TRAVEL REPORT FOR STUDY TRIP TO PORTUGAL AND HONG KONG

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a) Objectives of trip:

- To meet with people in key transport sectors; and
- To liaise with AusTrade and learn about their operations in Hong Kong and the closure of the South Australian Trade Office.

b) Organisations or Parliaments visited:


During the course of the conference, I met with most participants and academics and discussed a wide range of issues in relation to transport and infrastructure, both as it relates to South Australia and internationally.

Much of the conference centred on topics that apply to cities larger than Adelaide, but will become more useful as our city continues to grow in population and size.

On my return from Portugal, I visited Hong Kong. Whilst there, I met with AusTrade officials, who deal with South Australian trade to Hong Kong and China.

We discussed the closure of the South Australian Trade Office in Hong Kong and the role AusTrade will play in relation to South Australian and HK exports.
In addition to this, I discussed export opportunities for South Australia with the Office of the South Australian Government commercial representative.

c) **Documents of interest:**

*Enclosed for the Parliament’s records is a copy of all the papers presented at the conference: Urban Transport XI: Urban Transport and the Environment in the 21st Century.*

d) **Summary of study areas pursued:**

The conference called for papers to do with transport and the following were presented:

- Urban transport systems
- Transport sustainability
- Public transport systems
- Urban accessibility and mobility
- Safety
- Traffic integration
- Traffic control
- Infrastructure and maintenance
- Environmental aspects
- Security
- Transportation demand management
- Air pollution and control
- Noise issues
- Traffic and transport simulation models
- Information systems
- Economic and social impact
- Cost and investment assessment
- Advanced transport systems
- Integrated transport and land use; and
- Ecological transport innovations
The conference heard submissions from a number of academics on transport issues that were relevant to South Australia, including: Urban Transport Systems, transport sustainability, public transport, infrastructure and maintenance, economic and social impact among others.

In addition to the study at the conference, there was the opportunity for me to have a brief look around the coastal Algarve area of Portugal.

e) **Summary of results achieved:**

I found the conference worthwhile and made contacts in the transport and infrastructure areas. I also found my discussions with AusTrade about South Australia valuable.

f) **Recommendations:**

As the conference did not specifically deal with South Australia, it was not possible to make any recommendations; however, it was useful for me for future deliberations in the Parliament and the formulation of Opposition policy.

**Hon David Ridgway MLC**