

## AGRICULTURE MINISTERS FORUM, NEW ZEALAND

### Purpose of travel

Attend the fourth Agriculture Minister's Forum (AGMIN) in Auckland, New Zealand and participate in a study tour hosted by the New Zealand Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Nathan Guy. Minister Blair chaired AGMIN on behalf of Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Barnaby Joyce.

### Benefits of travel for the State of New South Wales

The fourth AGMIN was attended by Primary Industries Ministers and representatives from all states and territories of Australia and New Zealand. Key priorities for the agriculture portfolio and strategic priorities for NSW were addressed at the meeting. These included biosecurity issues relevant to Australia and New Zealand where both countries could work together to improve capability and trade opportunities. Agreement was also reached on new national rural research, development and extension priorities aimed at increasing productivity in primary industries, which were initially released through the Commonwealth's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper.

The study tour showcased New Zealand industry innovation in the areas of seafood harvesting and shellfish production, viticulture and plant and food biosecurity, providing an insight into the drivers for success in growing export development opportunities.

### Scheduled meetings (if not included in previous sections)

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Niall Blair MLC
<b>Portfolio</b>	Minister for Primary Industries Minister for Lands and Water
<b>Destinations(s) visited</b> a) Countries b) Cities	Auckland, New Zealand
<b>Dates of travel</b> a) Departure date b) Return date	Depart Sydney 18 May 2016 Return Sydney 20 May 2016
<b>Number of official travel days</b>	Three
<b>Number of accompanying</b> a) Minister's staff b) Government officials	Sean O'Connell, Chief of Staff Scott Hansen, Director General, NSW Department of Primary Industries
<b>Accompanied by spouse</b> a) in an official capacity b) in a private capacity	No

<b>Costs</b>	
<b>Airfares</b> a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$3,651.68 b) \$1,711.41
<b>Accommodation</b> (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$994.16 b) \$377.69
<b>Official hospitality</b> a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	
<b>Other expenses</b> a) Official gift presentation b) Ground transport c) Meals and refreshments d) Other miscellaneous costs	Minister ground transport - \$74.85 Government officials - \$275.34
<b>TOTAL estimated travel cost</b> a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) \$4,720.69 b) \$2,364.34
<b>Currency conversion rate</b>	Above amounts are in AUD

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