

## **PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL**

### **Executive summary**

1. The SPCB is invited to note forthcoming overseas parliamentary travel and, in accordance with paragraph 2.4.2 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 it.

### **Issues and options**

2. The attached table provides details of a planned visit next month. As the SPCB is aware, advance approval for such visits means that travel on parliamentary business is not regarded as a registrable interest under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

### **Resource implications**

3. The travel costs for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Youth Parliament in South Africa will be met by the UK and International Relations Office while hotel costs will be met by the CPA and the CPA North West Province Branch. Economy travel has been booked.

### **Publication scheme**

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

### **Decision**

5. The SPCB is invited to note the attached table detailing this visit on behalf of the Parliament and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, approve the details of the travel and other costs associated with the visit.

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VISIT DATE	DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES	TIME	DESTINATION	PARTICIPANTS	APPROX. COST TO SPCB
2-8 November 2014	<p>Siobhan McMahon MSP will attend the 6<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Parliament as a member of the team of 10 mentors to the 100 participants who have been selected to attend from across the Commonwealth. The Youth Parliament provides an opportunity for Young People to experience aspects of parliamentary democracy and provides a platform for them to establish links with like-minded peers. Formal parliamentary practice adapted from several Commonwealth countries will be followed. This outward visit will give Ms McMahon the opportunity to promote the Scottish parliament's model of parliamentary democracy and also to learn how democracy works in other places.</p>	6 days	Mmabatho, North West Province, South Africa	Siobhan McMahon MSP	£850