

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

See tabled paper.



Thursday, 14 March 2019

1990. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts

I refer to the use of booking agents, booking platforms or multinational online travel agencies by departmental staff and Ministers, and I ask:

- (a) in the last year have ministerial departments used the services of booking agents, booking platforms or multinational online travel agencies other than Corporate Travel Management (CTM) for the provision of accommodation for the Minister, ministerial staff and departmental staff; and
- (b) if yes to (a), please list the following information:
- (i) the name of the booking agency, booking platform or multinational online travel agency;
 - (ii) the number of times it was used;
 - (iii) for which portfolio area of responsibility;
 - (iv) who the booking was made for;
 - (v) and the reason for the travel; and
 - (vi) the reason why CTM was not used for the booking?

Answer

(a-b) [see tabled paper no.]

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(a) No

(b)(i – iv) Not applicable

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

(a) Yes

(b)(i) Name of booking agency	(b)(ii) Number of times	(b)(iii) Portfolio	(b)(iv) Name/s	(b)(v) Reason for travel	(b)(vi) Reason why CTM not used
Wotif	3	Culture and the Arts	Facilities Manager, Infrastructure and Facilities Coordinator, Asset Management Team	Meet local contractors and identify works to bring buildings up to code.	Provided savings; booking was immediate; payment could be made online and it was easy to change booking details if needed.
Hospitality Pty Ltd					
Sleep Inn Hospitality					
Wotif	2	Culture and the Arts	Director General	Meetings and events	International travel; no air fares required; and was cheaper than CTM at the time of booking
	1	Local Government	Director, ICT and Chief Technology Officer ICT	Conference	
Wotif	2	Culture and the Arts	Executive Director, Culture and the Arts	Attend Meeting of Cultural Ministers Meeting	Provided savings; booking immediate; paid online and easy to change

Air New Zealand	1	Sport and Recreation	Recreation Development Officer, Trails	Attend Sustainable Trails Conference	International Travel
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Art Gallery of Western Australia

(a) Yes

(b)(i) Name of booking agency	(b)(ii) Number of times	(b)(iii) Portfolio	(b)(iv) Name/s	(b)(v) Reason for travel	(b)(vi) Reason why CTM not used
Booking.com	1	Culture and the Arts	Deputy Director, Art Gallery	Attend Forum	CTM not mandatory for accommodation and online search provided better choice and value
	1		Director, Art Gallery	Attend Creative Partnerships Award	
	1		Director, Art Gallery	Attend Council of Australian Art Museum Directors Meeting	
	1		HR Consultant, Art Gallery	Attend Annual National Art Museum HR Meeting	
	1		Director, Art Gallery	Participate in international Forum	
	1		Director, Art Gallery	Attend a Lecture	
Hotel.com and Expedia.com	1		Director, Art Gallery	International Travel to source and negotiate loan exhibitions for AGWA	

State Library of Western Australia

(a) Yes

(b)(i) Name of booking agency	(b)(ii) Number of times	(b)(iii) Portfolio	(b)(iv) Name/s	(b)(v) Reason for travel	(b)(vi) Reason why CTM not used
Island Explorer Holidays	2	Culture and the Arts	Regional Liaison Officer and Chief Executive & State Librarian	C'wealth agreement to deliver library services to Christmas and Cocos Islands	International Accommodation
Booking.com	2	Culture and the Arts	Senior Conservator Manager, Data and Discovery	Conference attendance (two conferences)	Cheaper than CTM or if booked direct with hotel

State Records Office of Western Australia

(a) Yes

(b)(i) Name of booking agency	(b)(ii) Number of times	(b)(iii) Portfolio	(b)(iv) Name/s	(b)(v) Reason for travel	(b)(vi) Reason why CTM not used
Expedia.com	1	Culture and the Arts	Director Archives	Attending Council of Australasian Archives and Records Authorities meeting in Adelaide SA	Lower price than CTM and hotel direct

Western Australian Museum

(a) Yes

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Airbnb	13	Culture and the Arts	Curator; Conservator; Regional Manager; Technical Officer - Exhibitions	Fieldwork; Travelling exhibition; Conferences; Museums reserves audits	Cheaper prices were obtained than using CTM
Booking.com	4		Director; Senior ATSI; Chief Executive; Manager Regional Services	Travel to Regional sites and a Conference	Cheaper prices were obtained than using CTM
Expedia.com	5		Director; Shop Assistant	Shop stocktake; Director Exhibition	Cheaper prices were obtained than using CTM
Lastminute.com	4		Director; Project Officer; Manager Regional Services; Curator	Regional Travel; Grant Fieldwork	Cheaper prices were obtained than using CTM
Wotif	3		Chief Financial Officer; Curator; External application for job vacancy	Conference; Regional Travel; Interview of candidate	Cheaper prices were obtained than using CTM

Perth Theatre Trust

(a) No

(b)(i – iv) Not applicable

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board

(a) No

(b)(i – iv) Not applicable

National Trust Western Australia

(a) No

(b)(i – iv) Not applicable

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

(a-b) Please refer to Legislative Council question on notice 1998