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803 TF07/064CS Country Members of Parliament (Travel Entitlement)  
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## CABINET COVER SHEET

1. **TITLE:** Country **M**embers of Parliament (Travel Entitlement)
2. **MINISTER:** Kevin Foley MP  
DEPUTY PREMIER  
TREASURER
3. **PURPOSE** To vary the conditions under which travel entitlement is paid to Country **M**embers of Parliament to include reimbursement for the cost of travel by ferry.
4. **IDENTIFY THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICY AND/OR SA's STRATEGIC PLAN TARGET** There is no relationship to the **S**trategic Plan.
5. **ICT COMPONENT** Does the submission have a material ICT Component?  
 Yes  No
6. **RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION** Treasury and Finance agrees with the basis of the assessment of costs contained in this submission.
7. **COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** Does the submission have an impact on business?  
 Yes  No
8. **RISKS** N/A
9. **CONSULTATION** Department of Treasury and Finance, Joint Parliamentary Services and House of Assembly.
10. **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY** N/A
11. **URGENCY** Within Cabinet timeframes

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 12.1 Approve amendment of the existing travel entitlements for Country Members of Parliament to include reimbursement of the actual cost of travel by ferry for a Member and their vehicle.
- 12.2 Approve that the date of operation of the revised entitlement will be 1 July 2007.

I declare that I have no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to the proposals contained in this submission.



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**DEPUTY PREMIER**  
**TREASURER**

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To The Premier for Cabinet

Re Country Members of Parliament (Travel Entitlement)

**1 PROPOSAL**

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval for amendment of the existing travel entitlements for Country Members of Parliament to provide reimbursement for the actual cost of travel by ferry.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In November 1994 Cabinet approved allowances for Country Members of Parliament travelling to and from Adelaide for the purpose of attending to their Parliamentary and other official duties. To be eligible, the Member's usual place of residence and at least part of the Member's electorate must be over 75 kilometres by road from Adelaide.
- 2.2 The allowance covers a maximum of 80 return trips and is payable for either the actual costs of the return airfare or where a private vehicle is used, the lower of the cost of a normal airfare or an amount calculated by applying a rate of 66 cents per kilometre to the return distance.
- 2.3 The travel allowance does not apply to members with Government vehicles. Leased vehicles supplied to Members by Fleet SA, with petrol costs funded by the Government, are considered Government vehicles for the purposes of the Country Member's travel allowance.
- 2.4 On 18 December 2006 a new ferry service began operating from Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula to Wallaroo on the Yorke Peninsula.

**3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The opening of the new ferry service from Lucky Bay to Wallaroo has highlighted the potential benefits for Country Members using ferry services when travelling between Adelaide and their electorates.
- 3.2 Members using ferry services can benefit from reduced travel time when travelling by vehicle. For example, use of the Lucky Bay ferry can reduce the driving distance by up to 380 kilometres, the equivalent of 5 hours driving time.
- 3.3 It is proposed to revise Country Member's travel entitlements to include the reimbursement for the actual cost of travel by an appropriate ferry service, including, but not limited to, the Lucky Bay and Kangaroo Island ferry services. It is proposed that reimbursement will be available to Members using both Government and private vehicles.

**3.3.1 Economic, financial and budgetary implications**

A return ferry fare from Lucky Bay to Wallaroo for a vehicle and a passenger costs \$250. A return ferry fare from Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island to Cape Jervis for a vehicle and a passenger costs between \$200 and \$250. These are comparable with the equivalent cost of air travel.

The additional cost to Parliament will be small and can be accommodated within existing budgeted resources.

**3.3.2 Required resources**

No additional resources are required.

**3.3.3 South Australia's Strategic Plan**

There is no impact on South Australia's Strategic Plan.

**3.3.4 Information and Communication Technology Requirements**

None required.

**3.3.5 Staffing implications**

There are no staffing implications.

**3.3.6 Impact on the community and the environment**

There should be no increase in environmental impact.

**3.3.7 Risk Management Strategy**

N/A.

**3.3.8 Consultation**

This submission has been developed in conjunction with Treasury and Finance, Joint Parliamentary Services and the House of Assembly.

**3.3.9 Implementation Plan**

N/A.

**3.3.10 Communication Strategy**

N/A.

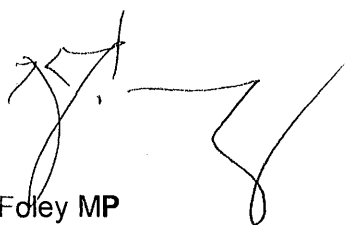
**3.3.11 Executive Council**

The proposal does not need the approval of Her Excellency the Governor in Executive Council.

**4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 4.1 Approve amendment of the existing travel entitlements for Country Members of Parliament to include reimbursement of the actual cost of travel by ferry for a Member and their vehicle.
- 4.2 Approve that the date of operation of the revised entitlement will be 1 July 2007.



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