

TRIP TO NEW YORK
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 LinCT Counter Terrorism Conference in New York, hosted by the New York City Police Department and the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Alumni Association for the period 25 April to 1 May 2017 inclusive.

Corrective Services NSW Peter Severin and Chief of Staff (COS) Katherine Danks accompanied Minister Elliott.

BENEFITS OF TRAVEL FOR THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The conference provided an opportunity to share understanding of counter terrorism and countering violent extremism policy challenges. This included helpful developments and programs jurisdictions have in preventing violent extremism, jurisdictional developments in overcoming barriers to reporting extremism, successful strategies to coordinate effort and share information between relevant law enforcement, intelligence and support agencies, as well as an update on the global threat environment and how it is evolving.

TRIP DESCRIPTION

The trip proceeded as follows:

25 April: Travel from Sydney to New York

26 April (New York)

- **LinCT Conference NYC Day One**
 - Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Comment & Introduction
 - Panel – Law Enforcement & Intelligence: A joint perspective on the threat
 - Panel - Incorporating Victims Needs into your CT Strategy: Building public trust & confidence
 - Panel – The CT Threat from within the prisons

27 April (New York)

- **LinCT Conference NYC Day Two**
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Panel – CVE through prevention
 - Panel – Barriers to reporting extremism and prevent activity
 - Panel – Recent Case Studies: Brussels, Orlando Pulse Nightclub, NYPD Chelsea Bombings
 - Panel – Understanding & managing the threat from domestic radical & state actors
 - Panel – Attacks on police

28 April (New York)

- **LinCT Conference NYC Day Three**
 - Panel – Cyber & other issues
 - Panel – Media (Role of the media and the new administration)
 - Introduction of New LinCT-AA Officers & Concluding Remarks

29/30 April/ 01 May: Travel from New York to Sydney

KEY OUTCOMES/ FINDINGS

Minister Elliott briefed Cabinet on confidential key findings and lessons from the conference and sideline meetings. 'Chatham House' rules applied to all sessions of the conference. However, key findings are that the threat of terrorism will continue to be a problem for all governments for at least a generation, it is not a unique challenge to Australia, and the NSW Government's programs and policies align with best practice. However, there is no silver bullet and information sharing remains key to addressing this emerging and evolving threat.

DELEGATION

The Honourable David Elliott MP

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

Accompanied by:

Mr Peter Severin

Commissioner, NSW Corrective Services

Ms Katherine Danks

Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon. David Elliott MP

Minister	<i>The Honourable David Elliott MP</i>
Portfolio	<i>Counter Terrorism, Corrections and Veterans Affairs</i>
Destinations(s) visited a) Countries b) Cities	a) United States of America b) New York City
Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date	a) 25 April 2017 b) 1 May 2017
Number of official travel days	7
Number of accompanying a) Minister's staff b) Government officials	a) 1 – Katherine Danks (COS) b) 1 - Commissioner Peter Severin
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) \$18,563.48 AUD b) The Counter Terrorism Alumni Association paid the cost of airfares for Commissioner Severin

<p>Accommodation</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) \$5,681.28 AUD</p> <p>b) The Counter Terrorism Alumni Association paid the cost of accommodation for Commissioner Severin.</p>
<p>Official hospitality</p> <p>a) Minister and Minister's staff</p> <p>b) Government officials</p>	<p>a) Nil</p> <p>b) Nil</p>
<p>Other expenses</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) \$332.84 AUD</p> <p>c) \$487.91 AUD</p> <p>d) Nil</p>
<p>TOTAL estimated travel cost</p> <p>a) Minister and Minister's staff</p> <p>b) Government officials</p>	<p>a) \$25,065.51 AUD</p> <p>b) The Counter Terrorism Alumni Association paid for the travel costs of Commissioner Severin.</p>
<p>Currency conversion rate</p>	<p>1 AUD = Approx 75 US cents</p> <p>Date of conversion: 26/4 – 1/5</p>

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