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Dear Mr Speaker

Thank you for your letters of 6 March and 17 May 2024 regarding overseas travel that you are proposing to take in 2024.

I note that given the dissolution of the Parliament of the United Kingdom for a general election that occurred following your letter dated 17 May 2024, that changes to the proposed travel itinerary have had to be made.

I have received your updated proposed travel itinerary and note that your proposed travel relates to your role as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, or representing Queensland, such as in your role as Far North Queensland Screen Champion.

In accordance with section 5.8.1 of the *Guidelines for the Financial Management of the Office of the Speaker*, I approve your travel to the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom from 29 June to 7 July 2024, as per the updated proposed travel itinerary.

In accordance with the *Guidelines for the Financial Management of the Office of the Speaker*, I will table my approval and the details of your travel in the Parliament.

Again, thank you for writing to me.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

**Proposed travel by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland –
The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP**

UPDATED ITINERARY (All dates are in accordance with local time.)

29 June 2024	Travel Cairns to Dubai	Travel day
30 June 2024	Arrive Dubai	Travel day
1 July 2024	Meetings in UAE: Tour of twofour54 Tour of Yas Creative Hub & Community Hub Meeting CEO twofour54 Meeting Abu Dhabi Film Commissioner Meeting Director-General of Creative Media Authority Meeting Queensland Trade Commissioner Tour of Studio B, Abu Dhabi's Broadcast Studios Depart Dubai for London	Screen Champion meetings & travel
2 July 2024	Meetings in London: Briefing re recent work on MPs security British Film Commission	Speaker & Screen Champion meetings
3 July 2024	Meetings in London: Agent-General for Queensland High Commissioner	Speaker meetings
4 July 2024	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch	Speaker meetings
5 July 2024	Travel London to Wales Meetings at Senedd Cymru with Parliamentary Officials	Speaker meetings
6 July 2024	Travel Wales to Adelaide	Travel day
7 July 2024	Arrive Adelaide for Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference	Travel day



Your Ref:

Our Ref: 240517-OUT-Premier

17 May 2024

Hon Steven Miles MP
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Dear Premier

Further to my correspondence of 6 March, I write to provide updated details for overseas travel I propose to take as Speaker and Screen Champion for Queensland, and to seek your approval.

I note your correspondence of 2 April providing in principle support for the trip and am pleased to provide an updated itinerary and budget below.

PROPOSED ITINERARY (All dates are in accordance with local time.)

29 June 2024	Travel Cairns to Dubai	Travel day
30 June 2024	Arrive Dubai	Travel day
1 July 2024	Meetings in UAE: Tour of twofour54 Tour of Yas Creative Hub & Community Hub Meeting CEO twofour54 Meeting Abu Dhabi Film Commissioner Meeting Director-General of Creative Media Authority Meeting Queensland Trade Commissioner Tour of Studio B, Abu Dhabi's Broadcast Studios Depart Dubai for London	Screen Champion meetings & travel
2 July 2024	Meetings in London: Speaker, House of Commons Lord President, House of Lords Parliamentary Security Briefing British Film Commission	Speaker & Screen Champion meetings

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3 July 2024	Meetings in London: Agent-General for Queensland High Commissioner View Prime Minister's Questions	Speaker meetings
4 July 2024	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch	Speaker meetings
5 July 2024	Travel London to Edinburgh Meetings in Edinburgh: Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers, Scottish Parliament	Speaker meetings
6 July 2024	Travel Edinburgh to Adelaide	Travel day
7 July 2024	Arrive Adelaide for Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference	Travel day

As detailed above, the trip will include:

- Meetings to strengthen ties with other Commonwealth jurisdictions, provide discussion around parliamentary practices and contemporary issues in areas including security, catering and office accommodation, and provide learnings about the Scottish unicameral parliament and how their engagement programs work.
- Meetings providing an update on Trade and Investment Queensland's work in the United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Europe.
- Meetings to explore and discuss opportunities for collaboration between the UAE and the Queensland Government and Great Britain and the Queensland Government in relation to the film and television industry, construction of studios, additional of new technology options withing studios and sound stages.

My office has consulted with Trade and Investment Queensland and Screen Queensland regarding the itinerary and proposed meetings.

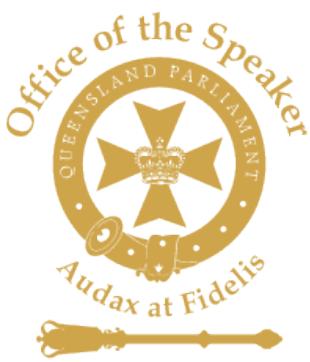
The anticipated cost of the trip is sub \$35,000. No accompanying persons will join the trip. The costs of this travel shall be met internally through the Queensland Parliamentary Service budget.

Should your office require any clarification or further information in relation to my proposed travel, I would be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely



HON CURTIS PITT MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Your Ref:

Our Ref: 240306-OUT-Premier

6 March 2024

Hon Steven Miles MP
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Dear Premier

Further to our recent conversation, I write to advise of overseas travel I propose to take as Speaker and to seek your approval.

In my capacity as Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Qld Division) and Queensland Screen Champion I propose to travel to the United Kingdom for a number of parliamentary and diplomatic meetings.

In addition, I propose to combine this travel with meetings in the United Arab Emirates to discuss the screen industry, to visit film studios, and discuss future opportunities for the Queensland film industry.

My principal travel to the United Kingdom will include the following meetings:

- UK Parliament – House of Commons and House of Lords – meeting with Speaker and Lord President
- Parliamentary security briefing
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and CPA UK
- High Commissioner, Australia House
- Agent-General for Queensland in the UK and Queensland Trade & Investment Commissioner, Europe - Trade and Investment Queensland
- British Film Commission
- Sport England (re: Olympics, Commonwealth Games, community engagement, etc)
- Scottish Parliament (sub-national unicameral parliament)

The proposed travel dates are between 1 July and 7 July 2024. All dates are in accordance with local time.

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There is no personal component to this proposed travel.

The costs of this travel shall be met internally through the Queensland Parliamentary Service budget.

Subject to your initial approval, a full itinerary and budget will be developed and provided for your consideration.

Should your office require any clarification or further information in relation to my proposed travel, I would be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Curtis Pitt'.

HON CURTIS PITT MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly