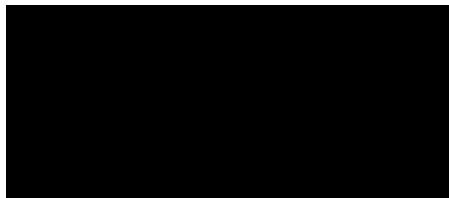




ACT
Government

Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

Our ref: CMTEDD 40/16-17



Decision on your Freedom of Information Request – 2016 Minister Gentleman Urban Renewal delegation - expenses incurred

Request for information

I refer to your request submitted to Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS) Directorate on 15 December 2016 and transferred to the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 12 January 2017, in which you sought access to:

“...all documents or parts of documents that provide information and detail on the expenses incurred by the ACT Government for Minister Mick Gentleman, MLA, and others to travel to and stay in North American cities in early 2016 to study light rail ('the ACT Delegation').

To clarify my request, I am seeking documents that detail the expenses incurred by Minister Gentleman and the delegates (ACT Government and otherwise) who were funded in full or part by the ACT Government.

I am not seeking individual records or receipts for expenses incurred by members of the ACT Delegation but would be happy to receive a breakdown of the expenses incurred by category (ie air fares, accommodation, food, hospitality, land transportation, allowances, grants, etc). I understand that under section 16 of the Act it would be possible for your agency to get these amounts from your accounting systems and produce a single document with the relevant amounts and total amount.”

Decision Maker

I am authorised under section 22 of the Act to make decisions on access to documents and liability for charges.

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development

Charges

I have decided, under section 29 of the Act, not to impose processing charges for this request.

Identification of Documents

As advised to you in the Directorate's letter of 13 January 2017 records relevant to your request are held by CMTEDD, the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD), and the Land Development Agency (LDA). For the purposes of the FOI Act EPSDD and the LDA are considered to be agencies separate to CMTEDD. In lieu of partially transferring the request as provided for by section 15(1) of the Act, however, CMTEDD has liaised with these two agencies to incorporate the information held into CMTEDD's response to your request.

You indicated a breakdown of expenses incurred by members of the delegation, by categories such as air fares, accommodation, food, hospitality, land transportation, allowances, and grants, would provide the information you seek to access. Therefore, no discrete documents were identified in regards to your request; in order to respond CMTEDD has compiled expense information from the relevant systems to create the attached table.

Decision on Access

I have decided to release the created document to you in full.

Your Right of Review

Internal Review

Under section 59 (1) of the Act, you may request a review of my decision. You have 28 days after receiving notice of my decision to ask for a review, or a further period as allowed by the Director-General.

Your request should be addressed to:

Director-General

Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

GPO Box 158

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Complaints to the Ombudsman

Under section 54 of the Act, you may complain to the Ombudsman about administrative matters relating to the processing of your Freedom of Information request. There is no fee for making a complaint. The Ombudsman will conduct an independent investigation into your complaint.

You can contact the Ombudsman either by telephone on 1300 362 072 or in writing to:

The Ombudsman

GPO Box 442

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Online FOI Policy

I have assessed your request for information under the ACT Government's Online Freedom of Information Publication Policy and have determined that my decision on your request will be published online. Personal information or business information will not be made available under this policy. A copy of the policy, with details about what information may be published on the Internet, is available online at:

[http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI Web Release Policy - Final.pdf](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0016/250333/FOI_Web_Release_Policy_-_Final.pdf)

Should you have any queries regarding this matter please contact me on (02) 6207 8207.

Yours sincerely


Kirsten Thompson
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Corporate Management

25 January 2017