

MINISTER FOR TOURISM — SINGAPORE VISIT — ACCOMPANYING MEDIA

687. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the minister's recent trip to Singapore.

- (1) Did the government pay for any media to accompany the minister?
- (2) If yes to (1), who was the journalist and from which media company?
- (3) What was the total cost to the taxpayer of taking a journalist on the trip?
- (4) Who did the minister meet with regarding his racing portfolio?
- (5) Will the minister table his itinerary?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) It was a senior reporter at *The Sunday Times*.
- (3) It was a total cost of \$1 218.16.
- (4) The minister met the Australian High Commissioner, the Perth Racing chairman, the Perth Racing managing director, the Tabcorp Singapore representative and Singaporean tourism and travel media.
- (5) The itinerary details were: arrived in Singapore on Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 6.00 pm; and attended and presented speech at Margaret River fiftieth anniversary dinner. On Thursday, 31 August 2017, he attended a meeting with the Western Australian Government Trade and Investment Office regional director, Singapore, the launch of Perth Masters Racing Carnival to the Singapore audience, and a press forum at the Australian High Commission with Singaporean and Australian media; had a live Australia-wide radio interview with Sky Racing Australia; attended a VIP hosted lunch with the Australian High Commissioner and senior editors, travel, trade and general media; met with Singapore Airlines and Silk Air representatives; and departed Singapore at 6.00 pm.
- (6) Not applicable.