

MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — PORTFOLIOS — TRAVEL BOOKINGS

2000. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

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?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

This answer includes the response for the Department of Communities, covering multiple Ministerial portfolios including Disability Services, Volunteering, Seniors and Ageing Housing, Youth and Veterans Issues, as well as my Child Protection, Women's Interests, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services portfolios.

- (a) Yes
- (b) The period of 14 March 2018 to 14 March 2019 comprised:

(i) Name of booking agency	(ii) Number of times used	(iii) Portfolio area	(iv) Who the booking was for (position only)	(v) Reason for travel
Airbnb	2	Disability Services	National Disability Insurance Scheme Regional Manager	Travel from Albany to Perth to relieve an officer on extended leave for five weeks.
Airbnb	1	Disability Services	National Disability Insurance Scheme Regional Manager	Travel to Albany for a short-term placement.
Booking.com	5	Child Protection	Senior Regional Child Protection staff (East Kimberley, Pilbara, Murchison and Goldfields).	Travel in relation to child protection services in regional areas.
Booking.com	1	Housing	Operational Training Officer	Travel for training in Broome.
Booking.com	1	Housing	Bunbury Regional Manager	Travel for a meeting in Perth.
Expedia	1	Housing	Manager, North West Housing	Travel for a meeting in Geraldton.
Expedia	1	Housing	Manager, Urban Planning	Travel for Albany housing development.
Expedia	1	Housing	Director, Intergovernmental Outcomes	Travel for a housing related conference in Darwin.
Expedia	4	Child Protection	Senior Regional Child Protection staff (East Kimberley, Pilbara, Murchison and Goldfields).	Travel in relation to child protection services in regional areas.

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Hotels.com	2	Housing	Executive Director, Regulation and Quality	Travel to Albany in relation to community housing.
Hotels.com	1	Housing	Project Manager, Asset Planning	Travel to York in relation to a project.
Hotels.com	1	Housing	Project Officer, North West Aboriginal Housing Fund	Travel to Albany in relation to Spencer Park urban renewal.
Hotelsone	1	Housing	Project Delivery Manager	Travel to Karratha in relation to a remote housing project.
Wotif	20	Child Protection	Senior Regional Child Protection staff (East Kimberley, Pilbara, Murchison and Goldfields).	Travel in relation to child protection services in regional areas.
Wotif	1	Housing	Manager, Housing Policy	Travel for a conference in Melbourne.
Wotif	1	Housing	Leasing Officer	Working in Perth for 19 days.
Wotif	2	Housing	Project Delivery Manager	Travel to Karratha for a remote housing project.
Wotif	3	Housing	Goldfields Regional Manager	Travel for meetings in Perth.
Wotif	1	Housing	Project Officer, North West Aboriginal Housing Fund	Travel to Albany in relation to Spencer Park urban renewal.

- (vi) State Government accommodation bookings do not have to be made through the CUATMS2017 – Corporate Travel Management.

The Department of Communities' direct purchase decisions comply with the State Supply Commission's Value for Money Policy. Regional purchasing decisions are also aligned to the Buy Local Policy where appropriate.