



Speech by

Hon. M. FOLEY

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Air Fares, Director-General, Department of Justice and Attorney-General

Hon. M. J. FOLEY (Yeronga—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts) (2.32 p.m.), by leave: Provision for reasonable air fares between Melbourne and Brisbane was made to cover the initial transition period of the appointment of the Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. This provision was made in the formal offer of appointment to cover the period until the director-general's family relocated to Brisbane. This was part of a relocation package which involved savings in other areas of relocation expenditure normally incurred, such as the selling and buying of residential property and a relatively short period in board and lodging—19 days— instead of the usual entitlement of up to four months.

The quantum of reasonable travel costs for family reunion has been agreed at six standard economy return fares. This morning, I informed the House that I understood that there had been a couple of occasions when the director-general had returned to Melbourne. I can inform the House now that the actual number was four. With respect to the 1996 termination payment to the director-general following her sacking by the previous coalition Government, arrangements have been made for the pro-rata repayment of the appropriate sum.
