London experience |
| 28.9.15 | Prison Reform Trust | Criminalisation of children in care, ex-prisoners social needs |
| 29.9.15 | Hadley Centre for Adoption and Foster Care Studies | Adoption – the UK experience |
| 29.9.15 | Bristol City Council | Social housing issues in regional England |
| 30.9.15 | Lendlease meeting with executives | Social housing issues in central London |
| 30.9.15 | Site tour – Trafalgar Place | Site visit – Trafalgar Place |
| 30.9.15 | The Housing Finance Corporation Limited | Social housing finance models |
| 1.10.15 | London & Quadrant Housing Trust/G15 Group | Affordable housing and shared ownership – the UK experience |
| 1.10.15 | Child Migrants Trust | Child migration and child abuse – UK and |

| Date | Organisation/Individual | Purpose of Meeting |
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| | | Australia |
| 2.10.15 | DG Danish Prison & Probation Service | Social housing needs of ex-prisoners and prison population statistics; children in care and prison |
| 2.10.15 | CF Moller Architects | Affordable, sustainable social housing models in Denmark |
| 2.10.15 | Australian Ambassador to Denmark | Out of home care and social housing |
| 2.10.15 | Danish Minister of Social Affairs and Minister the Interior | NSW Government policies; children at risk, adoption from care and social housing in Denmark |
| 2.10.15 | Danish Department of Social Affairs and the Interior | Children at risk, child protection, adoption from care, care and crime in Denmark |
| 5.10.15 | BL – Danish Social Housing CEO and executives | Social housing affordability and innovation |
| 5.10.15 | Site visit and meeting with Rosenhoj, Housing Association of Aarhus Omegn | Site visit to social housing area which has undergone extensive physical refurbishment |
| 5.10.15 | Site visit and meeting with Haandvaerkerparken, Housing Association of ALBOA | Site visit to award winning compact/low residential area from the 1990's |

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| Minister | <i>The Hon Brad Hazzard MP</i> |
| Portfolio | <i>Family and Community Services and Social Housing</i> |
| Destinations(s) visited a) Countries b) Cities | United Arab Emirates (stopover), United Kingdom and Denmark Dubai (stopover), London, Bristol, Copenhagen, Aarhus |
| Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date | Departed Sydney 25.9.15 Arrived Australia 7.10.15 |
| Number of official travel days | <i>12</i> |
| Number of accompanying a) Minister's staff b) Government officials | 1 Nil |
| Accompanied by spouse a) in an official capacity b) in a private capacity | <i>No</i> |
| Costs | |
| Airfares a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials | <i>\$18,491.76</i> |

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| Accommodation (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials | \$7,911.36 Nil |
| Official hospitality a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials | Nil Nil |
| Other expenses a) Official gift presentation b) Ground transport c) Meals and refreshments d) Other miscellaneous costs | N/A \$1,331.69 \$1,111.66 Nil |
| TOTAL estimated travel cost a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials | \$28,846.47 Nil |
| Currency conversion rate | 1 AUD = 2.57 AED 1 AUD = 0.46 GBP 1 AUD = 4.69 DKK |

This report does not include costs for data roaming, official passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, translation or printing of business cards.