# TRIP TO UK, FRANCE AND BELGIUM

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# 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 meetings with Counter Terrorism (CT)/ Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) experts in London and accompany the 2018 Premier's Anzac Ambassadors as part of their scholarship tour. The scholarship program is funded by ClubsNSW.

Minister Elliott was accompanied by his Chief of Staff (COS).

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

The Anzac Youth Ambassadors program supports the NSW Government's four-year Centenary of Anzac commemorations which marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War. It also reflects the Government's commitment to recognise the service and sacrifice of NSW's servicemen and women and ensure younger generations continue to learn about the Anzac legacy.

As part of the program, six students retraced the footsteps of the Anzacs and visit Greece and historic Western Front battlefields and sites in Europe. Students were accompanied by ClubsNSW CEO Anthony Ball, Member for Port Macquarie Leslie Williams, and Member for Rockdale Steve Kamper. Minister Elliott joined the delegation as they arrived in Paris following their activities in Greece.

In London, the Minister met with executives from MTC, part of the new joint-venture which will operate Parklea Correctional Centre, and executives from the Ministry of Justice to discuss current issues in the UK prison and probation system. This travel also provided the Minister an opportunity to take part in strategic meetings in his role as Minister for Counter Terrorism with responsibility for driving the Government's strategic policy agenda on CT. Given the cross-jurisdictional significance of CT policy, it is important to engage with other cities on CT and CVE priorities, implementation, evaluation and emerging issues.

#### TRIP DESCRIPTION

The trip proceeded as follows:

**Monday 29 October 2018:** Arrive at Heathrow. (1) Meeting with National Cyber Security Centre executives. (2) Meeting with Commander Tim Jacques, Deputy Senior National Coordinator for CT Policing.

**Tuesday 30 October 2018**: (1) Meeting with Michael Spurr, CEO, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, Ministry of Justice and Ian Poree, Executive Director Community

Interventions. Her Majesty's Prison and Probation service, Ministry of Justice. (2) Meeting with James Muncie, Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism of the Home Office.

**Wednesday, 31 October 2018**: (1) Meeting with Ms Sara Khan, Counter Extremism Commissioner. (2) Meeting with Mr Olly Levinson, Head of the London Mayor's Countering Violent Extremism Programme.

Thursday, 1 November 2018 Travel to Paris. (1) Meet Anzac Ambassadors.

**Friday 2 November 2018:** Reception for Anzac Ambassador students at residence for Australian Ambassador to France Brendan Berne. Travel to Peronne.

**Saturday 3 November 2018:** Join Anzac Ambassadors for tour of Villers-Bretonneux School, Sir John Monash Museum, and war graves cemetery. Travel to Belgium town of Iper. Attend Last Post Cemeony at the Menin Gate. Minister cites the Ode.

**Sunday 4 November 2018:** Join Anzac Ambassadors for tour of Tyne Cot Cemetary, travel to London and attend service at Westminster Abbey.

**Monday 5 November 2018:** (1) Meet MTC probation office at Bromley for briefing on operations in the UK. (2) Joining Anzac Ambassadors for tour of Australia House. Minister had private meeting with High Commissioner, The Hon George Brandis.

Tuesday 6 November 2018: Travel to Sydney.

## **KEY OUTCOMES/ FINDINGS**

- Supports the NSW Government's Centenary of Anzac commemorative program
- Supports Minister's role of driving coordinated CT/CVE strategic policy across Government
- Information sharing on key issues and challenges to ensure Government effectively and efficiently targets its resources, support and services.

## DELEGATION

The Honourable David Elliott MP NSW Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections and Minister for Veterans Affairs

Accompanied by:

• Ms Katherine Danks, Chief of Staff, Office of the Hon. David Elliott MP

During the section of the trip which included the Anzac Ambassadors, the delegation was as follows:

• Mr Anthony Ball, CEO Clubs NSW

- Leslie Williams, Member for Port Macquarie.
- Steve Kamper, Member for Rockdale.
- Six high school students Anzac Ambassadors

The Honourable David Elliott MP
Counter Terrorism, Corrections and Veterans Affairs
a) England, France, Belgium
b) London, Paris
a) 29 October 2018
b) 7 November 2018
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a) 1 – Katherine Danks (Chief Of Staff)
b) Nil
a) No
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a) \$21,283.62 AUD
b) Nil

Accommodation	
(includes any meals/incidentals charged	
to room)	
a) Minister and Minister's staff	a) \$4,915.83 AUD
b) Government officials	b) Nil
Official hospitality	
a) Minister and Minister's staff	a) Nil
b) Government officials	b) Nil
Other expenses	
a) Official gift presentation	a) 4 x New South Wales and the Great War
	books provided to dignitaries.
b) Ground transport	b) \$2,321.15 AUD (includes taxis and trains)
	I would like to disclose my travel in Europe via
	bus provided by ClubsNSW, the Registered Clubs Association in NSW. The travel has no
	commercial value given the seats on the bus
	would have remained vacant.
c) Meals and refreshments	c) \$659.73 AUD
	Various meals paid at own expense.
d) Other miscellaneous costs	d) Nil
TOTAL estimated travel cost	
a) Minister and Minister's staff	a) \$29,180.33 AUD
b) Government officials	b) Nil

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