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MP. Hon A Bligh	
Clerk's Signature:	

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Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2010 regarding proposed overseas travel to South East Asia from 13 to 31 July 2010.

You have sought my approval for overseas travel to Shanghai and Guangdong, to be overseas travel pursuant to the *Guidelines for the Financial Management of the Office of the Speaker* (the guidelines).

I also note that you have sought my approval for the payment of Overseas Daily Travelling Allowance (OSDTA) for part of your travel pursuant to the *Members' Entitlements Handbook* (the handbook), and that as required by the handbook you have written to the Clerk of the Parliament (the Clerk) about this matter.

With respect to your OSDTA claim, I have received advice from the Clerk that he has reviewed your letter and that he supports the payment of three days OSDTA representing two days in Hong Kong (20–21 July 2010) and one day in Singapore (30 July 2010).

In accordance with the handbook, I have written to the Clerk advising him that I have accepted his advice, and that I approve the payment of three days OSDTA.

Turning to your request for approval for overseas travel pursuant to the guidelines, I have received advice from both the Clerk and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet regarding this matter.

In short this advice is similar, and it provides that given your claim for the payment of OSDTA under the handbook, any approval for overseas travel under the guidelines should be limited to travel to and within Shanghai and Guangdong (13–19 July 2010), with the remainder of the trip (i.e. airfares returning to Australia) to be met personally by you in accordance with the OSDTA principles set out in the handbook. I have accepted this advice.



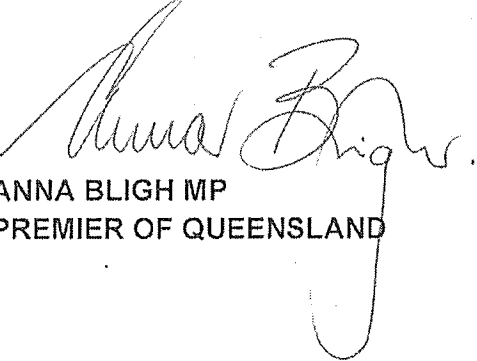
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Therefore, while I approve your overseas travel pursuant to the guidelines, this approval is limited to your travel to and within Shanghai and Guangdong. I have written to the Clerk informing him of same, and in accordance with the guidelines, I have asked the Clerk to table your request together with my approval as soon as possible.

I also note that during your visit to Malaysia you plan to undertake certain travel sponsored by Santos and that this sponsored travel will be registered on the Register of Members' Interests. Given that you intend to accept this travel and accommodation; I believe it would be prudent for you to refrain from making any representations on behalf of the Santos Company to any Queensland Government minister or senior departmental officer. I will also advise the relevant ministers of this view.

I have also noted your advice that the Deputy Speaker, Mr Jason O'Brien MP, will be Acting Speaker while you are overseas.

Yours sincerely



ANNA BLIGH MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND



HON JOHN MICKEL MP
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND

25 June 2010

The Hon Anna Bligh MP
Premier and Minister for the Arts
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier

In accordance with the Guidelines for the Financial Management of the Office of the Speaker, I seek your approval for an overseas trip that I propose to undertake next month.

I have been invited by Mr Liu Yungeng, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, to visit the World Expo currently being staged in Shanghai. The proposed visit is from Thursday 15 July to Sunday 18 July. The objective of the visit to the World Expo is to represent the Queensland Parliament at the event, and to formally demonstrate support for the relationship between Queensland and China through acceptance of the invitation from the Shanghai People's Municipal Congress.

Following the World Expo visit, I will travel to Guangzhou to meet with representatives of the Guangdong People's Congress, including the Hon Mr Ou Guangyuan, Chairman, Standing Committee, Guangdong Provincial People's Congress. This visit and meeting is at the request of Mr Ren Gongping, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Brisbane. It follows the visit I made last year and is an advance of a delegation visit from the Province to Queensland later this year.

I also propose to visit Hong Kong where I will meet with the President of the Legislative Council, Mr Jasper Yok Sing Tsang, and also the Convenor of the Executive Council of Hong Kong. This visit will include briefings on the Hong Kong Government's Education City and a major LNG terminal project in Macau, an inspection of the QIMR's cancer research facility at the Queen Mary Hospital and University, meetings in relation to coal and energy issues and also a meeting with the China National Electronic Import and Export Corporation.

In Malaysia, I will visit Bintulu and meet with the Bintulu Development Authority and Bintulu Port Authority, as well as inspect the Petronas LNG complex. The Bintulu visit is being sponsored by Santos, who are meeting the costs and expenses involved. I will as a matter of course be registering relevant information concerning this visit in the Register of Members' Interests, in accordance with the guidelines.

On my return from Bintulu to Kuala Lumpur, I intend to undertake a visit to Vietnam from Sunday 25 July to Thursday 29 July, but this will be in a private capacity and I am not seeking any travel allowance or any other payment of costs or expenses in relation to this component of my trip.

On Friday 30 July I will meet with the Speaker of the Singapore Parliament, Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, undertake a tour of the Parliament, and also meet with the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore for a briefing on trade issues, and visit the Singapore campus of the James Cook University.

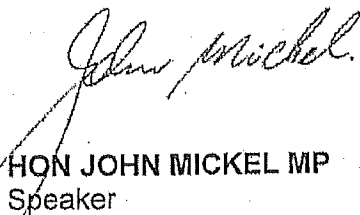
My visit to the World Expo in Shanghai and to Guangdong is in an official capacity, and pursuant to the Guidelines for the Financial Management of the Office of the Speaker I seek your approval for this component of my trip as official travel, and approval for travel costs, accommodation and other expenses. The estimated costs associated with this component of the trip are \$4000 (with flights to be booked economy class).

Aside from the visit to Vietnam, the remainder of my overseas trip is being undertaken in my combined capacity as Speaker and also as a Member of Parliament. I seek approval for the Overseas Daily Travel Allowance for the number of days for which I am eligible, in accordance with the provisions contained in the Members' Entitlements Handbook, with the exception of the Bintulu visit.

I have attached for your information a copy of my trip schedule. I am providing a copy of this letter to the Clerk of the Parliament for separate advice to you in terms of the number of days for which approval of the Overseas Daily Travel Allowance is recommended in accordance with Members' entitlements regarding overseas travel.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr Jason O'Brien MP, will be Acting Speaker while I am overseas.

Yours sincerely



HON JOHN MICKEL MP
Speaker



**Queensland China Parliamentary visit to
China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore**

by

Honourable John Mickel MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Queensland Parliament

13 July – 31 July 2010

**Trip Schedule and
Briefing Information**

PROGRAM

Tuesday 13 July 2010 – Brisbane /

- 9:00pm Check in at airport
- 11.05pm Depart Brisbane for Hong Kong on Qantas Flight QF97

Wednesday 14 July 2010 – Brisbane/Shanghai

- 06:05am Arrive in Hong Kong
8.05am
- 8:00am Depart Hong Kong for Shanghai on Flight KA802
10.00am Travel Time: 2h 30m
- 10:30am Arrive Shanghai and transfer to Hotel
12:30pm
- To be met by Shanghai Municipal People's Congress and Mr Zijian Zhang, Commissioner, Trade Queensland China
- Check in Hotel
- Accommodation
Regal International East Asia Hotel
Add: 516 Hengshan Road, Shanghai China
Contact: Ms Liz Chen
Tel: 0011 8621-64155588 ext. 2175
- pm Briefing by Mr Zijian Zhang, Queensland Trade Commissioner
- pm Dinner hosted by the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 July 2010 – Shanghai

Meeting with His Excellency Mr Liu Yungeng, Chairman, Standing Committee of Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, followed by a lunch hosted by the Chairman

Venue: Radisson Plaza Xingguo Hotel

78 Xingguo Road, Shanghai

Contact: Mr Mei Lanbin

Tel: +8621 23119185

Shanghai Municipal People's Congress to escort the Speaker to the Shanghai World Expo and visit various pavilions over the next three days

Visit the Tom Burns Library at the Shanghai Second Polytechnic University

Sunday 18 July 2010 – Shanghai/Guangzhou

3:30pm

Depart Shanghai for Guangzhou on Flight

Arrive Guangzhou and met by the Guangdong People's Congress and Mr Jun Xu, Director, Trade Queensland Guangzhou Office

Check in to hotel

Accommodation

The Garden Hotel

368 Huanshi Dong Lu, Guangzhou

Tel: +86 20 510064020 - 83338989

Monday 19 July 2010 – Guangzhou/Hong Kong

am

Meeting with the Hon. Ou Guangyuan, Chairman, Standing Committee, Guangdong Provincial People's Congress.

Other meetings to be arranged by the Queensland Trade Office and the Foreign Affairs Committee of Guangdong's Peoples Congress

Meetings yet to be confirmed

4:56pm

Depart Guangzhou for Hong Kong on Train Number T803

6:49pm

Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer to hotel

pm

Check in at Hotel

Accommodation
Salisbury YMCA Hotel
No.41 Salisbury Road
Tsimshatsui, Kowloon

Tuesday 20 July 2010 – Hong Kong

- am Meeting with Mr Jasper Yok Sing Tsang, GBS, JP,
President of the Legislative Council (TBC)
- Venue:
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong
- am Briefing by the Hong Kong Government's
Education City
- pm Meeting with the Hon Chun-ying Leung, Convenor
of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong SAR
Government
- Venue:
pm Briefing on a major LNG Terminal project in Macau
- pm Inspect QIMR's cancer research facility at the
Queen Mary Hospital/University
- overnight Hong Kong

Wednesday 21 July 2010 – Hong Kong/Kuala Lumpur

- am Meeting with China National Electronic Import and
Export Corporation
- am Meeting with Shanxi Coal and Shenzhen Energy
- pm Meeting with MTRC regarding the Light Rail Train
project on the Gold Coast
- pm Meeting with China Green Holdings Ltd
- 6:15pm Depart Hong Kong for Kuala Lumpur on Air Asia
Flight No. 659

10.10pm Arrive in Kuala Lumpur and transfer to Hotel

Accommodation
TBC

Thursday 22 July 2010 – Kuala Lumpur

am Briefing by Santos Ltd on the GLNG Project at Bintulu

pm Luncheon with representative from Petronas

pm Visit the Sky Bridge and Petro Sains

Friday 23 July – Bintulu

8:30am Check out of hotel and transfer to KL International Airport

11:35am Depart Kuala Lumpur for Bintulu
Travel time 2hr 10m

pm Check in at Hotel

3:00pm Visit the Bintulu Development Authority

pm Dinner with management from the Bintulu Development Authority and the Bintulu Port Authority

Saturday 24 July 2010 – Bintulu

8:00am Visit the Bintulu Port Authority

10:00am Visit the Petronas LNG Complex

12:30pm Lunch with the MLNG Management

2:30pm Depart Bintulu for Kuala Lumpur

Check in at Hotel

Accommodation

Sunday 25 July 2010 – Kuala Lumpur/ HCMC

9.05am Depart Kuala Lumpur for Ho Chi Minh City

Thursday 29 July 2010 – HCMC/Singapore

4:35pm Depart Ho Chi Minh City for Singapore on Vietnam Airlines VN743
Travel time: 1h 50min

7:25pm Arrive Singapore

pm Travel to Hotel and check in

Accommodation

Overnight Singapore

Friday 30 July 2010 – Singapore/Brisbane

9:30am Meeting with Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, Speaker of the Singapore Government

Venue:
1. Parliament Place
Singapore

Contact:
Parliamentary Secretariat
Ph: +65 6332 6669 (direct)
M: +65 9818 5160

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10:15am – 11am Tour of Singapore Parliament House in the company of Mr Satish Rai, Principal Assistant Clerk, Head, Office Reports, Singapore Parliament Secretariat

Venue:
1 Parliament Place
Singapore

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11:30am Meeting with the High Commissioner

Venue:
High Commission
25 Napier Road

12:30am – 2:30pm

Meeting and lunch with Mr Bill Foo, Chief Executive Officer, ANZ Singapore, followed by luncheon with business people who have investment interests in Queensland

Venue: Tower Club Republic Plaza 62 Floor(Raffles Place)

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M: 9742-9399
Email: bfoo@anz.com

3:30pm

Visit to James Cook University and Dr Dale Anderson, Chief Executive Officer

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Head of the Singapore Campus of James Cook University
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Singapore 574421

Direct line : (65) 6576 6800
Main Tel : (65) 6576 6833
Main Fax : (65) 6455 2833
Email: dale.anderson@jcu.edu.sg

9:25pm
11:10pm

Depart Singapore for Brisbane on Qantas Flight QF52
Travel time: 7h 25min

Saturday 31 July 2010 - Brisbane

6:50am

Arrive Brisbane