

Premier's and Ministers' Official Overseas Travel Report

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Premier's Memorandum 2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information requires Ministers to publish on an appropriate agency website details of the costs, purpose and benefits of overseas trip, including scheduled meetings, **within 28 days** of return.

Visit/Mission Title : **Visit to Israel**

Purpose of travel

The visit to Israel arose because our science and medical research community identified Israel as having significant strengths in the medical technology sector including effective initiatives to support innovation and commercialisation. Israel is also known to be an international leader in medicinal cannabis research.

Benefits of travel for the State of New South Wales

The visit identified a range of initiatives that supported innovation and commercialisation. With regard to medicinal cannabis, it was pleasing to see the efforts to produce pharmaceutical grade cannabis products, improve the delivery systems to achieve standardised patient dosing and the work to build the evidence base for the use of cannabis products. A number of opportunities for active collaboration have been identified and will be pursued.

Scheduled meetings (if not included in previous sections)

| Date | Organisation/Individual | Purpose of Meeting |
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| 6.11.17 | Hadassah Hospital | Hadassah Hospital is responsible for more than 50 % of all hospital basic research and development in Israel. They have established strong collaborations with some of the most important research institutes globally to advance medical knowledge and have strengths in a range of areas including cell therapy, genomics, and innovative radioactive imaging. The focus of this visit was to explore how their commercialisation support team worked to support researchers identify discoveries that had the potential for commercialisation and protect the intellectual property from an early stage. We also explored the opportunities for collaborative work particularly in the areas of genomics and toured their trauma triage and reception area and intensive care unit. |
| 6.11.17 | iCAN HQ | iCAN- Israel Cannabis is actively engaged in identifying and accelerating cannabis technologies in Israel. iCAN serves as an industry connector and is a major sponsor of |

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| | | Cannatech, an annual, two-day conference and trade show on medicinal cannabis research, technology and innovation and plans to hold the Cannatech Summit in Sydney in February 2018. |
| 7.11.17 | Australian Ambassador | To discuss linking Australia to Israel's world-class start-up ecosystem, including through the Australian Government's Landing Pad, located in Tel Aviv's SOSA innovation hub. |
| 7.11.17 | Medical Cannabis Agency | Discuss Israel's regulatory approach to medicinal cannabis. |
| 7.11.17 | Minister of Health | Discuss a range of priority areas including strategies to address childhood overweight and obesity and the approach to medicinal cannabis. |
| 7.11.17 | Nextar Chempharma Solutions | A contract drug development and manufacturing service recently implemented a Medical Cannabis Accelerator Program developed to create a cannabis based product innovation centre, become a medical cannabis knowledge base and thought leader, influence advancing regulation and penetrate international cannabis innovation ecosystems. |
| 8.11.17 | Rainbow Medical | Rainbow Medical is a private company that seeds and grows start-ups developing breakthrough medical devices. |
| 8.11.17 | Triventures | Triventures invests in the medical device sector with a focus on medical device technology, digital medicine, medical equipment, digital health and healthcare device companies. Triventures support companies in a range of fields, such as cardiovascular, orthopedics, robotics, ophthalmology, women's health and digital health. |
| 8.11.17 | Weizmann Institute of Science | Meeting held with Professor Michal Newman of the Weizmann Institute of Science to discuss the outcomes to date from the collaboration between the Weizmann Institute and the Garvan Medical Research Institute - the Garvan-Weizmann Centre for Cellular Genomics. This centre which was supported by the NSW Government, aims to advance biomedical research, genomic medicine and genomic education. |
| 8.11.17 | Clalit Health Services | Clalit Health Services is Israel's largest health care network and provides primary, secondary and tertiary care to over 4.3 million members, covered areas from e-Health, to strategies to improve the continuity of care across community and hospital services. |

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| 9.11.17 | Phillips remote ICU hubs supporting the USA | Phillips facilitated a visit to RemoteICU to demonstrate how telemedicine and telemonitoring can support improved patient care in intensive care units in the US context. |
| 9.11.17 | Phillips R&D Hub: Sanara Ventures | Sanara Ventures is an innovation-investment platform, elevating outstanding healthcare-technology companies, from early-stage to global market maturity. Sanara aims to generate real positive impact on medical conditions and medical-systems by providing funding and mentoring to early stage medical technology companies. |
| 10.11.17 | Visit to Panaxia Office and Laboratory | Panaxia is a producer of pharmaceutical products including medicinal cannabis. |
| 10.11.17 | Syqe Medical | Visit to Syqe which is developing innovative medicinal cannabis delivery systems. |

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| Minister | <i>The Hon Brad Hazzard MP</i> |
| Portfolio | <i>Health and Medical Research</i> |
| Destinations(s) visited a) Countries b) Cities | Israel Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beit Shemesh, Ness Ziona, Herzliya, Rehovot, Giv'at Shmuel and Ra'anana. |
| Dates of travel a) Departure date b) Return date | Departed Sydney 4.12.17 Arrived Sydney 13.12.17 |
| Number of official travel days | <i>10</i> |
| 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 | <i>No</i> <i>No</i> |
| Costs | |
| Airfares a) Minister and Minister's staff b) Government officials | <i>\$17,974.64</i> <i>\$10,207.02</i> |

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| Accommodation (includes any meals/incidentals charged to room) | |
| a) Minister and Minister's staff | \$5,509.32 |
| b) Government officials | \$2,479.72 |
| Official hospitality | |
| a) Minister and Minister's staff | Nil |
| b) Government officials | Nil |
| Other expenses | |
| a) Official gift presentation | \$160.00 |
| b) Ground transport | \$2,008.10 |
| c) Meals and refreshments | \$738.62 |
| d) Other miscellaneous costs | \$13.78 |
| TOTAL estimated travel cost | |
| a) Minister and Minister's staff | \$25,400.41 |
| b) Government officials | \$13,690.20 |
| Currency conversion rate | <i>1 ILS = 0.385 AUD, 1 USD = 0.76 AUD</i> |

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