

ATTORNEY GENERAL — DEPARTMENTS — TRAVEL BOOKINGS

1991. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

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:

The Department of Justice:

- (a) Yes.
- (b)
 - (i) Booking.Com.Australia, Expedia, Wotif
 - (ii) Booking.Com.Australia (14)Wotif (7), Expedia (1)
 - (iii) Booking.Com.Australia (14) all Corrective Services, Wotif (6) Courts and (1) Corrective Services, Expedia (1) Courts
 - (iv) [See tabled paper no 2652.]
 - (v) [See tabled paper no 2652.]
 - (vi) Booking accommodation through CTM is not mandatory in the contract but is the preferred method by the Department where using a booking manager. Reasons provided for booking through other agents were:

CTM booking site was unavailable

Lack of available and suitable accommodation

Able to procure accommodation at a significantly lower price

The Corruption and Crime Commission:

- (a) Yes.
- (b)
 - (i) Expedia.
 - (ii) Two.
 - (iii) The Corruption and Crime Commission.
 - (iv) Two officers from the Corruption and Crime Commission.
 - (v) Investigation into the WA Commissioner in Japan.
 - (vi) Due to the covert nature of the travel, it was decided to not go through CTM on this occasion.

Equal Opportunity Commission

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(vi) Not applicable.

The Legal Practice Board (including the Legal Profession Complaints Committee):

- (a) No.
- (b) (i)–(vi) Not applicable.

LegalAid Western Australia:

- (a) Yes.

(b) [See tabled paper no 2652.]

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions:

(a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People:

(a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

Solicitor General's Office:

(a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

State Solicitors Office:

(a) No.

(b) Not applicable.