

PREMIER — PORTFOLIOS — TRAVEL BOOKINGS

1982. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:

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:**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

- (a) Yes (3 times).
- (b)
  - (i) Airbnb; Christmas Island Tourism Association
  - (ii) Airbnb used twice; Christmas Island Tourism Association used once
  - (iii) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) (Federal–State Relations Unit (FSRU))
  - (iv) Deputy Director General, DPC  
Principal Project Officer, FSRU  
Principal Project Officer, FSRU; Director, FRSU
  - (v) COAG Senior Official Meeting on 28 November 2018  
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  - (vi) No accommodation was available through CTM.  
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Gold Corp:

- (a) Yes
- (b) From 1 July 2018

(i) booking agency	(ii) number of times used	(iii) portfolio or area of responsibility	(iv) who the booking was made for	(v) reason for travel	(vi) reason why CTM was not used
Motive Travel	43	Gold Corporation	Senior Development Chemist Production Manager Group Manager Perth Mint Shop and Exhibition Manager Eastern Europe and Middle East	Conferences and Fairs Client Meetings Distributor Meetings	Accommodation bookings are made in accordance with Gold Corporation’s policy.

			Senior Depository Administration Application Solution Architect Team Lead Chief Financial Officer Manager, Shop and Exhibition General Manager, Corporate Governance & Risk Treasurer and Deputy CEO Sales & Business Development Manager Contracts Administrator Senior Dealer Operations Manager Refinery Group Manager, Minted Products Deputy Treasurer / Senior Dealer Senior Depository Administrator Chief Executive Officer Operational Risk Manager Bullion Management Officer Manager, Australian Wholesale Application Solution Architect Team Lead	Supplier Visits Review Point of Sale system Technical Exchange Training	
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Lotterywest:

(a) In the last year Lotterywest has used the services of booking platforms other than Corporate Travel Management (CTM) for the provision of booking of accommodation.

(b) (i) The name of the booking platforms used were:

- (1) Expedia
- (2) Hotels.Com
- (3) Lastminute.Com.Au

(ii) The number of times the booking platforms were used were:

<b>Booking Platform</b>	<b>No #</b>
Expedia	1
Hotels.Com	3
Lastminute.Com.Au	1

(iii) These platforms were used for Lotterywest staff undertaking the Executive, Grant and Technology porfolios.

- (iv) These bookings were made for the following positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>No #</b>
Lotterywest CEO	1
Lotterywest Grants Officers	2
Lotterywest Field Technicians	2

- (v) The reason for travel was to attend regional grant presentations and undertake hardware repairs for regional retailers.
- (vi) The reasons why CTM was not used for the bookings were:
- (1) The traveller did not have CTM access;
  - (2) The regional location was not available through CTM; and
  - (3) Price

Public Sector Commission:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Booking.com.  
(ii) Two.  
(iii) Public Sector Management.  
(iv) Commission employees.  
(v) To facilitate regional training courses.  
(vi) All suitable accommodation options provided by CTM were fully booked at the time of the bookings.

Salaries and Allowances Tribunal

- (a) No.  
(b) Not applicable.