



**OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL OVERSEAS TRAVEL
Outcomes Report**

The provision of the information below is consistent with the *Guidelines for Official Ministerial Overseas Travel*. This report must be sent to the Premier within 40 working days of return, and published on the relevant department website within 60 working days of the Minister's return. The published version of the report does not need to include the 'next steps / follow up' section or the Premier's signature.

Name of Department / Agency	Department of Treasury and Finance	
Departmental / Agency Contact	Naava Lederman	
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TRAVEL DETAILS		
Minister's Name	The Hon Robin Scott MP	
Portfolio/s	Assistant Treasurer	
Did the Minister's spouse accompany the Minister in an official capacity?	YES (official capacity) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (private capacity) <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes – please outline the role of the spouse in achieving the outcomes of the visit		
Accompanying Ministerial staff	Leo Gifford, Chief of Staff	
Countries visited	United States of America	
Date of travel	9 June to 15 June 2019	
Number of official travel days (include day of departure and day of return)	7 days travel	
Funding source (list Department/s or Agency)	Department of Treasury and Finance	
EXPENSES	\$	
<i>Include combined expenses for Minister, accompanying</i>		

<i>staff and spouse (if accompanying in an official capacity)</i>	
Air fares (including taxes and fees)	\$21,736.08
Accommodation (including taxes and fees)	\$5,938.14
Other expenses (including surface travel and travel allowances)	\$4,654.94
Travel cost for Minister and ministerial staff (<i>and spouse or de facto partner if applicable</i>)	\$32,329.16
Are the above costs final and complete?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of travel

The aim of the trip was to:

- Represent the Victorian Government and deliver a speech at the Uber Elevate Summit in recognition of the announcement of Melbourne as Uber's first selected international trial city for Uber Air (urban aerial rideshare) transport, pending federal regulatory approvals.
- Respond to media queries as a representative of the Victorian Government.
- Engage with stakeholders and potential investors.
- Develop an understanding of emerging global trends in technology investment and implications for the economic development portfolio.
- Gain insight into US-based veterans employment programs.

Benefits of travel to the State of Victoria




The visit reinforced the Victorian Government's commitment to forging enduring and positive links between Victoria and the US and highlighted the potential for further investment by US companies in Victoria. This was achieved by:

- representing the State of Victoria to the global media and other potential US-based investors at the Uber Elevate Summit at which Uber announced that Melbourne will be the first international trial city for its urban aerial ridesharing service – Uber Air – on 11 June.
- Minister Scott conveyed to a global audience that Victoria is an investment destination of choice for innovative companies
- meetings with potential investors occurred to convey the attractiveness of Victoria as an investment destination.

The Minister also gained insight into veteran's affairs programs in Washington D.C. The Minister met congresswoman Rose De Lauro and discussed support for veterans in the State of Connecticut. The Minister met the Director of the US Department of Commerce and discussed STEM school student exchange programs.

Next Steps / Follow Up

This trip created the opportunity to secure meetings with new potential investors and forge new relationships with representatives of Congress and the US Department of Commerce. The Minister's visit will support the building of long term investment relationships. The Victorian Government will also continue to liaise closely with the Uber Elevate team as it establishes its footprint in Victoria and progresses toward federal regulatory approvals of an Uber Air trial at the end of 2020.

Noted by Acting Secretary (Signature)	
Name	Amy Auster
Date	6/8/19
Approved by Minister (Signature)	
Name	The Hon Robin Scott MP
Date	7/8/19
Approved by Premier (Signature)	
Name	The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Date	28/8/19