



## Written Question

**Asked by:** Adam Arreak Lightstone

**Asked of:** Hon. Joe Savikataaq

**Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs**

**Number:** 70-5(2)

**Date:** September 22, 2020

**Subject:** Ministerial Travel 2019-20

---

**Purpose:** The Members of the Executive are responsible for overseeing portfolios and representing their department in the Legislative Assembly. I understand this is no simple feat and it requires significant effort and dedication to keep up with briefings.

That is why I was shocked when I saw the figures provided in the response to my previous written question on the topic, which identified several Ministers who have spent approximately 40%, or five months, of the fiscal year away from their respective departments headquarter offices.

1. How many trips, and what was the total number of days, that each Minister respectively spent on duty travel in the 2019-2020 fiscal year?
2. How many trips, and what was the total number of days, that each Minister respectively spent on home travel in the 2019-2020 fiscal year?

3. Figure 1 below depicts the collated information that was provided in my previous written question on Ministerial Travel-2018-19. As you will see there are a number of Ministers who have spent approximately 40% of the fiscal year away from their respective departments headquarter offices. What kind of challenges do Ministers, or their departments and agencies face when the Minister responsible for overseeing portfolios is out of the office for a significant amount of time?

Figure 1 – Ministerial Duty and Home Travel 2018-19

Minister	Start of period	End of period	Total Days	Duty Travel		Home Travel		Total Days on Travel	Total Days in Office	% of days away
				Trips	Days	Trips	Days			
Paul Quassa	01-Apr-18	14-Jun-18	74	6	19	0	0	19	55	25.7%
Joe Savikataak	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	51	9	106	157	207	43.1%
Elisapee Sheutiapik	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	5	25	0	0	25	339	6.9%
Patricia Angnakak	01-Apr-18	01-Nov-18	214	3	21	0	0	21	193	9.8%
Patterk Netser	01-Nov-18	31-Mar-19	150	2	16	5	43	59	91	39.3%
Jeannie Ehaloak	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	84	4	73	157	207	43.1%
Lorne Kusugak	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	38	9	111	149	215	40.9%
David Joanase	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	12	52	0	0	52	312	14.3%
David Akeeagok	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	6	23	0	0	23	341	6.3%
George Hickes	14-Jun-18	31-Mar-19	290	6	29	0	0	29	261	10.0%
				<b>70</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>2221</b>	

4. What is the Premiers position on Ministers spending 150 days out of office on travel?
5. When a Minister is on home travel do they have access to the network?
6. When a Minister is on home travel do they have access to a full office?