

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National Water Commission

Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-07

(Question No. PM34)

Senator Stephens asked:

1. How many domestic and international flights – including date and purpose of travel (including travel for Commission meetings) has Mr Matthews made since he was appointed Commissioner? Class of travel?

Answer:

1. Mr Matthews has undertaken 53 visits to various interstate locations since he was appointed Commissioner. This has involved 92 Business Class “legs” and 35 Economy “legs” and has included 5 charter flights.

The purpose of the travel is broken down on Attachment A to this Answer.

Mr Matthews has not travelled internationally since his appointment.

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Details of Mr Ken Matthews' Air Travel since he was appointed Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

Dates of Travel	Destination/s	Purpose	Class		
			Bus Leg	Econ Leg	Charter Leg
30.03.05 – 31.03.05	Cbr – Syd – Mlb - Cbr	<p>Presentation of keynote speech to Australian Water Summit 2005 – Sydney</p> <p>Attend meetings with NSW Government officials on groundwater and with States on National Water Initiative Implementation Plans – Sydney</p> <p>Presentation to Australian Council on Infrastructure Development on water infrastructure issues. Meeting with industry group on potential Australian Government Water Fund project - Melbourne</p>	3		
04.04.05 – 06.04.05	Charter Northern NSW	Tour of irrigation areas with Deputy Prime Minister – northern NSW			Charter
18.04.05	Cbr – Bne - Cbr	Presentation to Local Government Association of Queensland 2005 Infrastructure Symposium and meeting with representatives of Beaudesert Shire Council - Brisbane	2		
19.04.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Brief Minister Bob Debus, Minister for the Environment, NSW, on National Water Commission, National Water Initiative and Australian Government Water Fund - Sydney		2	
27.04.05 – 28.04.05	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Undertake tour of South East Queensland water system hosted by the Water Services Association of Australia and Gold Coast City Council – Brisbane / Gold Coast	2		
3.05.05 – 4.05.05	Cbr – Adel – Cbr	Commission Meeting 02/2005 – Mt Lofty, SA	2		

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			Bus Leg	Econ Leg	Charter Leg
06.05.05	Cbr – Melb – Hob – Melb – Cbr	Discussions with Tasmanian Government senior officials on National Water Initiative and Australian Government Water Fund - Hobart	3	1	
09.05.05 – 10.05.05	Cbr – Mlb - Cbr	Meeting with Sinclair Knight Merz to discuss groundwater and surface water science issues - Melbourne. Presentation to Australian Landcare Council - Bendigo	2		
11.05.05 – 13.05.05	Cbr - Mlb – Cbr – Melb - Per – Melb - Cbr	Address Australian Sustainable Industry Research Centre Victorian New Water Alliance - Melbourne Meetings with WA Government to discuss National Water Initiative and Australian Government Water Fund - Perth	6		
19.05.05 – 20.05.05	Cbr - Bne - Syd - Cbr	Participation in Prime Minister's announcement of Australian Government Water Fund projects for Queensland; discussions with Queensland Government officials and Gold Coast City Council staff on Australian Government Water Fund project opportunities - Brisbane	3		
06.06.05 – 08.06.05	Cbr – Bne - Cbr	Commission Meeting 03/2005 – Brisbane / Toowoomba	2		
14.06.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Briefing for infrastructure industry executives on National Water Initiative and national water reform hosted by Profile Ray & Berndtson - Sydney	2		
20.06.05 – 21.06.05	Cbr – Adel – Cbr	Tour of South Australian key water sites hosted by Minister Karlene Maywald	2		
04.07.05 – 07.07.05	Cbr-Mlb-Syd -Cbr	Commission Meeting 04/2005 - Melbourne Meeting with State and Territory officials to discuss	2	1	

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			Bus Leg	Econ Leg	Charter Leg
		National Water Initiative Performance Indicators - Sydney			
12.07.05 – 13.07.05	Cbr – Mlb - Cbr	Guest speaker at 2005 Victorian Farmers' Federation Annual Conference - Melbourne	2		
26.07.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Guest speaker at meeting of the Australian National Committee on Business Building Sustainable Cities - Sydney	1	1	
27.07.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Luncheon address to special meeting of Environment Business Australia - Sydney	1	1	
28.07.05	Cbr – Mlb – Cbr	Chair meeting of industry, South Australian and Australian government officials to discuss potential Australian Government Water Fund project - Melbourne	2		
01.08.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Discussions of Sydney water issues, including site inspection - Sydney	1	1	
02.08.05 – 04.08.05	Cbr-Mlb-Laun-Mlb-Cbr	Commission Meeting 05/2005 - Launceston	3	1	
07.08.05 – 10.08.05	Cbr-Per-Syd-Cbr	Presentation to Australian Public Service Commission conference - Perth; participation in Eureka Science Prize dinner – Sydney	3		
24.08.05	Cbr – Mlb – Cbr	Discussions on Australian Government Water Fund	2		
29.08.05 – 30.08.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Inspection of possible Australian Government Water Fund project site Dinner with Dr Jerome Delli Priscoli, Editor in Chief of World Water Council's Water Policy Journal – Sydney	1	1	

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			Bus Leg	Econ Leg	Charter Leg
31.08.05 – 02.09.05	Cbr – Syd – Nrb – Moree – Syd – Cbr	Presentation to 2005 NSW Local Government Water Management Conference - Narrabri	1	4	
05.09.05 – 07.09.05	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Presentation to 8 th International River Symposium 2005 - Brisbane	2		
20.09.05 – 22.09.05	Cbr-Per-Mlb-Cbr	Presentation to WA Industry Roundtable on the National Water Initiative, convened by Gary Nairn, Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister - Perth	3		
13.09.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Meetings with NSW Government officials to discuss NSW progress in water reform and potential Australian Government Water Fund projects - Sydney	1	1	
04.10.05	Cbr – Mlb – Cbr	Presentation to Bureau of Meteorology Research Centre Science Workshop - Melbourne	2		
05.10.05 – 06.10.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Commission Meeting 07/2005 – Sydney		2	
17.10.05 – 18.10.05	Cbr to Moree (charter) Moree – Syd – Cbr	Guest presentation to Northern NSW Irrigators' National Water Week Forum – Moree	1	1	Charter
19.10.05 – 20.10.05	Cbr – Mlb – Cbr	Participate in National Infrastructure Investment Leaders' Summit - Melbourne	2		
24.10.05	Cbr-Mlb-Mildura-Mlb-Cbr	Keynote presentation to Australian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage Annual Conference - Mildura	2	2	
25.10.05 – 27.10.05	Cbr-Mlb-Laun-Mlb –Cbr	Presentation to Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council and Environment Protection and Heritage Ministerial Council on the National Water Initiative and national water reform - Launceston	3	1	
01.11.05 – 03.11.05	Cbr – SA - Roxby	Commission Meeting 08/2005 – Roxby Downs			Charter

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	Downs– SA - Cbr				
21.11.05 – 22.11.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Presentation on water reform to the Australian Farm Institute 2005 Strategic Roundtable - Sydney	1	1	
12.12.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Meeting with Minister McGauran - Sydney	1	1	
15.12.05	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Meeting National Measurement Institute to discuss water metering and measurement potential project under the Raising National Water Standards Programme - Sydney		2	
21.12.05	Cbr – Syd - Cbr	Discussions with Minister Ian Macdonald (NSW) - Sydney		2	
23.01.06 – 24.01.06	Cbr – Syd –Taree Port Mac – Syd - Cbr	Discussions with MidCoast Water - Taree	2	2	
25.01.06	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Presentation to NSW Institute of Surveyors concerning water property rights and the National Water Initiative - Sydney	1	1	
20.02.06 – 23.02.06	Cbr – Col – Shep - Gnd– Melb (charter) Melb – Syd – Cbr	Tour of irrigation sites with Parliamentary Secretary Malcolm Turnbull Presentation to Australian Water Summit – Melbourne Meeting with Productivity Commission – Melbourne Attend Centre for Independent Studies' Policymakers Forum – Sydney	2		Charter
28.02.06 – 01.03.06	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Keynote presentation to Water '06 Conference –	2		

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			Bus Leg	Econ Leg	Charter Leg
		Brisbane Discussions with Minister Henry Palaszczuk (Queensland) and senior officials - Brisbane			
13.03.06	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Presentation of opening keynote address to the Australian Water Summit - Sydney	1	1	
03.04.06 – 05.04.06	Cbr – Gnd – Dub	Commission Meeting 03/2006 - Goondiwindi			Charter
05.04.06 – 09.04.06	Dub – Syd – Bne – Dar – Bne – Cbr	Meetings on the National Water Initiative with Minister Marion Scrymgour (Northern Territory) and senior officials and industry groups (some involving Parliamentary Secretary) - Darwin	4	1	
19.04.06	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Presentation to Local Government Association of Queensland Infrastructure Symposium; meeting with AgForce, Queensland, to discuss National Water Initiative - Brisbane	2		
1.05.06 – 06.05.06	Cbr – Per – Karr – Per – Cbr	Commission Meeting 04/2006 and associated site visit of Karratha area – Perth	3	1	
09.05.06 – 10.05.06	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Attend Irrigation Association of Australia National Conference and Irrigation Exhibition - Brisbane	2		
06.06.06 – 07.06.06	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Meeting Cleanup Australia - Sydney Meeting Services Sydney - Sydney Meeting Director-General, NSW Department of Natural Resources – Sydney	1	1	
09.06.06	Cbr – Melb – Cbr	Participate in GHD Water & Energy Experts' Forum -	2		

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		Melbourne			
16.06.06	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Presentation to special meeting of Australian Water Ministers - Sydney	2		
22.06.06	Cbr – Syd – Cbr	Meeting of the Independent Assessment Panel – Queanbeyan Land Release Inquiry - Sydney		2	
26.06.06	Cbr – Bne – Cbr	Presentation to Water Management in Power Conference - Brisbane	2		
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