

**TRIP TO EUROPE
BY
THE HONOURABLE DAVID ELLIOTT MP
NSW MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
21 - 27 APRIL 2016
MISSION REPORT**

MISSION PURPOSE

The Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services & Minister for Veterans undertook a trip to the UK, Belgium and France over the period 19-29 April 2016.

The trip was focussed across all three portfolios:

Veterans:

- Participate in commemorative events in France for ANZAC Day
- Support and mentor the Premier's ANZAC Ambassadors through part of their travel and participate in some of the events they attended.
- Understand how other jurisdictions manage veterans' issues and mental and physical health in particular.
- Meet with Executive of the Invictus games to discuss NSW bidding for the 2018 games
- Meet with Chair of Team Rubicon London to discuss establishing a presence in Australia.
- Make a presentation to the Ieper Fire Dept. on behalf of FRNSW and acknowledge their custodianship of the Menin Gate Last Post service.

Corrections

- Understand the challenges of implementing a contestability programme
- Understand sentencing alternatives to incarceration.
- Understand the delivery of services within the corrections system
- Understand rehabilitation programmes
- Understand post release services through the use of private companies

Emergency Services

- Meet with Paris Fire Dept. to discuss operational and organisational issues. Particular emphasis on the responses to recent terrorist attacks.

The Minister was accompanied by his Chief of Staff for the duration of the trip and the Assistant Commissioner Community Corrections NSW for the relevant meetings of the London portion.

TRIP DESCRIPTION

The trip proceeded as follows:

19/20 April: Travel from Sydney to London

21 April (London):

- Meeting with Mr Dominic Reid OBE, Managing Director Invictus Games Foundation
- Meeting with Mr Mark Lancaster TD MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence Personnel and Veterans. (accompanied by Deputy Army Attaché Australian High Commission London)
- Meeting with National Offender Management Services staff;
 - Mark Read, Director Prison Estate Transformation Programme
 - Karen Payne, Head of Commissioning Design Team, Commissioning Strategies Group
 - Ken Elliott, Co-Commissioning Group
 - Ian Poree, Director Commissioning Group
 - Gill Attrill, Deputy Director, Head of Commissioning Strategies Group

22 April (London)

- Meeting with Sir Nick Parker KCB CBE, Chairman of Team Rubicon UK
- Meeting Iain Anderson Deputy Director London Community Rehabilitation Company, MTC Nova
- Meet with Tony Leech CEO Justice Worldwide Sodexo

23 April

- Travel London – Ieper Belgium
- Meet with and make Presentation to Ieper Fire Department
- Attend Menin Gate last Post ceremony with ANZAC Ambassadors

24 April

- Travel Ieper to the Somme Region, France
- Visit key battle sites with ANZAC Ambassadors
- Attend VIP luncheon for the Governor-General, hosted by Australian Ambassador to France at the Bertangles Chateau

25 April (ANZAC Day)

- Attend ANZAC Day official dawn service at the National Memorial Villers Bretonneux
- Attend French commemorative service Villers Bretonneux village
- Attend French commemorative service Bullecourt village
- Attend official service at the Digger Memorial Bullecourt

26 April

- Travel Somme to Paris
- Meeting CoS with Cos and staff to French Minister for Veterans Affairs

27 April

- Attend function at Australian Embassy Paris with ANZAC Scholars
- Meeting with General Phillipe Boutinard, Commandant le Brigade de Sapeurs-Pompiers de Paris (Paris Fire and Emergency Department) and tour of facilities

28/29 April: Travel from Paris to Sydney

KEY OUTCOMES/FINDINGS

A more detailed understanding of the UK's approach and experience across a number of challenges including:

- Transformation of the Prison and Parole systems
- Public sector benchmarking.
- Private sector service delivery of both prison and parole.
- Rehabilitation programmes and initiatives.
- Community engagement in the parole and probation system and their reform.
- Differencing service deliver models esp. for health.

Confirmation of the desirability and requirements for Sydney to host the Invictus Games in 2018.

Understanding of how the UK and France approach veterans' welfare issues.

The representation of NSW at key commemorative services at Menin Gate and on ANZAC Day at Villers Bretonneux and Bullecourt.

Support and mentoring to the 2016 ANZAC Ambassadors.

A sound understanding of how the Paris Fire Department's capabilities, facilities and operations especially in response to a terrorist incident.

DELEGATION

The Honourable David Elliott MP
NSW Minister for Corrections, Emergency Services and Veterans Affairs

Accompanied by:
Ms Rosemary Caruana
Assistant Commissioner Community Corrections, NSW Corrective Services

Mr Jim Terrie
Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon. David Elliott MP

ESTIMATED COSTS OF TRAVEL

Minister	The Honourable David Elliott MP
Portfolio	Corrections, Emergency Services and Veterans Affairs
Destinations(s) visited a) Countries b) Cities	a) United Kingdom, Belgium, France b) London, Ieper, Somme, Villers Bretonneux, Paris
Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date	a) Tuesday 19 th April 2016 b) Friday 29 th April 2016
Number of official travel days	10
Number of accompanying a) Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) 1 b) 1
Accompanied by spouse a) in an official capacity b) in a private capacity	a) No b) No
Costs	
Airfares a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$13,166.48 b) Nil
Accommodation (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$5,512.06 b) \$877.00
Official hospitality a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) Nil b) Nil
Other expenses a) Official gift presentation b) Ground transport c) Meals and refreshments d) Other miscellaneous costs	a) \$264.00 b) \$4,290.47 c) \$1,312.31 d) Nil
TOTAL estimated travel cost a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$24,215.32 b) \$1,339
Currency conversion rate	1AUD = £1.908 - £1.962 1AUD = €1.485 - €1.672

Note: the above costings associated with Ms Rosemary Caruana, Assistant Commissioner (Government official), is a pro-rata amount of her overall cost as she was only with the Minister for his first two days of the trip. Ms Caruana's trip was paid by the Department of Justice and not from the Minister's budget.