

Official Overseas Travel Report

Visit/Mission Title: Premier's Centenary of ANZAC Youth Scholarship

Purpose of travel:

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Centenary of ANZAC, Youth and Homelessness, David Elliott MP, travelled on official business to take six high school students from Western Sydney to Gallipoli, France, Ypres and Westminster Abbey for Remembrance Day and to engage with the community on the importance of the ANZAC legacy.

These students were selected after writing exceptional essays discussing why the Centenary of ANZAC is important for modern Australia. The prize was open to Western Sydney high school students in years 10 and 11.

Winning essays were judged by former premier Nathan Rees, Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage and Major General Warren Glenn AO. Clubs NSW funded the prize. Premier Mike Baird is patron of the project.

The NSW Government's Centenary of Anzac website is the best source of information for Centenary of Anzac events and commemorative activities that are planned for the Centenary period (www.centenaryofanzac.nsw.gov.au).

Benefits of travel for the State of New South Wales

Educate and promote the Centenary of ANZAC amongst Schools in Western Sydney.

Each of the six high school students were required to keep a diary on their trip and report back to their local communities on what they experienced. The six students are now Anzac ambassadors in their communities. The intention is that these six students will be able to share an experience with many demographics that may not get exposure or access to the Anzac story.

Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	David Elliott MP
Portfolio	Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Centenary of ANZAC, Youth and Homelessness
Destinations(s) visited a) Countries b) Cities	a) Turkey, France, United Kingdom b) Istanbul, Gallipoli, Paris, Ypres (Ieper), London
Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date	a) Saturday 1 st November 2014 b) Thursday 13 th November 2014
Number of official travel days	10
Number of accompanying a) Staff b) Government officials	a) nil b) nil

Accompanied by spouse a) in an official capacity b) in a private capacity	a) No b) No
Costs (in AUD)	
Airfares a) Parliamentary Secretary b) Government officials	a) \$6,955.36 b) nil
Accommodation (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) a) Parliamentary Secretary b) Government officials	a) \$2,364.50 b) nil
Official hospitality a) Parliamentary Secretary b) Government officials	a) nil b) nil
Other expenses a) Official gift presentation b) Ground transport c) Meals and refreshments d) Other miscellaneous	a) nil b) \$1,231.78 c) Nil d) \$75.00
TOTAL estimated travel cost a) Parliamentary Secretary b) Government officials	a) \$10,626.64 b) nil
Currency conversion rate	1 AUD = 0.69 Euro 1 AUD = 0.50 Pound

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