

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 14 March 2019

1997. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

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

Synergy

- (a) Yes
- (b) See below table.

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
AIRBNB	1	Energy	Synergy	Muja power Station site visit	Administration staff unavailable to make booking through CTM
Wotif.com	1	Energy	Synergy	Denham site visit	Cheaper rate secured through an alternate supplier
Agoda.com	1	Energy	Synergy	Denham site visit	Cheaper rate secured through an alternate supplier

Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association

- (a) Yes
- (b)(i) Accommodation through Booking .com and Meeting organisations (Greyhound Clubs Australia/Nationals)
- (ii) 6
- (iii) Racing
- (iv) General Manager (2), Racing Manager (3), CFO (1)
- (v) Attend Greyhound Clubs Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting
- (vi) the organisation is cost conscious and purchases the cheapest accommodation.

Small Business Portfolio

Small Business Development Corporation

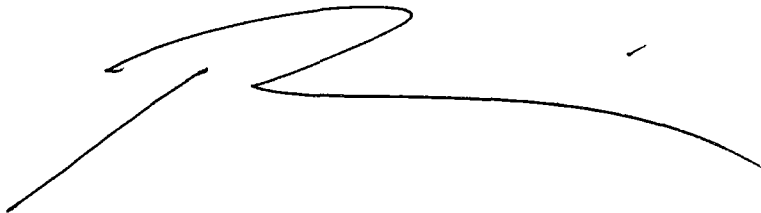
- (a) No
- (b) (i-iv) Not Applicable

Defence Issues Portfolio

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 1982

Citizenship and Multicultural Interests Portfolio

Please refer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 1990

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Public Utilities Office

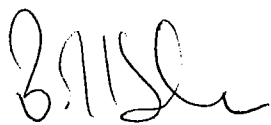
(a)-(b) Please refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 1994.

Horizon Power

(a) Yes

(b) See below table.

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
FCM Travel Solutions (part of the Flight Centre Travel Group)	1,335	Energy	Horizon Power employees and contractors	Work Related – examples include site inspections and audits; meetings and work	Horizon Power is a Government Trading Entity and not bound to use Common Use Arrangements (CUA) providers, such as CTM, and engages FCM Travel to leverage their scale and corollary discounts for our corporate travel requirements.



MINISTER FOR ENERGY

8/4/19

Pacific Travel DMC	1	Energy	Synergy	Insurance presentations to the underwriters in London	Cheaper rate was secured through an alternate supplier than that offered by event host
Booking.com	5	Energy	Synergy	Bright Energy Investments	Cheaper rate secured through an alternate supplier
		Energy	Synergy	Wind industry forum 2019	Cheaper rate secured through an alternate supplier
		Energy	Synergy	HR Summit 2018 Conference	Cheaper rate secured through an alternate supplier
		Energy	Synergy	Site meeting	Administration staff unavailable to make booking through CTM
		Energy	Synergy	Generation Leadership Team Operations and Strategy Meeting	Staff did not have previous CTM booking access. Booking.com was used at no additional cost

Wester Power

(a) Yes

(b)

(i) Bookaroom

(ii) Once

(iii) Energy

(iv) Western Power

(v) Site visit to Badgingarra.

(vi) Cheaper rate secured through alternate supplier.