

Visit Program

Sydney, New South Wales

Luncheon and meeting with Mr Michael Forshaw, Former Senator for New South Wales and former Council Member and Cr Jason Falinski, Councillor, Warringah Council (USA 1998)

Guided tour of Taronga Zoo

Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission

Meeting with staff and students at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

Briefing by the Australian Centre for Excellence for Local Government (ACELG)

Lunch and meeting with Mr John Ching and Mr Clive Troy, Australia Philippines Business Council

Meeting and guided tour of the Sydney Desalination Plant

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Julian Sheezel, Deputy Federal Director (Japan 2008, New Zealand 2011)

Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Nick Martin, Assistant National Secretary (USA 2009)

Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Darren Chester MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Regional Transport (USA 2004)

Luncheon hosted by HE Mrs Belen F. Anota, Ambassador, Embassy of the Philippines

Attend Question Time in the House of Representatives and Senate

Guided tour of Parliament House

Courtesy call on Patrons of the Council, Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate and the Hon Peter Slipper MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Meeting with the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources (China 1999) and Mr Graham Edney, Senior Advisor to the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP

Dinner with former delegates Mr Daniel Hulme (Philippines 2011), Ms Amelia McManus (Philippines 2011), Mr Ben Sakker Kelly (Philippines 2007), Mr Garth Leggatt (UK 2001) and Mr Russ Neal (China 1998)

Meeting with Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP, Shadow Minister Youth and Sport (Japan 2005)

Meeting with the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs; Shadow Minister for Trade (Germany 1999)

Meeting with the Hon Kate Lundy, Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Japan 1997)

Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia and Council Member

Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Integrity, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the political exchange program and former Council Member (USA 1989)

Luncheon hosted by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP. Guests included the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Council Member (UK 2001), Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Council Member, Mr Paul Neville MP, Council Member, Mr David Williams (Japan 2000) and Mr Peter Yates, International Projects Officer, Australian Labor Party

Visit to the Woodlawn Bioreactor

Melbourne, Victoria

Briefing on Socom by Mr David Hawkins, Chairman and Ms Jennifer Cromarty, Account Director

Meeting with Mr Andrew Elsbury MLC, Member for Western Metropolitan Region (Japan 2007)

Briefing and tour of the Victorian Parliament by Mr Wayne Tunnecliffe, Clerk of the Legislative Council

Attend Question Time in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly

Luncheon hosted by the Presiding Officers, the Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Ken Smith MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Guests included Mr James Merlino MLA (Japan 2004 and South Korea 2005), Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MLA (USA 1991), Mr John Lenders MLC (New Zealand 2001), Mr Andrew Elsbury MLC, Mr Wayne Tunnecliffe, Clerk of the Legislative Council and Mr Ray Purdey, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Meeting with Mr John Lenders MLC, Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Shadow Minister for Water, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Commonwealth State Relations (New Zealand 2001)

Meeting with Mr James Merlino MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Education (Japan 2004 and South Korea 2005)

Meeting with Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MLA, Shadow Minister for Consumer Protection, Shadow Minister for Energy, Shadow Minister for the Cost of Living, Shadow Minister for the Suburbs (USA 1991)

Meeting with the Hon Michael O'Brien MLA, Minister for Gaming, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Minister for Energy and Resources (USA 2002)

Meeting with the Hon Nicholas Kotsiras MLA, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship (Philippines 2007)

Tour and meeting with Ms Tamara Harrison, Philanthropy Manager, The Malthouse Theatre

Attend performance of the 'The Wild Duck', the Malthouse Theatre

Meeting with Commissioner John Lewin, Fair Work Tribunal (Canada 1987)

Meeting with Ms Sally White, Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

Meeting and guided tour of The University of Melbourne

Forum and lunch with the Centre for Philippine Concerns Australia

Dinner hosted by the Hon Robert Ray, Council Chairman. Guests included Ms Kimberley Gardiner (Philippines 2011), Mr Tim Smith (Philippines 2009), Mr Tim Singh (Philippines 2006), the Hon Michael Beahan AM (USA 1983, Germany 1997 and former Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council) and Mr Stephen Hartney (China 2002)