

Overseas Travel (1 April - 30 April 2024)

Chief Executive

No of travelers	Destination	Reasons for Travel	Outcomes of Travel	Total Cost of Travel *
1	United States (8 April 2024 – 19 April 2024)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accompany the Australian Submarine Agency on a program of engagements that inform and enhance the development of the Commonwealth's model for supporting industrial base uplift, including via the Skills and Training Academy and associated initiatives, in the SA context. This includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meetings with NAVSEA SIB and Blueforge Alliance to understand the entirety of the system they have built, from the strategic to the operational, to uplift their industrial base capability (people/businesses and their products) including: Federal/State operating model/s for success; Fed/State and industrial interventions; Community; Conditions for success and results. This will enable the ASA and SA Govt to develop a more detailed approach to the partnership. b. Visit to the ATDM training facility in Danville and meetings with executives to develop the operating model for the Skills and Training Academy and support train the trainer activity. c. Meetings with submarine industrial base industry partners in Virginia and Rhode Island, including HII. 2. Partner with the ASA to engage with key U.S. industrial partners to advance and strengthen programs of work, including Huntington Ingalls, Electric Boat. 3. Hold separate detailed meetings and workshops with HII to advance activities under the HII/Government of South Australia MoU on industrial capability (workforce and supply chain). 	See Report Attached	<p style="text-align: right;">Airfares and Transport \$7,136.25</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accommodation and meals \$3,248.92</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Incidentals \$63.54</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 10,448.71</p>

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Note: These details are correct as at the date approved for publication. Figures may be rounded and have not been audited. Figures GST exclusive.

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*Excludes salary costs.

TRAVEL PURPOSE/OUTCOMES

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN (Assessing its value against the specific outcomes identified in the travel application)

1. Jointly with the Australian Submarine Agency conduct meetings in the USA with key government and industry organisations, including NAVSEA that will directly inform the NPS workforce capability requirements and approach to capability uplift.

Productive meetings conducted with NAVSEA, US Navy Submarine Industrial Base (SIB), BlueForge Alliance, Hampton Roads Alliance which provided valuable insights into the approach and investments being made in the US in industrial base capacity and capability. DIIS and the Australian Submarine Agency have established a strong partnership to progress industrial base uplift in South Australia.

2. To gain detailed insights into the Danville Training Academy that will translate into design of the operating model for the Osborne Skills and Training Academy.

Detailed discussions with the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) in Danville, including a deep dive into the ATDM model. It was important that DIIS was with the ASA in this deep dive to assist with contextualising the ATDM model for Australian industrial context. Continuing to work with the ASA on the relevance of the Danville model to the STA concept.

3. To meet with HII to progress activities under the MoU and gain a detailed understanding of the Newport News Shipyard that strengthens South Australia's relationship with a key industrial partner in the US. It is likely that the activities under the MoU will result in work for South Australian suppliers and a better-informed approach to skills and training for the NPS.

Progressed discussions with HII regarding the MoU and the VCS Supplier Capability Uplift Program. It was agreed with HII (and the ASA) to progress with a commercial pilot. Potential for announcement when the Premier visit NNS in May 2024.

4. Undertake additional meetings and engagements with US based industry to support joint objectives for industrial capability uplift both workforce and supply chain that may result in better informed investments to support capability uplift.

Engagements with organisations and SMEs in the US industrial base to understand the approaches, support, and investment in the defence industrial base. Provided insights into potential opportunities for capacity investments in South Australia to support the shipbuilding programs.