

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER AND CABINET — MINISTERIAL AIRCRAFT

653. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the operation of the Department of Premier and Cabinet ministerial aircraft, and I ask:

- (a) on how many occasions has a flight occurred since 11 March 2017 where a Minister has not been on the flight;
- (b) with reference to (a), who were the passengers on the flight including their relevant positions and the departure and arrival destinations; and
- (c) who authorised each flight to occur without a Minister present?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) There has been two flights since 11 March 2017 where a Minister has not been on the flight.
- (b)
  - (i) Passenger: Ms T Widdicombe  
Position: Senior Policy Adviser to Hon D Templeman MLA  
Perth to Busselton  
Thursday 24 August 2017
  - (ii) Passenger: Mr C Thurley  
Position: Senior Policy Adviser to Hon A MacTiernan MLC  
Passenger: Mr M Scott  
Position: Senior Media Adviser to Hon A MacTiernan MLC  
Passenger: Ms S Court  
Position: Policy Adviser to Hon A MacTiernan MLC  
Albany to Perth  
Friday 8 September 2017
- (c) On both occasions the aircraft was required to return to its Perth Airport base. The decision to allow these ministerial staff members to travel on the aircraft without the Minister was made by the Department at an operational level.