

**Overseas Travel – July to September 2023****Public sector employees – Department of Primary Industries and Regions**

No of travellers	Destination	Reasons for Travel	Total Cost of Travel <sup>1</sup>
1	Spain	To engage PIRSA-SARDI in a global consortium led by Prof. Alberto Fereres (Research Council of Spain). This project had three objectives. First, scientific and technological insights on relations between plants, insects and viruses to inform clean-and-green biosecurity approaches in SA aligned with Strategic Priority 3. Second, training with state-of-the art entomological technologies to measure insect physiological and behavioral traits. Third, enter PIRSA-SARDI into a global scientific network of multidisciplinary research to improve SARDI's agility and access to knowledge.	Nil cost to agency
1	New Zealand	Undertake assessments of vineyard trials in Hawke's Bay and Marlborough as part of the Bragato Research Institute / NZ Winegrowers project NZW 19-101 "Improving remedial surgery practices for control of grapevine trunk disease to increase vineyard longevity". Involvement in this research provides the SA wine industry with access to the RD&E necessary to drive productivity growth and adopt new practices and systems such as remedial surgery to control grapevine trunk disease.	Nil cost to agency
1	Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan	To co-facilitate a conference "Breeding alfalfa for climate adaptation to improve smallholder farmer resilience", for the Crop Trust BOLD alfalfa project. South Australia can provide expertise to help poor, small farmers in these areas adapt to change, and in doing so promote our research capacity, expertise, and goodwill to developing nations.	Nil cost to agency
1	Canada, USA, UK, The Netherlands and Spain	To undertake an international study tour focused on growing suitable pulse grain and processing efficiencies needed to support the growth of this sector. The aim of the international study tour is to upskill research and development providers in Australia's emerging pulse protein sector, by understanding the industry in leading countries internationally	Nil cost to agency
1	New Zealand	The principal objective was to visit Hawkes Bay Research station where the longest running and most extensive Narrow Orchard System (NOS) apple trials and digital twin are in place. Then visiting Clyde, Research Station on the South Island to view high density NOS trials of apricots and cherries. This was a planning and collaboration building mission for the SA component of Hort Frontiers project AS22002 to be run in the Adelaide Hills (Cherries) and Loxton Research Centre (Apricots).	Nil cost to agency

2	Spain	To attend and present at the Fourth International Legume Society Conference in Granada. Interact and exchange knowledge with other researchers and stakeholders who have a common interest in grain and forage legumes with the purpose of forging future collaborations.	Nil cost to agency
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