

**ATTACHMENT D**



**OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL  
Outcomes Report**

The provision of the information below is consistent with the *Guidelines for Official Ministerial Overseas Travel*. This report must be sent to the Premier within 40 working days of return, and published on the relevant department website within 60 working days of the Minister's return. The published version of the report does not need to include the 'next steps / follow up' section or the signature block.

<b>Name of Department / Agency</b>	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	
<b>Departmental / Agency Contact</b>	Marlene Mifsud, Director Ministerial and Cabinet Services	
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<b>TRAVEL DETAILS</b>		
<b>Minister's Name</b>	The Hon Richard Wynne MP	
<b>Portfolio/s</b>	Minister for Planning	
<b>Did the Minister's spouse accompany the Minister in an official capacity?</b> <b>If Yes – please outline the role of the spouse in achieving the outcomes of the visit</b>	<b>YES (official capacity)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES (private capacity)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Accompanying Ministerial staff</b>	Jane Wilson, Senior Adviser	
<b>Countries visited</b>	Timor-Leste	
<b>Date of travel</b>	13 – 17 March 2017	
<b>Number of official travel days (include day of departure and day of return)</b>	5	
<b>Funding source (list Department/s or Agency)</b>	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning / Office of the Minister for Planning	

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Include combined expenses for Minister, accompanying staff and spouse (if accompanying in an official capacity)</i>	
<b>Air fares (including taxes and fees)</b>	\$7,310.24
<b>Accommodation (including taxes and fees)</b>	\$ 1,809
<b>Other expenses (including surface travel and travel allowances)</b>	\$2,299
<b>Travel cost for Minister and ministerial staff (<i>and spouse or de facto partner if applicable</i>)</b>	\$11,418.24
<b>Are the above costs final and complete?</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

#### **Purpose of travel**

The Minister is responsible for the relationship between the Victorian Government and Timor-Leste and the travel was aimed at maintaining our good relations with the East Timorese Government, as well as announcing some funding initiatives in Balibo. Minister Wynne met the Prime Minister and the Minister for State Administration in Dili and also the Australian Ambassador. The Minister also visited Balibo with former Victorian Premier The Hon Steve Bracks AO, where five Australian journalists sheltered before they were killed by invading Indonesian forces in 1975. The Minister announced funding of \$100,000 toward constructing a conference facility at Balibo Fort and \$60,000 to fund a dental nurse to work in local schools. Victoria has close links with Balibo since establishing the Balibo House Trust to purchase and rehabilitate the "Flag House" in 2002, with the facility now operating as a community facility. The Minister also inspected local water projects in Dili and looked at how Victorian water agencies could assist in future in terms of sanitation and waste management projects.

#### **Benefits of travel to the State of Victoria**

There is a large Timorese population in Victoria of more than 10,000 people, the largest outside Timor-Leste. The local community is appreciative of the support offered by the Victorian Government to Timor-Leste, with many still having relatives living there. A wide number of Victorian community members are also engaged in voluntary activities to support economic and social development in Timor-Leste, and value the State Government's interest and involvement. The Victorian Government is keen to maintain this close relationship and to assist where possible – therefore this trip assisted in consolidating our relationship with the local community, as well as offering genuine assistance to those in need in Timor-Leste.