

**Question on Notice  
No. 1803  
Asked on 25 November 2008**

MR TED MALONE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

For the period 1 October 2007 to 31 October 2008, will he detail all interstate travel for Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) managers (M6, M7, M8 and SO levels) and executives (Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners) specifying the following:

- (a) date of travel;
- (b) persons name and role in QAS;
- (c) destination of travel;
- (d) purpose of travel;
- (e) total cost of the trip; and
- (f) benefit that this travel has had for the people of Queensland and the QAS?

ANSWER:

The attached table details interstate travel for QAS managers and executives between 1 October 2007 and 31 October 2008.

QAS staff travel to other jurisdictions to learn and compare experiences and practice so as to identify improvements to vehicles and equipment for patient safety and comfort and the continued professional development of staff to ensure service delivery in Queensland continues to deliver high quality at the front line.

In the previous 12 months, interstate travel from 1 October 2006 to 31 October 2007 for senior QAS officers' expenditure totalled \$54,479.90. In comparison, travel expenditure 1 October 2007 to 31 October 2008 was \$41,623.56, a saving of \$12,856.34.

All interstate travel by QAS officers must be approved by the Director-General prior to travel being booked.

<b>Date of Travel</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
14-16/10/2007	Area Director Tablelands, Cape York and Torres Strait	Canberra	Australian College of Health Service Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$1769.25
21-23/10/2007	(Former) Commissioner	Bathurst	Council of Ambulance Authorities – Charles Sturt University Site visit	\$1630.00
29/10/2007	Executive Manager Fleet and Equipment	Melbourne	Inspection of prototype of Patient Transport Service vehicle prior to production	\$730.04
14-16/11/2007	Project Manager State Communications Centre Review	Canberra	Attend National Emergency Committee Working Group meeting	\$700.79
26/11/2007	Manager Clinical Education	Melbourne	Meeting in Melbourne with Ambulance Service	\$1023.48
4-5/12/2007	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Adelaide	Ambulance Indicator Performance Framework – Attend Emergency Call Service Advisory Committee meeting on behalf of the Commissioner	\$1609.42
6-7/12/2008	Medical Director	Adelaide	Council of Ambulance Authorities Medical Conference	\$1652.09
5-7/12/2008	Manager Clinical Standards	Adelaide	Council of Ambulance Authorities Medical Conference	\$729.74
13-15/12/2007	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Hobart	Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System - Leadership Collaboration Meeting	\$1391.00
30-31/1/2008	Executive Manager Fleet and Equipment	Sydney	Inspection of prototypes of Mercedes 318 and Troop Carrier	\$724.09
13/2/2008	(Former) Assistant Commissioner Strategic Development	Canberra	Attend Australian Safer Communities Awards	\$767.55
13/2/2008	(Former) Deputy Commissioner	Melbourne	Council of Ambulance Authorities – representing the Commissioner	\$332.00
14/2/2008	Manager Clinical Education	Melbourne	Interim Paramedic Education Programs Accreditation Committee meeting	\$525.15
12-13/3/2008	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and	Melbourne	Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System -	\$522.05

	Resourcing		Collaboration Team Meeting	
17-18/3/2008	Executive Manager Fleet and Equipment Manager Vehicle Design and Compliance	Sydney	Compliance verification inspection for prototype 318 Mercedes and troop carrier	\$1078.08
18-19/3/2008	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Melbourne	Emergency Management Working Group meeting – Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision	\$757.40
7-10/4/2008	(Former) Deputy Commissioner	Adelaide	Strategic Business Advisory Group meeting – Council of Ambulance Authorities	\$1174.69
13-16/4/2008	Area Director Beenleigh, South Eastern Region	Melbourne	Australian College of Health Service Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$1057.50
15-16/4/2008	Executive Manager Fleet and Equipment Manager Vehicle Design and Compliance Senior Business Analysis	Sydney	Compliance verification inspection for prototype 318 Mercedes and troop carrier	\$1094.00
18/4/2008	Manager Clinical Education	Melbourne	Presentation at Monash University for QAS	\$191.60 One way fare – Monash paid remainder
27-30/4/2008	Manager Clinical Standards	Sydney	Council of Ambulance Authorities Clinical Standards Committee meeting	\$1441.90
11-12/5/2008	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Melbourne	Melbourne Ambulance Service visit – Secondary Triage and Referral Service	\$675.04
12/5/2008	Area Director Central Area Brisbane Region	Melbourne	Melbourne Ambulance Service visit – Secondary Triage and Referral Service	\$735.04
12/5/2008	Medical Director	Melbourne	Melbourne Ambulance Service visit – Secondary Triage and Referral Service	\$610.26
20/5/2008	Executive Manager Fleet	Sydney	Vehicle inspection for prototype	\$426.00

	and Equipment		318 Mercedes and troop carrier	
28-30/5/2008	Project Manager State Communications Centre Review	Sydney	Attend National Emergency Committee Working Group meeting	\$737.86
29-30/5/2008	Executive Manager Fleet and Equipment	Melbourne	Project meeting to discuss latest build for 315 Patient Transport vehicle	\$480.04
11-12/6/2008	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Sydney	Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System - Collaboration Team Meeting	\$814.58
12/6/2008	Manager Clinical Standards	Sydney	Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System meeting	\$445.42
22/6/2008 – 4/7/2008	Area Director Mackay, Central Region	Sydney	Australian College of Health Service Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$319.00
22/6/2008 – 4/7/2008	Area Director Port Curtis/Callide	Sydney	Australian College of Health Service Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$408.00
23-24/6/2008	Assistant Commissioner South Eastern region	Adelaide	Council of Ambulance Authorities meeting	\$760.46
23-24/6/2008	Manager Clinical Education	Adelaide	Council of Ambulance Authorities meeting	\$524.00
25/6/2008	Assistant Commissioner Service Planning and Resourcing	Canberra	Attending Emergency Call Service Advisory Committee meeting on behalf of the Commissioner	\$424.20
10/7/2008	Commissioner	Sydney	Council of Ambulance Authorities Board Meeting	\$562.58
30/7/2008	Manager Clinical Standards	Adelaide	Strategic Business Advisory Group meeting – Council of Ambulance Authorities	\$464.37
2-7/8/2008	(Former) Deputy Commissioner	Perth	Council of Ambulance Authorities – Rural and Remote Symposium	\$1989.38
10-13/8/2008	Area Director Beenleigh, South Eastern Region	Adelaide	Australian College of Health Services Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$1524.31
19-21/8/2008	Manager Clinical Standards Senior Project Officer Communications	Melbourne	Australian & New Zealand Medical Priority Dispatch System User Group Meeting	\$1476.09

4-9/9/2008	Commissioner	Melbourne	Australian of Ambulance Professionals Conference and Council of Ambulance Authorities Convention	\$1784.75
11-12/9/2008	Manager Regional Liaison	Melbourne	Access Block Solutions Summit	\$925.75
5/10/2008	Assistant Commissioner, South Western Region	Sydney	Australian College of Health Service Executives – Executive Leadership Program	\$1048.74
13/10/08	Acting Area Director Western Area, South Western Region	Innaminka, South Australia	2008 Tri-State Conference on border issues	\$487.20
26-29/10/2008	Manager Clinical Standards	Adelaide	Council of Ambulance Authorities – Clinical Standards and Victorian Ambulance Clinical Information System meetings	\$1425.77
28-30/10/2008	Manager Workplace Health & Safety Senior Workplace Health and Case Rehab Manager	Melbourne	Workplace Health and Safety Conference	\$1672.90
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,623.56</b>