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ASSURANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM – [2020/003]

The Hon Tony Abbott AC tribute dinner held 7 November 2019.

Date: 18 March 2021

To: Marc Roberts

A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- i. Accept the matter as closed with no further investigation required.

NOTED & ACCEPTED AS CLOSED

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PLEASE DISCUSS

Date: 18 March 2021

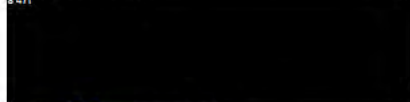
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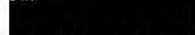
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A/g Director, Audit & Assurance

Transparency, Assurance & Legal Branch

PURPOSE

1. This assurance review aims to:
 - assess whether parliamentarians' travel on and around 7 November 2019 meets the dominant purpose test in section 26 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*; and
 - if a parliamentarian was accompanied by a family member at Commonwealth expense, assess whether the family member's travel meet the 3 requirements set out in section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*.

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2. Value for money and other conditions (sections 27 and 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*) were not assessed.

BACKGROUND

3. The former Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott AC, held the seat of Warringah until the 2019 Federal election. A dinner paying tribute (Tribute Dinner) to his 25 years in politics was held on 7 November 2019. The Tribute Dinner was hosted by the NSW Liberal Party and held at Miramare Gardens in Terrey Hills, Sydney.
4. In accordance with IPEA's protocol on dealing with misuse of parliamentary work expenses (**Attachment A**), on 13 January 2020 IPEA commenced an assurance review of travel and travel-related work expenses accessed to attend the Tribute Dinner.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

5. The legislative framework (the Framework) relating to this matter includes:
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act 2017)
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (the Regulations)
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (the Determination).

Obligations

6. The principles based legislative framework imposes a number of obligations on parliamentarians in relation to their use of public resources. In summary, parliamentarians are personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources. They must be prepared to publicly justify their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business and must act ethically and in good faith in using, and accounting for the use of, those resources. Specifically, a parliamentarian must not claim public resources unless they are claimed for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Definitions

7. "Parliamentary business" has the meaning given by section 6 of the PBR Act 2017. Activities that fall within the four duty streams of parliamentary business are set out in the Determination as "parliamentary duties", "electorate duties", "party political duties", and "official duties" (**Attachment B**).
8. Subsection 6(2) of the PBR Act further provides that an activity is not the parliamentary business of the member if it is carried out for the dominant purpose of providing a personal benefit to the member or another person or pursuing commercial purposes of the member or another person (or both).

9. 'Family reunion purposes' has the meaning given by section 6 of the Regulations:

*A family member of a parliamentarian travels for **family reunion purposes** if:*

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the parliamentarian; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the parliamentarian's family.*

INFORMATION OBTAINED

10. IPEA obtained an internal report (created from data held by IPEA) with the following parameters:
- Travel conducted by any current parliamentarian (including family member) who travelled to and from Sydney and used travel-related work expenses in Sydney from 5 - 9 November 2019.
11. The report was reviewed to identify parliamentarians who were in Sydney on the evening of 7 November 2019, and therefore had an opportunity to attend the Tribute Dinner.
12. IPEA reviewed all vFire records (which record IPEA's communications with parliamentarians and their staff) for relevant information/advice provided in relation to a parliamentarian's attendance to the Tribute Dinner:
- only 2 vFire records were logged, one from [REDACTED] and the other from [REDACTED]
 - no other vFire records were found.
13. IPEA also reviewed social and news media surrounding the Tribute Dinner.

ANALYSIS

14. Upon IPEA's preliminary review, seven parliamentarians were identified to have been in Sydney on 7 November 2019 at the time of the Tribute Dinner:
- Senator the Hon Eric Abetz;
 - Hon Kevin Andrews MP;
 - Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Home Affairs;
 - Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer;
 - Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health;
 - Hon Ben Morton MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet; and
 - Mr Llew O'Brien MP, now Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.
15. To test that their use of travel-related work expenses was in accordance with the Framework, these parliamentarians were contacted and the following questions, together with a list of their travel-related work expenses on and around 7 November 2019, were presented to them for their consideration and response:
- "What was the dominant purpose in accessing each of the travel-related work expenses listed?"
 - "What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney?"

- If the parliamentarian was accompanied by their spouse; "Did your spouse's travel meet the three part test set out in clause 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017"?

Parliamentary Business - Ministers Dutton, Frydenberg and Hunt, Assistant Minister Morton and Deputy Speaker O'Brien

16. Ministers Dutton, Frydenberg and Hunt, Assistant Minister Morton and Deputy Speaker O'Brien used work resources to travel to Sydney for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business other than the Tribute Dinner and **did not** use work resources to travel to the Tribute Dinner while in Sydney. None of this group accessed work resources to travel within Sydney to the Tribute Dinner, or advised that they considered the Tribute Dinner a parliamentary business purpose of their travel to Sydney (dominant purpose or otherwise).
17. Each of these parliamentarians provided detailed responses to the questions posed by IPEA, advising that the dominant purpose of their travel to Sydney was for parliamentary business, and particularising the nature of the relevant parliamentary business. Each of these responses are included at **Attachments C, D, E, F and G**.
18. Given the detailed responses outlining the parliamentary business in Sydney that was the dominant purpose for each of their travel to Sydney, and the fact that no public resources were accessed to travel within Sydney to the Tribute Dinner, IPEA is of the view that the use of travel and travel-related resources in these instances were accessed for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business and were not inconsistent with section 26 the PBR Act.

Parliamentary Business – Hon Kevin Andrews MP

19. Mr Andrews accessed work resources (COMCAR) to travel within Sydney to the Tribute Dinner, describing the Tribute Dinner as being the parliamentary business that was the dominant purpose of that use of COMCAR. Mr Andrews also cited the Tribute Dinner as a parliamentary business purpose for his travel to Sydney.
20. Mr Andrews used work resources to travel to Sydney and provided several examples of his parliamentary business in Sydney, one of which was the Tribute Dinner. He did not claim TA for the night of 7 November 2019. Mr Andrews also attended a ^{s34} [REDACTED] in ^{s34} [REDACTED] and had a meeting scheduled with the NSW Attorney General to discuss an inquiry into the family law system. ^{s34} [REDACTED] and the family law system are likely to be matters of interest to at least some of his constituents.
21. He also travelled within Sydney for the Tribute Dinner (using COMCAR) and advised it was for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business. He relevantly advised (**Attachment I**):

As I was in Sydney for these meetings, I also attended a testimonial dinner for former Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbot MP. This event or function was attended by political, business, media and community leaders to mark the 25 years contribution to national life and public policy as a Member of Parliament, Minister and Prime Minister by Mr Abbott. I discussed a range of parliamentary matters including matters of national importance with various people, including Members of Parliament and senior members of the media.

Accordingly, the travel involved Electorate Duties, as defined by the legislative instruments, namely “participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative function relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance).”

22. In the Determination, Electorate Duties are defined in Schedule 2 as:

In the member’s capacity as their constituent’s elected representative:

- a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance);*
- b) Otherwise communicating with constituents;*
- c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.*

23. While paragraph 6(2)(b) of the PBR Act also provides that the Minister may determine certain activities are not parliamentary business for the purposes of the Act, the Minister has not exercised this power at this time. Rather, the Act currently provides that activities undertaken for the dominant purpose of both or either of the following are not parliamentary business:

- providing a personal benefit to the member or another person, or
- pursuing commercial purposes of the member or another person.

24. There is nothing in the information available to IPEA to suggest that the use of travel and travel related resources to take him to Sydney and back was not for the dominant purpose of the parliamentary business he particularised in his response. Mr Andrews advises the dominant purpose related to ^{6.34} [REDACTED] and Family Law meetings and that he attended the dinner “[a]s I was in Sydney for these meetings...”

25. In relation to the use of COMCAR to travel to the Tribute Dinner, Mr Andrews advises attendance at the dinner is parliamentary business as per Schedule 2(a) of the Determination. IPEA notes the activities described at paragraph 19 above fall within the definition. IPEA further notes that such an event might appear to have a personal benefit to many in the Australian community. Ultimately, in a principles-based scheme the onus will be on the parliamentarian to justify the expense in the context of all of the circumstances

Family reunion Travel – Hon Kevin Andrews MP

26. In relation to his wife’s travel, Mr Andrews advised:

I confirm that my spouse’s travel was fulfilling clause 6.

27. Given IPEA’s finding in relation to the dominant purpose of Mr Andrews’ use of travel resources above, that he was accompanied by his spouse, and the fact that IPEA is not aware of any contradictory information, Mr Andrews’ response effectively confirms that the final requirement for family reunion travel were met, that being that “(c) the travel by the family

member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the parliamentarian's family." IPEA is satisfied that the travel was consistent with the requirements for family reunion travel at section 6 of the PBR Regulations.

Parliamentary Business – Senator the Hon Eric Abetz

28. Senator Abetz used work resources to travel to Sydney, and then within Sydney for the Tribute Dinner (COMCAR). He did not claim TA for the night of 7 November 2019. He advised his travel to Sydney, and to and from Terrey Hills, was for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business. Senator Abetz advises he attended the dinner "... to represent Tasmania ... at a national function..." Senator Abetz is a senator for Tasmania and advises (**Attachment I**) that his attendance complies with Schedule 2(a) of the Determination in part because Mr Abbott's pro-Tasmania policies have advantaged Tasmanians.
29. Further, Senator Abetz states that Schedule 2(c), (e) and (f) of the Determination applies to the travel to the Tribute Dinner because:

I had been approached by numerous stakeholders wishing to make representations to me who were attending the function and who had enquired as to my attendance to facilitate a quick meeting. Many such contacts were had before, during and after the function.

30. IPEA recognises that travel by Members of Parliament throughout Australia is an integral component of the role and function for a parliamentarian throughout their respective parliamentary term. Engaging with constituents and representing their electorate to better understand interests and needs for their region will at times require travel to be undertaken at Commonwealth expense.
31. As articulated in the PBR Act, Members of Parliament can only claim for expenses that are incurred for the dominant purpose of conducting parliamentary business. Parliamentary business is broadly defined and parts of that definition extend to the activities described by Senator Abetz such as meeting with stakeholders and hearing representations from constituents (see Schedule 2, Determination).
32. Guidance as to the operation of the 'dominant purpose' test can be obtained from the Explanatory Memorandum to the PBR Bill 2017 (EM), which explains that the test was introduced on the recommendation in 'An Independent Parliamentary Entitlements System' (February 2016). Dominant purpose attracts its ordinary meaning and refers to the ruling, prevailing or most influential purpose. The EM describes the test as:

... whether, but for the parliamentary business, the member would have undertaken the activity; or incurred or claimed the expense, allowance or other public resource. Where they would have taken the same action without the parliamentary business, the test is not satisfied.

33. Senator Abetz has met the 'but for' test in that he does not indicate attendance at the event was incidental to some other parliamentary business, rather he asserts that attendance at the event was the parliamentary business. He states, "[t]he dominant, indeed only, purpose of my attendance at Terrey Hills was in furtherance of my electoral and parliamentary duties."

34. Given the wide definition of parliamentary business the definition is satisfied. Given Senator Abetz states the activity (the Tribute Dinner) was the parliamentary business, the 'but for' test is satisfied.

Personal Responsibility and Good Faith

35. Under the principles-based Framework, a parliamentarian is personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources and should consider how the public would perceive their use of these resources for travel in particular circumstances. Personal responsibility extends to the use of public resources in the parliamentarians' name by others who may be authorised to incur expenses within their office, or for family reunion purposes. A parliamentarian must be prepared to publicly justify their use of public resources and should consider how the public would perceive their use of public resources for travel in particular circumstances.
36. A review of publicly available information has revealed the following statements from (or purportedly on behalf of) Mr Andrews in relation to his attendance at the Tribute Dinner:

A spokesperson for Mr Andrews confirmed the MP was in Sydney on the day of Tony Abbott's farewell dinner, but declined to say if his wife also attended the event or if government cars were used to travel to and from the venue.

The spokesperson claimed Mr Andrews, who is a close friend and ally of Mr Abbott, was in Sydney to attend an ^{s34} [REDACTED] consultation with the Prime Minister — though the ^{s34} [REDACTED] website does not list any official meetings being held that day.

<https://thenewdaily.com.au/news/national/2020/04/23/mps-charge-taxpayers-tony-abbott-farewell-dinner/>

37. Mr Andrews did not publicly justify his use of public resources when questioned by media for the purpose of the above article. IPEA is able to enforce compliance with sections 26, 27 and 28 of the PBR Act. Failure by a parliamentarian to comply with the personal responsibility and accountability obligations set out in section 25 of the PBR Act do not invoke a sanction.
38. A review of publicly available information has revealed Senator Abetz did not respond when questioned by the news media organisation for the purpose of the article referred to above, however he did make a post on Facebook regarding his attendance at the event (Attachment K).

CONCLUSION

39. After analysis of the records held by and available to IPEA, and the responses to the questions IPEA put to the parliamentarians, IPEA is of the view that the travel and travel-related resources used by Ministers Dutton, Frydenberg and Hunt, Assistant Minister Morton, Deputy Speaker O'Brien, Senator Abetz and Mr Andrews met the dominant purpose test set out in section 26 of the PBR Act.



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Protocol—Dealing with Allegations of Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) was established to provide greater accountability and transparency of the Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework (the Framework). IPEA provides assurance that parliamentarians' work resources and *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) employees' travel resources are spent in compliance with the Framework.

IPEA deals with possible misuse of work or travel resources at arm's length from Government. The *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act) provides legislative powers for the auditing and reporting of parliamentarians' work and travel resources and MOP(S) Act travel resources.

When IPEA becomes aware of information that indicates possible non-compliance with the Framework, IPEA may conduct a preliminary assessment. The assessment scrutinises the use of the work or travel resource and determines if a parliamentary business resource has been used.

Possible misuse

In the event of possible misuse, IPEA decides whether to undertake an assurance review or audit of the matter. IPEA does not undertake assurance reviews or audits at the request of parliamentarians or MOP(S) Act employees.

- Under the IPEA Act, IPEA may audit any parliamentarian's work or travel resource or MOP(S) Act travel resource as it considers appropriate.
- IPEA may conduct an assurance review where a preliminary assessment indicates that a Commonwealth resource was used for a parliamentarian's work expense or MOP(S) Act employee's travel expense.
- IPEA may conduct an audit where there are allegations of systemic or substantial misuse of work expenses or where there is an educative benefit.
- An audit may also be a systematic and comprehensive examination of the use by all parliamentarians and/or MOP(S) Act employees of a specific category of work expense.
- The Members of the Authority or the Chief Executive Officer may issue a notice requiring a person to provide information that is relevant to an audit by IPEA, as provided for under Part 5 of the IPEA Act. Criminal penalties apply for failure to comply with a notice, or for providing false or misleading information.
- In the event of an audit, the parliamentarian or MOP(S) Act employee is accorded procedural fairness to provide comment on any findings.

Members of the Authority decide whether a matter is referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP)

- The Minister responsible for the AFP and the Minister responsible for the Framework are notified of a referral to the AFP.

Publication of audits

- Members of the Authority decide whether, or not, to publish their decision(s).

As approved by the Members of the Authority: October 2020



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

I, Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance, make the following determination.

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences at the same time as the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in the definitions section of the Act, including the following:

- (a) *constituent*;
- (b) *member*;
- (c) *office holder*, and
- (d) *vice regal function*.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, an activity specified in a Schedule to this determination is specified whether it takes place within Australia or overseas.

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.



**THE HON PETER DUTTON MP
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue
Forrest ACT 2603

Attention § 47F

Dear § 47F

I write in response to your correspondence of 4 May, which requested further information relating to travel expenses incurred in November of 2019.

The dominant purpose of my travel was for official duties, as set out under Schedule 4 of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the determination).

These official duties primarily related to attending the Sydney studios of the Nine Network early in the morning of 8 November 2019.

I had been invited in my official capacity as Minister for Home Affairs to discuss Government and portfolio policy during a live television broadcast of 'Today'. This broadcast took place at approximately 7am on free to air television, and as such is publicly available.

§ 47F, joined me in this broadcast as a means of facilitating public debate. § 47F similarly travelled from Melbourne to Sydney on 7 November 2019 and attended Nine's Willoughby studios on the morning of 8 November 2019.

Engaging in public debate and communicating Government and portfolio policy has long been an important official duty and role of Ministers. As such, all three limbs of Schedule 4 are engaged in these circumstances.

Further to this, communication is specifically listed under Schedule 1 of the determination, which at 1 c) recognises the need for parliamentarians to travel to undertake communication connected to their policy portfolio.

I trust this response will satisfy your enquiries. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Dutton".

14/05/20.

PETER DUTTON



JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
Treasurer of Australia • Federal Member for Kooyong

6 May 2020

Mr [REDACTED]
Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter regarding travel undertaken by myself to Sydney in November 2019. In response to your specific request for information I can advise the following:

1. Purpose of Travel on Tuesday 5 November

Travel was undertaken in accordance with portfolio responsibilities and included a meeting with the Reserve Bank Board and NSW State Treasurer.

2. Nature of use – Comcars as below:

- a. COMCAR 5/11/2019 7:45 AM Hawthorn 8:26 AM Melbourne Airport \$ 122.13 (Home to Airport)
- b. COMCAR 5/11/2019 10:25 AM Mascot 11:00 AM Sydney \$ 79.80 (Airport to CPO Syd)
- c. COMCAR 5/11/2019 9:15 PM Sydney 10:05 PM Sydney \$ 98.00 (Syd CBD to Hotel)
(See Point 1 Above re Comcar use on 5 November)
- d. COMCAR 6/11/2019 6:45 AM Sydney 7:06 AM Sydney \$ 58.80 (Hotel to CPO Syd)
[REDACTED]
- e. COMCAR 7/11/2019 7:30 AM Sydney 8:18 AM Sydney \$ 92.12 (Hotel to CPO Syd)
Ministerial Meetings at CPO – Department Briefing on Portfolio Matters
- f. COMCAR 8/11/2019 7:30 AM Sydney 8:27 AM Sydney \$ 111.72 (Hotel to CPO Syd)
[REDACTED]
- g. COMCAR 8/11/2019 4:00 PM Sydney 5:05 PM Mascot \$ 127.40 (CPO to Airport)
- h. COMCAR 8/11/2019 7:05 PM Melbourne Airport 8:16 PM Hawthorn \$ 117.29 (Airport to Home)

Please feel free to contact me or my Chief of Staff, [REDACTED], directly should you require any further elaboration on the above.

Yours sincerely

JOSH FRYDENBERG



Attachment E

647F
Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Ave
Forrest ACT 2603
Via email: assurance@ipea.gov.au

Dear 647F

Thank you for your letter dated 5 May 2020 and your request to be provided with details of my travel, to assist you in your preliminary review of particular travel expenses incurred by me on 7 and 8 November 2019.

You requested answers and any relevant supporting material to the following questions:

1. What was your dominant purpose in accessing each of the expenses listed below?
2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney on 7 and 8 November 2019?

1. COMCAR 7/11/2019 1:30 PM East Melbourne 2:20 PM Melbourne Airport \$ 102.53
2. Airfare 7/11/2019 3:00 PM Melbourne 4:25 PM Sydney \$ 349.29
3. COMCAR 7/11/2019 4:25 PM Mascot 5:07 PM Sydney \$ 119.61
4. Travel Allowance - One night 7/11/2019 Sydney \$ 453.00
5. COMCAR 8/11/2019 4:24 PM Sydney 4:55 PM Mascot \$ 60.76
6. Airfare 8/11/2019 5:30 PM Sydney 7:05 PM Melbourne \$ 869.15
7. COMCAR 8/11/2019 7:05 PM Melbourne Airport 8:31 PM East Melbourne \$ 103.57

The details as requested are as follows:

Item 1.

Travel from the Melbourne CPO offices to the Airport, travelling to Sydney for Parliamentary Business.

Item 2.

Flight from Melbourne to Sydney, travelling to Sydney for Parliamentary Business.

Item 3.

Travel from the Sydney Airport to Sydney to attend and be the guest speaker at the *Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Health Forum & 'Pfizer Invites' Industry Panel Discussions with the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Federal Member for Flinders.*

Item 4.

Accommodation in Sydney, following the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Health Forum and Pfizer Industry Panel Discussions event.

Item 5.

Travel from Sydney to Sydney Airport, travelling to return home to Melbourne

Item 6.

Flight from Sydney to Melbourne, travelling to return home to Melbourne.

Item 7.

Travel from Melbourne Airport to the Melbourne CPO offices, to collect PPV and return home.

As requested, the nature of my parliamentary business in Sydney on 7 and 8 November 2019 was as follows:

7 November 2019

To attend and be the guest speaker *at the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Health Forum & 'Pfizer Invites' Industry Panel Discussions with the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, Federal Member for Flinders.*

At this event, I played three major roles; including making the opening remarks, participating in an interactive question and answer time, undertaking the official opening of the Pfizer's new headquarters and participation in panel discussion. I also gave the main address for the evening.

Full details are included in the official run sheet from the event, which is attached for your information.

8 November 2019

- Attended a briefing for the ^{s 34} [REDACTED]
- Attended the ^{s 34} [REDACTED]
- Attended a briefing for the ^{s 34} [REDACTED]
- Attended a meeting of the ^{s 34} [REDACTED]

In the interests of full transparency, I have included a copy of my diary for you, which has been provided in confidence. The diary has been provided for the travel in question.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification or details regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet
Federal Member for Flinders

8 MAY 2020

**Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Health Forum
& 'Pfizer Invites' Industry Panel Discussion with the Hon Greg Hunt MP,
Minister for Health, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister
for the Public Service and Cabinet, Federal Member for Flinders**

Date: Thursday, 7 November 2019

Time: 4.15 pm – 5.30 pm Health Forum
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm Pfizer opening and tour of agile working spaces
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm 'Pfizer Invites' Industry Panel Discussion & reception

Venue: Pfizer offices

Address: Level 15, 151 Clarence Street, Sydney

Dress: Business attire

Run Sheet

- 3.45 pm [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the Chamber arrive for set up. Set up for Health Forum includes registration table for name badges (AusChamber to bring), ACCI and Pfizer pull up banners, holding slide on screen, lectern and microphone (for later session), 2 chairs with jugs of water 2 x microphones plus 1 x roving microphone for floor, 100 x chairs set up theatre style, arrival tea and coffee and light refreshments for 50 guests
- 4.15 pm Health Forum guests arrive, are cleared by concierge and collect name badges, arrival tea and coffee available
- 4.30 pm The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health arrives, is met by [REDACTED] Director, Business Leaders Council, Marketing & Events, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and is introduced to our host, [REDACTED] Managing Director, Pfizer Australia and New Zealand and other Health Forum guests
- 4.35 pm [REDACTED] (Forum Chair) advises guests that the Forum will soon be beginning and asks guests to be seated (Chair & Minister will be seated on stage chairs)
- 4.40 pm Chair welcomes everyone, offers acknowledgement of country; outlines the proceedings for the forum and the reception, acknowledges the VIPs in the room, commences Forum with Minister (Panel head table with two microphones)

- 4.45 pm Chair officially acknowledges and introduces the Minister and asks him to make his opening remarks, then opens the Forum including questions (*questions/topics for discussion submitted in advance – discussion with interaction from the Health Forum attendees – 40 minutes*)
- 5.25 pm Chair wraps up discussion thanks the Minister and guests and asks guests to remain for the Industry Panel Discussion & reception to follow with other guests
- 5.30 pm Other guests arrive and collect their name badges (*30 minutes of networking time on L15*), additional set up for Industry Panel Discussion – part of 'Pfizer Invites' series of events. (*Lectern & mic for formalities, add chairs to 6 for panel and 6 x lapel mics for panel discussion, 1 x roving microphone for questions from the floor, new holding slide on screen*)

Drinks and canapé service commences for 100 guests (service commences 5.30pm, no service during formalities, service continues 7.00 to 7.30pm)

^{6 47F} Managing Director, Pfizer Australia and New Zealand escorts Minister Hunt to Level 17, 151 Clarence Street, to join Pfizer management and staff to officially open Pfizer's new headquarters (*15 minutes*)

- 5.45 pm Minister Hunt wraps up the official opening and then is escorted on a short tour of Pfizer's agile working spaces with ^{6 47F} (*15 minutes*)
- 6.00 pm Minister Hunt, ^{6 47F} and other Pfizer representatives return to level 15 to join the other guests for the reception and industry panel discussion
- 6.05 pm ^{6 47F} (MC) welcomes everyone, offers acknowledgement of country; outlines the proceedings for the reception, acknowledges the VIPs in the room (*5 minutes – lectern and microphone*)
- 6.10 pm MC invites ^{6 47F} Managing Director, Pfizer Australia and New Zealand to the lectern to introduce the Hon Greg Hunt MP (*lectern and mic 5 minutes*)
- 6.15 pm The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet address (*lectern and mic, 10 minutes*)
- 6.25 pm MC thanks the Minister and asks him to take a seat on the high stools for the industry panel discussion. MC introduces the other industry panel participants

- **Minister Hunt** – already seated
- ^{6 47F} CEO, Medicines Australia
- ^{6 47F} **Board Member**, Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF)
- ^{6 47F} Professor of Medicine, Central Clinical School, Centenary Institute of Cancer Medicine & Cell Biology
- ^{6 47F} Chair, Oncology Drugs Working Group, Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA)
- ^{6 47F} Partner, National Health Leader, PwC Australia (**Facilitator**)

(Panel discussion to focus on the topical issue of the government's decision to review the National Medicines Policy.)

Panel industry discussion 30 minutes – including a couple of questions from the floor

- 6.55 pm Facilitator wraps up, and hands back to MC.
- MC asks ^{6 47F} Chief Executive Officer, Heart Foundation to the lectern to move the vote of thanks (*5 minutes – lectern and mic*)
- 7.00 pm MC wraps up and asks guests to continue to network

Minister departs

Guests continue to network

7.30 pm Guests depart

7.45 pm Pack down

Contact Information:

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The Hon Greg Hunt MP

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SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Minister for Health, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Cabinet



Greg was born and raised on the Mornington Peninsula where he currently resides with his wife Paula and their two children.

Greg graduated from Melbourne University with First Class Honours in Law and subsequently won a Fulbright Scholarship to complete a Masters of International Relations at Yale University.

After university, Greg worked with Mallesons Stephen Jacques before becoming Associate to the Chief Justice of the Federal Court.

Between 1994 and 1998, Greg worked as a Senior Adviser to the then Opposition Leader and subsequent Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer. He then worked with McKinsey and Co where he became an Engagement Manager specialising in telecommunications, start-ups, government reform and the banking sector.

Greg was elected as the Federal Member for Flinders in 2001, and became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage and then Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Greg was Shadow Environment Minister from 2007-2013 and Minister for the Environment from September 2013 until July 2016. His key achievements in this role were establishing the Emissions Reduction Fund, developing the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan and the \$1 billion Reef Fund.

In 2016 he was selected as the inaugural Best Minister in the World recipient at the World Government Summit.

Greg was appointed Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science in July 2016 and was responsible for implementing the Government's innovation agenda and ensuring support for Australian jobs.

In January 2017, Greg was appointed Minister for Health. In January 2019, Greg was also given the added responsibility of Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service & Cabinet. Greg is incredibly passionate about the health portfolio and his vision is to ensure Australia has the best health care system in the world.

Greg is guaranteeing Australians' access to health services and affordable medicines with the Medicare Guarantee Fund and investment in medical research.

Mental health is an issue that is particularly important to Greg. Mental health touches nearly every family in Australia and he is making this a focus of his role as Health Minister.

s.47F

s.47F has over 20 years' experience in health care and pharmaceutical health policy including drug development, clinical research, manufacturing, drug safety, regulatory affairs, and medicines and vaccines health policy.

s.47F also contributes her clinical and industry expertise to a number of expert committees providing advice to Government, including representing the industry on the sub-committees to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) [the Economic Sub-Committee ESC and Drug Utilisation Sub-Committees DUSC].

s.47F academic qualifications lie in medical sciences and drug development, which lead her to provide occasional lectures on drug development, regulation of medicines, quality use of medicines and the policy environment affecting access to medicines in Australia.

s.47F is the Chief Executive Officer at Medicines Australia, the peak body representing research based pharmaceutical companies in Australia, where she leads collaboration with government and the development of sound policies to support access to prescription medicines for Australian patients.

s.47F

s.47F was appointed to the CHF Board in 2014 and reappointed in 2017. She Chairs the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the Board.

She has substantial experience in public policy, strategy and governance matters at Board level through her nine years (1998-2007) as a member of the Board of the National Prescribing Service (NPS Medicines Wise) and five years (2005-2009) as a member of the Board of the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute at ANU.

s.47F has participated in National Policy Forums at the strategic level for two decades including eight years with Council on the Ageing – six years in the role of National Policy Officer. s.47F is a passionate advocate for addressing the social determinants of health with a focus on people with chronic illness, access to primary health care and quality use of medicines, mental health, aged care and indigenous health.

s.47F also has secondary teaching qualifications and experience in education including in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. Her current appointments as a health consumer representative include to the Community Council of the South East Melbourne Primary Health Network, Deputy Chair- Health Technologies Assessment Consumer Consultative Committee, the Drug Utilisation Sub Committee PBAC, the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare Primary Care Committee, the Evaluation Committee of Health Care Homes, and the Medicines Safety Committee for the Australian Digital Health Agency.

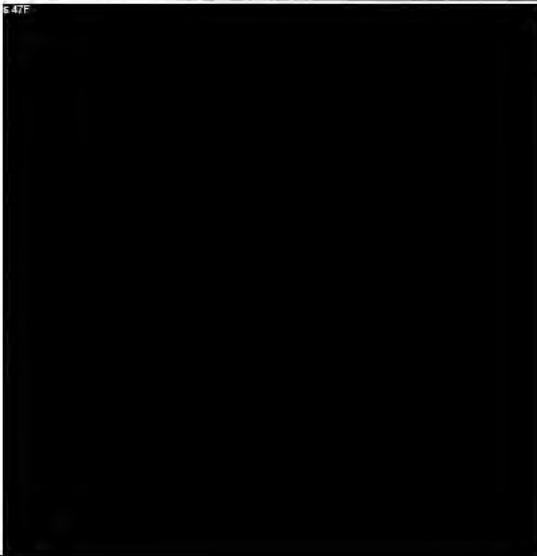
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s 47F is a clinical hematologist, pathologist and scientist with a productive track record in gene and stem cell therapy, experimental haematology and molecular biology. In over 150 publications he has contributed to the understanding of stem cells and haemopoiesis, gene transfer technologies, oncogenesis, human aminoacidurias and non-coding RNAs.

He serves on Hospital, state and national bodies including Chair of GTTAC, Office of the Gene Technology Regulator – responsible for regulating all genetically-modified organisms in Australia - and Chair of the Advisory Committee on Biologicals, Therapeutic Goods Administration. Contributions to scientific organisations include co-founding (2000) and past-President (2003-5) of the Australasian Gene Therapy Society; Vice President, International Society for Cellular Therapy (2008-12) and founder (2009) ISCT-Australia; Scientific Advisory Committees and Board member for philanthropic foundations; and several Ethics Committees. In 2009, he was instrumental in establishing the first Faculty Committee of the Faculty of Science, Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. He is the recipient of national (RCPA, RACP, ASBMB) and international awards in recognition of his commitment to excellence in medical research, including appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia.

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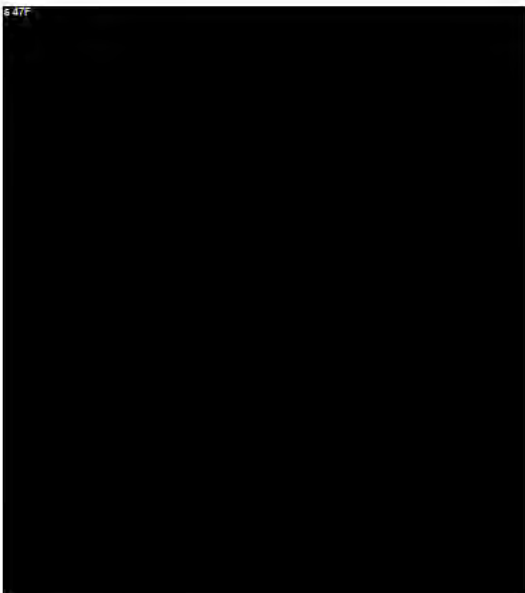


s 47F graduated from the University of Sydney Medical Program in 2005 and obtained his FRACP in 2012. He is a medical oncologist and director of clinical trials at Nepean Cancer Care Centre in Sydney.

s 47F has research interests in costs and value of anticancer drugs, and decisions about treatment with expensive unsubsidised anticancer drugs. He is recently submitted his PhD entitled "The consequences of rising anticancer drug costs in Australia" which he was undertaking at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre, University of Sydney.

s 47F has an interest in cancer care policy and is the chair of the Oncology Drugs Working Group for MOGA.

s 47F



s 47F is a partner and senior advisor to executives in Health and Insurance with Strategy&, PwC's strategy consulting business. She leads our PwC Australia, SE Asia and NZ Health practice, including work with federal and state health departments, insurers, health and aged care providers, NFPs and industry bodies. s 47F is a member of the PwC Australia Board of Partners and chairs the Strategy and Ventures sub-committee. She has been with the firm for almost 30 years including 20 years in Australia and 5 years in China (based in Shanghai).

PwC support clients to build trust in society and solve important problems, from strategy through execution including strategy, transformation, digital, risk, financial advisory (M&A, due diligence, tax and legal) and assurance.

s 47F advises clients on strategy, disruption and transformation and brings experience in each of insurance, health and aged care services and life sciences, including working at an industry-wide level. She is a recognized speaker and thought leader, authoring a range of publications including Reimagining Health Reform: taking a systems approach to health and wellness; Australia's

7 November 2019 Continued

Thursday

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and Health Forum Trip to Sydney - Itinerary

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1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Comcar | 039815 -- CPO to Airport



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3:00 PM - 4:25 PM

Flight | QF 442 - Airline Ref: UEF5YV -- Mel - Syd



Itinerary-141535...

4:25 PM - 5:25 PM

Comcar | 039821 -- Sydney airport to Hotel Intercontinental - wait - then Pfizer Australia



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5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Event | Australian Chamber Business Leaders Council Roundtable -- Pfizer Offices, Level 15, 151 Clarence St, Sydney



Run Sheet Health Forum Panel... Guest list Health Forum 7 Nov... Final Guest List 7 Nov (2).xls...

8:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Accommodation | Hotel Intercontinental -- 117 Macquarie St, Sydney



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HUNT, Greg

King Club access city view room confirmed

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Friday

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All Day

Epilepsy Month

All Day

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

All Day

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

All Day

Suite 9 | Level 19 -- Sydney CPO

12:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Accommodation | Hotel Intercontinental -- 117 Macquarie St, Sydney



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King Club access city view room confirmed

Cancellation policy --by 6pm on 6 November

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Run | -- Sydney

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Briefing | ^{6:34} [REDACTED]

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Mtg | ^{6:34} [REDACTED]

Morning | ^{6:47} [REDACTED]

^{6:34} [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

^{6:34} [REDACTED]


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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Paperwork

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Briefing | 

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Meeting | 

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Comcar | 039673 -- CPO Syd to Airport



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5:30 PM - 7:05 PM

Flight | QF 455 - Airline ref: UEF5YV -- SYD - MEL



Itinerary-141535...

7:05 PM - 7:35 PM

Comcar | 040429 -- Airport to CPO



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From: [REDACTED] (B. Morton, MP) on behalf of Morton, Ben (MP)
To: Assurance
Subject: RE: Request for Information Travel November 2019 [DLM=For Official Use Only]
Date: Monday, 4 May 2020 5:31:10 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

I am responding on behalf of the Hon Ben Morton MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet, as asked by him.

The answer to the following questions are as follows:

1. Travel was undertaken for Official Duties in his role as the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet and was the dominant purpose for all of the expenses.
2. Assistant Minister Morton, over the period, had meetings with colleagues and stakeholders, including [REDACTED]
3. Assistant Minister Morton's spouse's travel did meet the 3 part test set out in clause 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

Please advise if this response satisfies your requirements.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Executive Officer

OFFICE OF THE HON BEN MORTON MP

ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

FEDERAL LIBERAL MEMBER FOR TANGNEY

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[REDACTED] | W: benmorton.net.au

From: Assurance [mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 4 May 2020 3:49 PM
To: Morton, Ben (MP)
Subject: Request for Information Travel November 2019 [DLM=For Official Use Only]
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Dear Assistant Minister

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to travel that you have recently undertaken.

Should you wish to discuss our query, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6215 3000 or at

assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Director, Audit and Assurance

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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LLEW O'BRIEN MP

Federal Member for Wide Bay

5 May 2020

[REDACTED]
 Director, Audit and Assurance
 Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding my return travel from my home at [REDACTED] to Sydney from 7 to 9 November 2019.

I can confirm that the dominant purpose, in fact the only purpose, for this travel was to conduct parliamentary business.

Schedule 1, part a of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017, allows travel: *Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise; part d Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function; and part f allows travel for: Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates.*

My travel to Sydney was at the invitation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At 3.00pm that day I met with a Senior Advisor from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development to discuss matters pertaining to the Joint Select Committee on Road Safety, of which I was Chair at that time.

The expenditure associated with this parliamentary business enabled me to travel via Comcar from my home in [REDACTED] to Brisbane Airport, from Brisbane Airport to Sydney Airport by air, from Sydney Airport to my accommodation in Sydney by Comcar, and return. While in Sydney I made my own ground transport arrangements to and from the aforementioned meetings.

As I was travelling for the dominant purpose to conduct parliamentary business and my wife accompanied me, and her travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life, I believe that her travel does meet the meaning of family reunion purposes under the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

I trust this information addresses the questions raised in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llew O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

LLEW O'BRIEN MP
Federal Member for Wide Bay
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives



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Attachment H

18th May 2020

^{s 47F}
Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
1 Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

Dear ^{s 47F}

Thank you for your letter of 4 May 2020.

The dominant purpose for travelling to Sydney on 7 and 8 November 2019 was to attend a ^{s 34} at the invitation of the



^{s 34} Moreover, I subsequently published an article, "The Aged Care Challenge" [*Australian Polity 8(1)*] about the issue.

I also had scheduled a meeting with the NSW Attorney-General at the CPO to discuss a NSW submission to the Inquiry into Australia's Family Law System, which I chair. The Attorney-General was delayed, so that meeting had to be conducted by telephone. I used an office at the CPO that I had booked for the meeting.

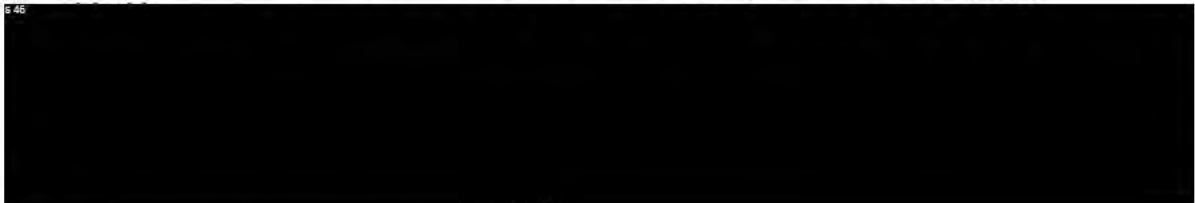
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As I was in Sydney for these meetings, I also attended a testimonial dinner for former Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbott MP. This event or function was attended by political, business, media and community leaders to mark the 25 years contribution to national life and public policy as a Member of Parliament, Minister and Prime Minister by Mr Abbott. I discussed a range of current parliamentary matters including matters of national importance with various people, including Members of Parliament and senior members of the media.

I confirm that my spouse's travel was fulfilling clause 6.

Accordingly, the travel involved Electorate Duties, as defined by the legislative Instruments, namely "participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative function relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance)."


Furthermore, in relation to this travel and other travel, I relied on the advice



I trust this information satisfies you that all the travel was undertaken in accordance with the relevant provisions.

If you have any further queries or disagree in any manner with this assessment, please inform me, so I can elaborate further.

Yours sincerely,



The Hon Kevin Andrews MP
Federal Member for Menzies



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA - THE SENATE

14 May 2020

Senator the Hon
Eric Abetz
Liberal Senator for Tasmania

Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 4 May 2020 relating to my travel from Alice Springs to Hobart. By way of background I advise that I am a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. The Committee had meetings in Alice Springs which concluded on 7 November 2019, hence my presence in Alice Springs.

The purpose of my attendance was manifold. The purposes were :

a) to represent Tasmania (at the head table) at a national function in Terrey Hills, of over 1000 attendees, to honour the service of former Prime Minister Tony Abbott whose specific pro-Tasmania policies helped to transform the Tasmanian economy from recession to Australia's stand out state economy and thus transform the personal fortunes of my fellow Tasmanians. Such a representation is clearly, fully and unambiguously covered by Schedule 2a) of Attachment 'A' appended to your correspondence.

b) I had been approached by numerous stakeholders wishing to make representations to me who were attending the function and who had enquired as to my attendance to facilitate a quick meeting. Many such contacts were had before, during and after the function. These matters are clearly, fully and unambiguously covered by Schedule 1c), e) and f) as they fell within the duty streams of parliamentary business.

The dominant, indeed only, purpose of my attendance at Terrey Hills was in furtherance of my electoral and parliamentary duties.

Having arrived at Sydney Airport for the purposes referred to above, vehicular transport to and from the above venue at Terrey Hills was necessary.

The flight from Sydney to Hobart was to return me to my home base.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz
Liberal Senator for Tasmania

...advancing Tasmania's interests.

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Eric Abetz

8 November 2019 at 22:54

Celebrating Tony Abbott's 25 years of exceptional service to Australia at a sell-out dinner of 1100 on Thursday evening.

Honoured to be seated at the head table with Prime Minister Scott Morrison (ScoMo), former Prime Minister John Howard, and Alan Jones.

All the best for Tony's future and family. Thanks for your service.



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