

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1677**  
**Asked on 11 November 2008**

MR RICKUSS asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

**QUESTION:**

With reference to travel on the government aircraft by the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation—

- (1) How many trips has the minister taken in the Government Airwing since becoming minister (reported by departure and destination place of each trip and reported separately)?
- (2) What was the cost of each trip (reported by trip and total cost)?
- (3) What was the carbon footprint for each trip?
- (4) What was the departure time and arrival time and total travel hours for each trip taken?

**ANSWER:**

The table at Attachment 1 outlines travel on government aircraft by the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Hon. A McNamara MP) from 13 September 2007 to 11 November 2008, where the government aircraft in question was allocated to the Minister in accordance with the *Guidelines for the use of Government Aircraft for official transport* (the Guidelines).

The Honourable Member should also note that the Department of Public Works is currently coordinating the purchase of carbon offsets for the total amount of fuel burnt by the Government Air Wing through the newly formed ecoFundQ. These offsets will not only apply into the future but are being back dated to 10 December 2007.

## Attachment I

Date	Destinations	Flight Time	No. of passengers (including the Minister)	Cost per passenger	Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>
23.04.08	Brisbane 0828 - Cunnamulla 0940; Cunnamulla 1617 - Brisbane 1723	2.3 hrs	8	\$840.27	6.06
30.07.08	Brisbane 0647 - Rockhampton 0741; Rockhampton 1417 - Brisbane 1511	1.8 hrs	4	\$1,315.21	4.90
24.08.08	Brisbane 0745 - Innisfail 1045; Innisfail 1430 - Brisbane 1654	6 hrs*	6	\$1,753.40*	6.42*
16.10.08	Brisbane 1457 - Mackay 1639; Mackay 2026 - Brisbane 2253	3.7 hrs**	2	\$3,243.79	2.39
23.10.08	Brisbane 0721- Dalby 0751; Dalby 1439 - Brisbane 1521	1.2 hrs	3	\$701.36	1.33

\* Please note that these figures include flights Innisfail - Cairns - Innisfail to enable the aircraft to be refuelled in Cairns. The Minister and the other passengers did not travel on the flight to Cairns.

\*\* Please note that the Minister left the return leg of this trip in Hervey Bay while the other passenger returned to Brisbane.