

PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL

Executive summary

1. The Corporate Body is invited to consider forthcoming overseas parliamentary travel and, in accordance Section 2, paragraph 62 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament in relation to receipt by Members of travel, hospitality etc., approve the details of the travel and other costs associated with the outward visits below.
2. As the SPCB is aware, advance approval for travel on parliamentary business is not regarded as a registrable interest under the terms of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Issues and Options

3. The House of Representatives, Cyprus is arranging a series of 2-day workshops on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 June 2019 to raise awareness of women's political participation. This has been arranged under the auspices of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP). The Scottish Parliament, along with the National Assembly of Wales and the Parliament of Gibraltar, have been invited to share their experiences.
4. The workshop will engage with a variety of stakeholders to encourage more women to participate in political life with the aim of increasing the number of women participating in elections in the future. Margaret Mitchell MSP in her capacity as a member of the BIMR CWP Steering Committee will attend.
5. Hospitality and accommodation will be provided by the CPA Cyprus Branch while the International Relations Office will cover travel costs.

Resource Implications

6. The estimated costs for this visit are as follows:

Date	Description	Destination	Participants	Approx. costs
13-14 June 2019	House of Representatives, Cyprus workshop to raise awareness of women's political participation	Nicosia, Cyprus	Margaret Mitchell MSP (supported by an IRO official)	£600

Publication Scheme

7. This paper will be published as part of the SPCB's Publication Scheme.

Decision

8. The Corporate Body is invited to consider the above travel and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, in relation to receipt by Members of travel, hospitality etc., approve the details of the travel and the associated costs as set out.

International Relations Office

5 June 2019