

Official Overseas Mission to Sweden, Norway and Denmark
The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research
5-15 September 2019

Purpose of Travel

To explore opportunities to learn, share and potentially collaborate in areas such as mobile acute stroke care, drug and alcohol policy and programs, health delivery in correctional facilities, data informed healthcare, translational research and patient centred care.

Benefits of Travel for the State of NSW

The Minister's visit to Sweden, Norway and Denmark established and enhanced strong relationships and in key areas that will help NSW achieve its strategic priorities to keep people healthy, provide world-class clinical care and deliver truly integrated care.

The visit also facilitated strategic linkages and identified opportunities to strengthen information sharing in drug and alcohol policy and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation.

The visit identified a range of initiatives that have sought to underpin sustainable health expenditure in the primary and acute healthcare settings.

Official Delegation

The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health and Medical Research

Accompanied by
Ms Elizabeth Koff
Secretary, NSW Health

Ms Leonie Lamont
Chief of Staff
Office of Minister Hazzard

Scheduled Meetings		
Date	Organisation/Individual	Purpose of Meeting
9.09.19	Meeting with Norwegian Ministry of Health	Discuss Norwegian substance abuse policy, including the recent health and justice reforms
	Meeting with Norwegian Institute of Public Health	Discuss substance abuse control measures, scientific evidence of effectiveness and implementation and key research challenges
	Visit and meeting with researchers at the Mobile Stroke Unit, Norway Air Ambulance	Overview of program and research findings, including tour of mobile ambulance unit
10.09.19	Visit and meeting with Halden Prison officials	Overview of prison health care services
	Visit and meeting with Medfield Diagnostics	Overview of recent advances in brain imaging technology, implications for treatment in rural and regional areas and a demonstration of Medfield's StrokeFinder technology.
11.09.19	Visit and meeting with Danish Ministry of Health	Overview of the Danish health care system. Discussion of outcomes of structural reforms and digital health strategy.
	Meeting with Healthcare DENMARK	Overview of new approaches to personalised medicine and hospital based care.
12.09.19	Visit and meeting with IVBAR	Overview of the ERA data analytics platform and discussion of how data analytics can support value based care approaches
	Visit and meeting with Swedish Ministry and Health and Social Affairs	Overview of the Swedish drug and alcohol policy, policy intersections with other health issues. Governance of the Systembolaget (state-owned monopoly for the sale of alcohol) and site tour
	Meeting with Swedish Public Health Agency	Overview of National coordination of alcohol and drug prevention programs, national monitoring and reporting framework and strengthening collaboration with NGO's
13.9.19	Visit and meeting with the Karolinska Institute and Municipality of Stockholm	Sustainable Development Goals, research and implications for future health threats. Discussion of health data initiatives and translational research programs
	Visit and meeting with the Centre for Eating Disorders Innovation, Karolinska Institute	Overview of current research programs, including the global Eating Disorders Genetics Initiatives and collaborations with researchers in NSW

Estimated Costs and Details of the Minister's Official Travel	
Minister	The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Portfolio	Minister for Health and Medical Research
Destinations Visited a) Countries b) Cities	a) Norway b) Oslo, Sarpsborg, Halden a) Sweden b) Stockholm, Gothenburg a) Denmark b) Copenhagen
Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date	5 September 2019 15 September 2019
Number of official travel days	11
Number of accompanying a) Minister's staff b) Government officials	1 1
Accompanied by spouse a) In an official capacity b) In a private capacity	N/A N/A
Costs	
Airfares a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	\$23,188 \$8,764
Accommodation (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials	\$7,700 \$2,478
Other expenses a) Official gifts b) Ground transport (Minister and Minister's staff) c) Meals and refreshments (Minister and Minister's staff) d) Interpreter e) Other in-country costs (e.g. printing/meeting room booking fees, etc.)	\$736 \$1,246
TOTAL estimated travel cost	\$44,112