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Overseas Travel - Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health
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TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET SUBCOMMITTEE

RE: OVERSEAS TRAVEL—MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

1. PROPOSAL

That Cabinet:

- 1.1. Approve overseas travel to Europe for the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health to undertake high level visits and examine strategic approaches to mental health reform policy development and implementation and waste management, natural resource management, and biodiversity conservation, for the period 19 August to 2 September 2007 inclusive;
- 1.2. Note that the Minister will be accompanied by her Chief of Staff, Ms Lois Boswell and Advisor, Ms Ann Barclay;
- 1.3. Recommend to His Excellency, the Governor in Executive Council the appointment of the Honourable Paul Caica MP, Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for Youth and Minister for Gambling to be Acting Minister for Environment and Conservation, Acting Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Health, from 19 August to 2 September 2007 inclusive, in the absence of the Honourable Gail Gago MLC.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This purpose of this visit is to support South Australia's Strategic Plan Objectives of Attaining Sustainability and Improving Wellbeing. The visit will relate to the following Strategic Plan targets:
 - **T2.7 – Psychological wellbeing:** equal or lower than the Australian average for psychological distress by 2014.
 - **T3.1– Lose no species:** lose no known native species as a result of human impacts.
 - **T3.2 – Land biodiversity:** by 2010 have five well-established biodiversity corridors aimed at maximizing ecological outcomes particularly in the face of climate change.
 - **T3.8 – Zero waste:** reduce waste to landfill by 25% by 2014.
- 2.2 The opportunity exists to see, first hand, international approaches to licit and illicit drug policies and will enable a comparison of treatment options and facilities, with a focus on co-morbidity issues to be considered.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The Premier approved travel to Europe for the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health from 19 August to 2 September 2007 inclusive.

3.2 **Key outcomes:** It is proposed that the visit will incorporate meetings and site visits for both the Environment and Conservation and Mental Health and Substance Abuse portfolios.

3.2.1 Specifically the visit will seek to:

- Hold discussions with Ireland's Minister for Environment to discuss the phasing out of plastic bags
- Investigate developments in possible alternatives to plastic bags
- Hold discussions with the private sector about ways to reduce the reliance of waste to land fill
- Observe the management of national parks and gardens, and natural resources; integrating tourism
- Hold discussions with the Scottish Executive, the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, about mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, potentially visiting various facilities
- Visit substance abuse facilities and meet with the Swedish Government about treatment services
- Visit mental health services and treatment facility in Italy

3.3 The Minister will be accompanied her Chief of Staff, Ms Lois Boswell and Adviser, Ms Ann Barclay.

3.4 **Economic, financial and budgetary implications**

Costs associated with this visit will be met from within the existing ministerial budget. In addition some costs for the Minister will be met from the parliamentary allowance.

There are no resource or staffing implications.

3.5 **Impact on the community and the environment**

The overseas visits will provide an opportunity for learning and exchange of information for strategic approaches to the Government's election policy initiatives and policy areas in both the Environment and Conservation and Mental Health and Substance Abuse portfolios.

3.6 **Risk Management Strategy**

No significant risks have been identified.

3.9 Executive Council

The appointment of an Acting Minister will require the consideration and approval of His Excellency, the Governor, in Executive Council.

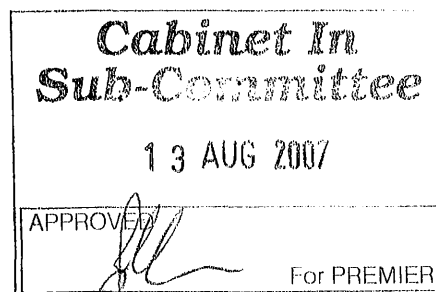
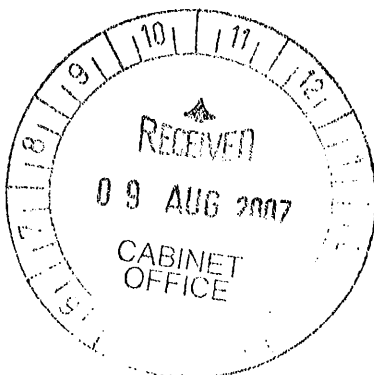
4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

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- 4.2 Note that the Minister will be accompanied by her Chief of Staff, Ms Lois Boswell and Adviser Ms Ann Barclay;
- 4.3 Recommend to His Excellency, the Governor in Executive Council the appointment of the Honourable Paul Caica MP, Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, Minister for Science and Information Economy, Minister for Youth and Minister for Gambling to be Acting Minister for Environment and Conservation, Acting Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Acting Minister Assisting the Minister for Health, from 19 August to 2 September 2007 inclusive, in the absence of the Honourable Gail Gago MLC.

HON GAIL GAGO MLC
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

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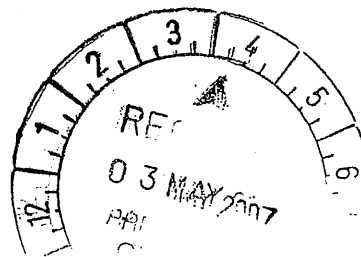


MINUTES forming ENCLOSURE to:

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TO: THE PREMIER

RE: OVERSEAS TRAVEL



I write to seek your approval to travel overseas from 19 August 2007 until 2 September 2007.

My travel overseas will include visits to the following countries and will cover areas under my ministerial responsibility –

- Ireland – to look at the successful eradication of plastic bags in supermarkets
- Sweden and Switzerland – to compare approaches to drug policy;
- Germany – to visit waste management and reuse techniques (Herhof Technology);
- Scotland – to see first hand the national approach Scotland has taken in relation to alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs with a focus on co-morbidity;
- England – to learn more about a substantial waste and recycling program (Waste and Resources Action Program)

I seek your approval to be accompanied by my Chief of Staff Ms Lois Boswell and Adviser Ms Ann Barclay.

I wish to advise that the Hon Paul Caica MP has agreed to be Acting Minister from 19-22 August 2007 and the Hon John Hill MP Minister for Health has agreed to act in my absence from 23 August 2007 – 2 September 2007.

A Cabinet Sub-Committee submission will be prepared and forwarded well in advance of the proposed date of travel.

Gail Gago
HON GAIL GAGO MLC

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 Premier
 Minister for Economic Development
 Minister for Social Inclusion
 Minister for the Arts
 Minister for Sustainability & Climate Change

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