



Government of Bermuda

The Cabinet Office

Parliamentary Questions

Responses by

Premier and Minister of National Security, The Hon. Michael H. Dunkley, JP, MP

To questions tabled by

Mr. Marc A.R. Bean, JP, MP

Opposition Leader

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Q1. Will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House of the number of overseas trips he has taken in an official capacity at the taxpayers' expense for the period of December 18, 2012 - February 7, 2015?

A1. The Honourable Premier has taken a total of seven (7) trips in an official capacity at the taxpayers' expense for the period of December 18, 2012 - February 7, 2015.

Q2. Will the Honourable Premier please advise this Honourable House of the purpose of each trip and who accompanied him on each trip?

A2. The purpose of each trip the Honourable Premier has taken and who accompanied are as follows:

i. Bermuda Tourism Newport Event, Rhode Island

The Purpose of the trip was to participate in a business development event for the Bermuda Tourism Authority. The event was held on the Spirit of Bermuda and the Premier bought remarks on behalf of the Bermuda Government. It should be noted that the Premier was on leave at the time of the event and therefore costs to the taxpayer were limited to ground transportation.

The Premier was unaccompanied on this trip.

ii. Campaign for Bermuda Wellness, New York

The purpose of this trip was to attend, at the invitation of Bermuda Hospitals Charitable Trust (BHCT), the launch of a fund raising campaign for the Bermuda Wellness Foundation. The BHCT has established a U.S. 501c (3) charity to enable U.S. and Canadian citizens to make tax advantaged charitable contributions as a part of the effort to raise funds to support the redevelopment of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital project. The event was hosted by Michael Bloomberg and targeted Pharma/Medical Instrument companies who conduct business in Bermuda.

The Premier was unaccompanied but joined representatives from the BHCT at the event.

iii. Boston Red Sox Tourism Promotion, Boston

The Premier was invited to throw out the first pitch at the game during which there were Bermuda promotions and opportunities that served to generate media coverage in that market. The purpose of the trip was to build awareness for Bermuda in the Boston market by leveraging the relationship with the Boston Red Sox in conjunction with Gosling's Bermuda.

The Premier was accompanied by Senator, Jeff Baron.

iv. Pre-Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) Meeting, Cayman

The purpose of the trip was to meet with the Heads of Government of Overseas Territories to plan the agenda and agree collective positions ahead of the JMC Meeting in the UK. The JMC is the highest forum bringing together UK Ministers and elected leaders and representatives of the Overseas Territories and providing leadership to deliver a shared vision for the Territories and drive work to implement agreed priorities.

The Premier was accompanied by the Secretary to the Cabinet, Dr. Derrick Binns and Kimberley Durrant, Director of the London Office to provide technical support.

v. Business Development and Media Outreach, New York

The purpose of the trip was to meet with companies interested in establishing financial service businesses in Bermuda and conduct media interviews to promote Bermuda as an International Financial Centre and Tourism destination.

The business meetings were facilitated by the Bermuda Business Development Agency and the Tourism briefings by the Bermuda Tourism Authority. As part of the Tourism-related events, the Premier participated in the launch of Lili Bermuda's new perfume, based on that recovered from the Mary Celestia shipwreck off Bermuda, where over 130 persons attended, including a large representation of media.

The Premier was accompanied by Minister of Education and Economic Development, Dr. the Hon. Grant Gibbons and The Minister of Tourism Development and Transport, the Hon. Shawn Crockwell.

Technical support was provided by the Premier's Public Affairs Officer, Nea Talbot, who managed the multiple media arrangements. The Premier was also assisted by Advisor Sen. Jeff Baron.

Also in attendance representing their respective agencies were CEO Bermuda Business Development Agency, Ross Webber for the financial services meetings and Bill Hanbury, CEO Bermuda Tourism Authority for the tourism related components.

vi. America's Cup Venue Selection Announcement, New York

The purpose of the trip, at the invitation of the America's Cup Event Authority, was to participate in the announcement of the venue selected to host the 2017 America's Cup. Bermuda and San Diego were the two finalists.

The Premier was accompanied by Dr. the Hon. Grant Gibbons JP, MP, Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Government lead for Bermuda's bid to host the event, and Nea Talbot, the Premier's Public Affairs Officer.

vii. 63rd Annual National Prayer Breakfast and Meetings with Congressional Leaders, Washington D.C.

The purpose of the trip was to meet with US Congressional Representative and to attend the 63rd National Prayer Breakfast.

The Premier was accompanied by Dr. The Hon. E. Grant Gibbons JP, MP, Minister of Education and Economic Development, and Mrs. Cherie Whitter, Deputy Head of the Civil Service as well as Ms. Nea Talbot, Public Affairs Officer provided technical and media support.

Q3 Will the Honourable Premier please inform this Honourable House of the total cost of each trip, itemizing the cost of airfare, accommodations, meals, ground transportation, entertainment as well as the per diem allowance for the Honourable Premier and those persons, (if any), who may have accompanied him?

A3. The total cost of each trip, itemizing the cost of airfare, accommodations, meals, ground transportation, entertainment as well as the per diem allowance for the Honourable Premier and those persons, who accompanied him are as set out below:

<i>Bermuda Tourism Newport Event, Rhode Island June 17, 2014</i>						
Name	Airfare	Accommodation	Subsistence	Food	Transportation	Total
Premier					585.00	
<i>Grand Total</i>						<i>585.00</i>

Campaign for Bermuda Wellness June 26 – 27, 2014

Name	Airfare	Accommodation	Subsistence	Food	Transportation	Total
Premier	1,741.75	292.38			165.00	165.00
Grand Total						<u>2,199.13</u>

Boston Red Sox July 9 – 10, 2014

Name	Airfare	Accommodation	Subsistence	Food	Transportation	Total
Premier	887.75					887.75
Jeff Baron	419.75	223.18				642.93
Grand Total						<u>1,530.68</u>

Pre-JMC Meeting, Cayman July 15 – 17, 2014

Name	Airfare	Accommodation	Subsistence	Food	Transportation	Total
Premier	2,050.45	-				2,050.45
Cabinet Secretary	2,050.45	1,148.98	-	290.38		3,489.81
Kimberley Durrant	3,082.00	1,148.98				4,230.98
Grand Total						<u>9,771.24</u>

Business Development and Media Outreach, New York Sept. 23 – 25, 2014

Name	Airfare	Accommodation	Subsistence	Food	Transportation	Total
Premier	1,062.80*	1,259.17		173.87	844.86	3,340.70
Nea Talbot	580.76	(included above)	-	69.71		650.47
Jeff Baron	-	642.78	-	-		642.78
Min. Shawn Crockwell	1,097.85	1,255.03		31.64		2,384.52
Min. Grant Gibbons	1,200.90				52.50	1,253.40
Grand Total						<u>8,271.87</u>

**Premier reimbursed the Government \$995.85 for his upgrade in airfare*

America's Cup Announcement Dec. 1 – 2, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Airfare</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Subsistence</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Premier	1,891.85*	725.27	-	46.87	345.19	3,009.18
Nea Talbot	1,891.85	725.27	-	69.71		2,686.83
Min. Grant Gibbons	628.90					628.90
Grand Total						<u>6,324.91</u>

**Premier reimbursed the Government \$1097.00 for his upgrade in airfare*

63rd National Prayer Breakfast and Washington D.C. Meetings at Capitol Hill Feb. 3 – 6, 2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Airfare</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Subsistence</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Premier	418.85*	1,153.03	-	53.14	TBA**	1,625.02
Min. Grant Gibbons	373.90	1,290.43	-	166.83		1,831.16
Cherie Whitter	742.85	1,422.09		110.17		2,275.11
Nea Talbot	418.85	1,153.03				1,571.88
Grand Total						<u>7,303.17</u>

**Premier reimbursed the Government \$324.00 for his upgrade in airfare.*

*** The cost of transportation invoices to be reconciled and reviewed.*