

PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL

Executive summary

1. The Corporate Body is invited to note forthcoming parliamentary travel overseas and, in accordance with paragraph 2.7.2 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament¹, in relation to receipt by Members of travel, hospitality etc, to approve the details of the travel and other costs associated with it.

Issues and Options

2. Murdo Fraser MSP has applied successfully, to the CPA Scotland Branch, to undertake an outward visit to the Falkland Islands from Sunday 10 June to Saturday 16 June 2012.
3. The Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly has invited the CPA Scotland Branch, as a partner in the British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR), to send one Member (and their spouse / partner) to attend commemorative events relating to the 30th Anniversary of the conclusion of the Falklands War. The Falkland Islands Government will meet the cost of all travel, accommodation and food costs outwith the UK.
4. As the Corporate Body will know, advance approval for any such visit programme means that 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. No parliamentary staff will be accompanying the MSP on this outward visit.
5. The SPCB is asked to note that all travel, accommodation and food costs outwith the UK will be paid for by the Falkland Islands Government.

Resource Implications

6. There are no cost implications for the SPCB in terms of travel outwith the UK.

Publication Scheme

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

¹ As required by Section 2.7 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament in force from 3 May 2007.

Decision

8. The Corporate Body is invited:
 - in accordance with paragraph 2.7.2 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, in relation to receipt by Members of travel, hospitality etc, to approve the details of the travel, outwith the UK, outlined above.

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