

**TRIP TO ISRAEL**  
**BY**  
**THE HON. DAVID ELLIOTT MP**  
**NSW MINISTER FOR COUNTER TERRORISM, MINISTER FOR**  
**CORRECTIONS AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**MISSION REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF TRAVEL**

To attend the 2017 Premier's Anzac Ambassadors Program in Israel from 28 October, 2017 to Monday, 6 November 2017 inclusive for the commemoration of the centenary of the Charge of the Fourth Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba. The program is funded by ClubsNSW.

Minister Elliott was accompanied by his Deputy Chief of Staff (COS)/ Senior Policy Adviser.

**BENEFITS OF TRAVEL FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

The program, funded by ClubsNSW, will take six students to retrace to footsteps of the Anzacs and visit historic battlefields in Greece and Israel. It intends to further develop the education of our young people and encourage them to enhance their appreciation of the sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

Students will travel from the 24 October to 5 November, accompanied by ClubsNSW CEO Anthony Ball, Eleni Petinos MP, Member for Miranda, Stephen Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale, Shelley Hancock, Member for South Coast and Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, and Gareth Ward, Member for Kiama and Parliamentary Secretary for Education and the Illawarra. Minister Elliott will join the delegation when they arrive in Tel Aviv following their activities in Greece.

In Israel, the Minister will represent the Premier at the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Light Horse Charge at Beersheba. Attending the Premier's Anzac Ambassadors Program will complement the Minister's role in ensuring our veterans are honoured with dignity and respect.

This travel will also provide the Minister an opportunity partake in strategic Counter Terrorism meetings in his role as Minister for Counter Terrorism.

**TRIP DESCRIPTION**

The trip proceeded as follows:

**Friday 27 October 2017:** Travel from Sydney to Tel Aviv

**Saturday 28 October 2017:** Arrive in Tel Aviv (6pm)

**Sunday 29 October 2017:** (1) Meeting with Professor Boaz Ganor, Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy, Ronald Lauder Chair for Counter Terrorism, and

Founder & Executive Director of The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism.

(2) Meeting with Maj Gen Yadlin, former Deputy Commander of the Israel Air Force

**Monday 30 October 2017:** (1) Meeting with Eytan Ben-David, Acting National Security Advisor and Head of the National Security Council in the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel

(2) Archaeological excavation at Beit Guvrin-Maresha with Anzac Ambassadors

**Tuesday 31 October 2017:** Beersheba - ANZ Joint Service to Commemorate Centenary of the Battle of Beersheba with Anzac Ambassadors, Parliamentarians, and Clubs NSW CEO

**Wednesday 1 November 2017:** Visit to Masada, Dead Sea and Ein Gedi Nature Reserve with Anzac Ambassadors

**Thursday 2 November 2017:** Jerusalem and visit to Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial and museum dedicated to those who died in the Holocaust.

**Friday 3 November 2017:** Meeting with the Ambassador for Israel, His Excellency Chris Cannan. Visit to the Jerusalem Commonwealth Cemetery. Depart Tel Aviv for Sydney 10.45pm on Friday 3 November 2018.

**Sunday 5 November:** Arrive in Sydney from Tel Aviv

### **KEY OUTCOMES/ FINDINGS**

- Commemoration of the Centenary of Beersheba with six high students as part of the Premier's Anzac Ambassadors Program
- Minister was able to partake in strategic Counter Terrorism meetings with key players in the Counter Terrorism space in Israel.

### **DELEGATION**

The Honourable David Elliott MP

NSW Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veterans Affairs

Accompanied by:

- Mr Anthony Ball, CEO Clubs NSW
- The Hon. Shelley Hancock, Member for South Coast and Speaker
- Mr Stephen Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale
- Ms Eleni Petinos, MP, Member for Miranda
- Mr Gareth Ward MP, Member for Kiama and Parliamentary Secretary for Education and the Illawarra and South Coast

- Ms Tanya Raffoul, Deputy Chief of Staff/Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Hon. David Elliott MP
- Six high school students – the Anzac Ambassadors

<b>Minister</b>	<i>The Honourable David Elliott MP</i>
<b>Portfolio</b>	<i>Counter Terrorism, Corrections and Veterans Affairs</i>
<b>Destinations(s) visited</b> a) Countries b) Cities	a) Israel b) Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beershaba, Jaffa
<b>Dates of travel</b> a) Departure date b) Return date	a) 27 October 2017 b) 5 November 2017
<b>Number of official travel days</b>	10
<b>Number of accompanying</b> a) Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) 1 – Tanya Raffoul (Deputy Chief Of Staff/ Senior Policy Advisor) b) Nil
<b>Accompanied by spouse</b> a) in an official capacity b) in a private capacity	a) No b) No
<b>Costs</b>	
<b>Airfares</b> a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$15,714.12 AUD b) Nil

<p><b>Accommodation</b></p> <p>(includes any meals/incidentals charged to room)</p> <p>a) Minister and Minister's staff</p> <p>b) Government officials</p>	<p>a) \$3,188.78 AUD</p> <p>b) Nil</p>
<p><b>Official hospitality</b></p> <p>a) Minister and Minister's staff</p> <p>b) Government officials</p>	<p>a) Nil</p> <p>b) Nil</p>
<p><b>Other expenses</b></p> <p>a) Official gift presentation</p> <p>b) Ground transport</p> <p>c) Meals and refreshments</p> <p>d) Other miscellaneous costs</p>	<p>a) Nil</p> <p>b) \$436.20AUD</p> <p>c) \$940.04AUD</p> <p>d) Nil</p>
<p><b>TOTAL estimated travel cost</b></p> <p>a) Minister and Minister's staff</p> <p>b) Government officials</p>	<p>a) \$20,279.14 AUD</p> <p>b) Nil</p>

This report does not include costs for data roaming, official passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, translation or printing of business cards.