

Overseas Travel – January to December 2024**Chief Executive of Department for Environment and Water**

No of travelers	Destination	Reasons for Travel	Outcomes of Travel	Total Cost of Travel
No overseas travel was undertaken by the Chief Executive between January and December 2024.				

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Month	No of travelers	Destination	Reasons for Travel	Total Cost of Travel¹
January	<i>No overseas travel was undertaken by public sector employees of the Department for Environment and Water during January 2024.</i>			
February	1	Laos	<p>DEW is part of interdisciplinary team from Flinders University, the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training and the International Water Management Institute that is working with the Groundwater Management Division of the Laos Department for Water Resources, to develop Sustainable Groundwater Management Plans.</p> <p>This trip was to facilitate knowledge transfer on groundwater management, monitoring and the establishment of a groundwater management plan, inclusive of three workshops. The development of a National groundwater database for Laos was a key outcome of this trip.</p>	\$240.00
March	1	Central Otago, New Zealand	Attendance and representation at the Tourism, Recreation and Conservation (TRC) Sustainable Trails Conference. The conference provided opportunities to collaborate and network with industry stakeholders.	\$3,698.11

¹ Excludes salary costs.

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April	<i>No overseas travel was undertaken by public sector employees of the Department for Environment and Water during April 2024.</i>			
May	1	Laos Thailand	Visit the Groundwater Management Division of the Laos Department for Water Resources to facilitate knowledge transfer regarding best practice of consultation approaches. This is in relation to an Australian Water Partnership (AWP) project that aims to develop Sustainable Groundwater Management Plans and a National Ground Water Action Plan for Laos. Presentation of the South Australian water planning processes and attendance at the AWP Final Project Workshop	\$553.61
June	2	Barcelona, Spain	Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership Annual Convening (MCAP). An opportunity to pursue an agenda on addressing climate change impacting on countries and jurisdictions with Mediterranean climate characteristics. A clear focus of the MCAP is to share practices and learn from peer leaders facing similar climate risks with the nexus of drought, extreme heat and wildfire, while advancing the collective agenda of MCAP. The convening was based on an informative and 'living laboratory' approach, from which members took inspiration and collaboration on solutions to addressing the impacts of climate change on our environment and communities.	\$15,892.54
	1	Turku & Helsinki, Finland	World Protected Areas Forum – opportunity to network with colleagues on an international scale discussing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming protected areas 	\$5,994.89

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural capital and finances Protected Area Effectiveness Evaluation 	
July	<i>No overseas travel was undertaken by public sector employees of the Department for Environment and Water during July 2024.</i>			
August	<i>No overseas travel was undertaken by public sector employees of the Department for Environment and Water during August 2024.</i>			
September	1	Auckland, New Zealand	Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) Practitioner for South Australia attended the annual Australian Underwater Cultural Heritage program meeting and the annual conference and AGM of the Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology. The meeting agenda included various policy and statutory matters related to the protection of UCH.	\$2,542.84
	2	London, United Kingdom Utrecht, The Netherlands	Meeting with the National Park City Foundation in London, followed by attendance at the Future Green City World Congress 2024 in Utrecht to promote Adelaide's status as the world's second National Park City and provided an opportunity to learn lessons from around the world about progressing urban green initiatives.	\$28,738.68
October	1	Hyerres, France	10th International Ranger Federation World Ranger Congress – As the sole global event offering a dedicated forum for protected areas staff, this gathering provided a valuable opportunity for over 450 rangers from 88+ countries to connect, collaborate, learn, and build meaningful relationships.	\$3,830.25
November	3	Baku, Azerbaijan	Representing the state government at the 29th Conference of the parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and provided	\$43,672.19

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			an opportunity to highlight the steps the SA government is undertaking to achieve economic growth, productivity and sustainability through green industrialization and unlocking business opportunities	
December	<i>No overseas travel was undertaken by public sector employees of the Department for Environment and Water during December 2024</i>			

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