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ASSURANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM – [2020/010]

2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival, the period 26 October 2019 to 14 November 2019

Date: 21 May 2021

To: Marc Roberts

A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- i. Note the contents of this assurance review, and
- ii. Accept the matter as closed with no further action required.

NOTED & ACCEPTED AS CLOSED / PLEASE DISCUSS

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SCOPE

2. The period in scope of the Assurance Review (review) is one week before the first event of the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival (26 October 2019) and one week after the last event (14 November 2019).

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3. The main 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival events include:
 - Saturday, 2 November 2019 – Victoria Derby Day
 - Tuesday, 5 November 2019 – Melbourne Cup Day
 - Thursday, 7 November 2019 – Victorian Racing Club Oaks Day
4. Travel by former parliamentarians was excluded from the scope of this assurance review.

PURPOSE

5. This review aims to:
 - (i) assess the use of parliamentary business resources by all parliamentarians (including family travel) that travelled to and within Melbourne, between 26 October 2019 and 14 November 2019, and
 - (ii) confirm that parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event.
6. The 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival (the Carnival) is an event which is considered a “desirable destination” for the purposes of IPEA’s Audit & Assurance program.

BACKGROUND

7. Travel to the Carnival by parliamentarians attracted significant media attention, which questioned the use of Commonwealth funds to travel to such an event (**Attachment A**).
8. Travel to the Nagambie National Party event attracted significant media attention, which questioned the use of Commonwealth funds to attend a party event (**Attachment B**).
9. On 21 April 2020, IPEA commenced an assurance review into the use of travel and travel-related resources in relation to the Carnival.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

10. The relevant legislative Framework (the Framework) is:
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act)
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (the Regulations)
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (the Determination)

Obligations

11. 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

12. "Parliamentary business" has the meaning given by section 6 of the PBR Act. 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 C**).

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13. 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).
14. 'Family reunion purposes' has the meaning given by section 6 of the Regulations:

A family member of a member 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 member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

ANALYSIS

15. IPEA obtained an internal report (created from data held by IPEA) with the following parameters:
- Travel conducted by any parliamentarian (including family members) who travelled to and from Melbourne and used travel and travel-related resources within Melbourne from 26 October to 14 November 2019.
16. IPEA then narrowed the scope of the assessment by removing travel by parliamentarians that were unlikely to have been used for the purpose of attending a Carnival event because it was:
- Travel transiting through Melbourne
 - Travel for Victorian parliamentarians leaving or returning to Melbourne
 - The individual instances of travel and travel-related resources were used outside of the main Carnival events, prior to or after the below dates,:
 - Saturday, 2 November 2019 – Victoria Derby Day
 - Tuesday, 5 November 2019 – Melbourne Cup Day
 - Thursday, 7 November 2019 – Victorian Racing Club Oaks Day
17. IPEA reviewed travel and travel-related resources used by 50 parliamentarians, using IPEA held and publicly available information. IPEA assessed they did not require further investigation.
18. IPEA identified 7 parliamentarians with travel and travel-related resources incurred in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne during the Carnival that required further review to determine the nature of their parliamentary business. These parliamentarians were:
- i. The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts
 - ii. The Hon Michelle Landry, Assistant Minister for Children & Families
 - iii. Senator Hollie Hughes
 - iv. Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
 - v. Senator Perin Davey
 - vi. The Hon Warren Snowdon MP
 - vii. Senator Jacqui Lambie
19. To test that their use of travel and travel-related resources was in accordance with the Framework, these parliamentarians were contacted and the following questions, together

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with a list of their travel and travel-related resources used to, from and within Melbourne during the Carnival, were presented to them for consideration and response (**Attachments D-J**).

20. Where public resources had been used by a parliamentarian, IPEA asked:
- What was your dominant purpose in accessing each of the expenses listed?*
- What was the nature of any parliamentary business?*
21. Where IPEA's data could not provide the full travel details of the parliamentarian because no travel or travel-related resources were used, IPEA requested further details from the parliamentarian to assist with the assessment.
22. The following are examples of instances where further information was required to understand the travel undertaken by the parliamentarian:
- no travel or travel-related resource was used to depart Melbourne
 - no use of car travel
 - no travel allowance (TA) claim where it would be expected.
23. IPEA sought further clarification in relation to responses from two parliamentarians, Senator Lambie and Senator Hughes (**Attachments I and J**).

Parliamentary Business - Mr Snowdon

24. Mr Snowdon provided information in his response about the nature of his parliamentary business in Melbourne. There is no evidence in the records held by and available to IPEA that indicates that he attended the Carnival (**Attachment D**).

Parliamentary Business - Senator Davey

25. Senator Davey's response confirmed that her parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event (**Attachment E**).
26. Senator Davey provided information in her response about the nature of her parliamentary business in Melbourne. There is no evidence in the records held by and available to IPEA that indicates she attended the Carnival
27. Given her detailed response outlining the nature of parliamentary business for her travel to Melbourne, IPEA is of the view that the use of travel and travel-related resources in this instance were used for parliamentary business and were not inconsistent with the Framework.

Parliamentary Business - Minister Landry

28. Minister Landry's response confirmed that her parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event (**Attachment F**).
29. Minister Landry provided information in her response about the nature of her parliamentary business in Melbourne.
30. Minister Landry used travel and travel-related resources to travel to Melbourne for parliamentary business other than the carnival. She did not use travel or travel related resources to travel within Melbourne to the Carnival, or advised that she considered the Carnival a parliamentary business purpose of her travel to Melbourne.

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31. Given her detailed response outlining the nature of parliamentary business for her travel to Melbourne, IPEA is of the view that the use of travel and travel-related resources in this instance were used for parliamentary business and were not inconsistent with the Framework.

Parliamentary Business - Senator McKenzie

32. Senator McKenzie's response confirmed that her parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event (**Attachment G**).
33. Senator McKenzie used travel-related resources (COMCAR, TA and travel fares) to travel to and within Melbourne during the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival. She provided responses to the questions posed by IPEA, advising the nature of her parliamentary business of her travel to Melbourne.
34. Senator McKenzie used travel-related resources to travel to Melbourne and IPEA was provided with several examples of her parliamentary business in Melbourne, one of which was her attendance at the Carnival. The response indicated she had a media and parliamentary obligation, as the Minister for Agriculture (her parliamentary role at the time of the carnival), to attend the Melbourne Cup. The response also indicated her predominant parliamentary business in Melbourne was parliamentary duties.
35. Senator McKenzie claimed TA for 3 and 4 November 2019 and subsequently requested an invoice be raised for the TA 4 days later, citing an administrative error for the claim. A COMCAR was also booked, but then cancelled, for 4 November 2019.
36. There is nothing in the information available to IPEA to suggest that the use of travel and travel-related resources to take Senator McKenzie to Melbourne and back was not for the parliamentary business she particularised in her response.
37. IPEA further notes that while such an event might appear to have a personal benefit to some in the Australian community, in the principles-based scheme it is the responsibility of the parliamentarian to be prepared to publicly justify for their use of public resources for conduction their parliamentary business (section 25(3) of the PBR Act),
38. Based on IPEA held records, publicly available information, and the response received by IPEA, there is no basis to suggest that this matter requires further consideration.

Parliamentary Business - Minister Fletcher

39. Minister Fletcher used travel resources (COMCAR) to travel to and within Melbourne during the Carnival.
40. A detailed response was provided to the questions posed by IPEA (**Attachment H**).
41. In his response, Minister Fletcher detailed the nature of his parliamentary business in using a COMCAR on 5 November 2019, from Flemington to Melbourne Airport. He advised:

The dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR (trip reference 032184) on 5 November 2019 at 3.02pm was travel to the airport to get a flight to Albury, NSW, to attend a Theatre performance in my capacity as Minister for the Arts, followed by travel to Wagga Wagga the next day for a forum on regional media in my capacity as Communications Minister.

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42. He also advised that a COMCAR taken from Roseville to Mascot on 5 November should be repaid as the dominant purpose was for travel to the Melbourne Cup day. He had previously repaid a COMCAR for travel on the 5 of November 2019, between Melbourne Airport and Flemington, and provided no further information on his use of that travel resource.

Family Reunion Travel - Minister Fletcher

43. In relation to his spouse's use of COMCAR to travel from Mascot to Roseville on 5 November 2019, Minister Fletcher confirmed that use of the travel-related resource did not meet the three part test set out in section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*:

Parliamentary Business - Senator Lambie

44. Senator Lambie Landry used travel and travel-related resources to travel to Melbourne for parliamentary business other than the Carnival. She did not use travel or travel-related resources to travel within Melbourne to the Carnival, or advised that she considered the Carnival a parliamentary business purpose of her travel to Melbourne (dominant purpose or otherwise) (**Attachment I**).
45. Given her detailed responses outlining the nature of parliamentary business for her travel to Melbourne, IPEA is of the view that the use of travel and travel-related resources in this instance were used for parliamentary business and were not inconsistent with the Framework.

Parliamentary Business - Senator Hughes

46. Senator Hughes used travel and travel-related resources (Cabcharge, COMCAR, TA and travel fares) to travel to and within Melbourne during the Carnival. She provided several examples of her parliamentary business in Melbourne, one of which was her attendance at the 2019 Melbourne Cup Day. Senator Hughes also attended an interview in the ABC News Breakfast Studios, other meetings with local organisations and a hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Nation Disability Insurance Scheme.
47. Senator Hughes provided responses to the questions posed by IPEA, advising of the dominant purpose of her travel to Melbourne, which include the Melbourne Cup, and particularising the nature of the relevant parliamentary business (**Attachment J**).
48. In relation to her attendance at the Carnival, she advised:

Please see diary attached for Melbourne. I was hosted as a Senator for NSW by Furphy's at the Melbourne Cup, owners of Tooheys. A major employer in my state of NSW. See attached a social media post regarding a visit to the factory, something delayed by Covid, but was an extension of the working relationship with the organisation. This included working with them throughout the Covid lockdown and the NSW State Government to avoid the factory closure during lockdown. The corporate hospitality was declared within the appropriate timeframe as required.

49. There is nothing in the information available to IPEA to suggest that the use of travel and travel-related resources to take Senator Hughes to Melbourne and back was not for the dominant purpose of the parliamentary business she particularised in her responses.

50. IPEA further notes that while such an event might appear to have a personal benefit to some in the Australian community, in the principles-based scheme it is the responsibility of the parliamentarian to be prepared to publicly justify for their use of public resources for the conduct of their parliamentary business (section 25(3) of the PBR Act)
51. Based on IPEA held records, publicly available information, and the response provided by the Senator Hughes, there is no basis to suggest that this matter requires further consideration.

CONCLUSION

52. After analysis of the information available to IPEA, including the responses from parliamentarians, IPEA is of the view that the travel and travel-related resources used by Minister Fletcher, Minister Landry, Senator Hollie Hughes, Senator Perin Davey, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Senator Jacqui Lambie and the Hon Warren Snowdon MP to travel to, from and within Melbourne during the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival does not require further consideration by IPEA.

PM backed Melbourne Cup winner Vow and Declare, as did other politicians

By **RACHEL BAXENDALE**, VICTORIAN POLITICAL REPORTER

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“Who wants to tell Bill Shorten that the PM backed Vow and Declare?” gloated Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack to Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure Minister Alan Tudge in the minutes following the gelding’s [Melbourne Cup win](#).

On this occasion, however, the former Labor leader had also backed a winner, having similarly put money on Vow and Declare. In fact, it was the pollies’ favourite horse with deputy Nationals leader Bridget McKenzie, Victorian Labor senator Kimberley Kitching also picking the winner.

Rolling up to the races with wife Chloe resplendent in royal blue, Mr Shorten appeared relaxed, but admitted that after his May election loss he was now “a little gun-shy about tipping”.

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Told his favoured horse was also the PM’s favourite, Mr Shorten protested that he is “a real punter”, whipping out a piece of paper on which he’d chosen his cup picks as proof.

It was a bipartisan affair in the Tabcorp marquee, Mr McCormack’s wife Cath chatting cordially to Chloe Shorten as her husband had a gentle dig at Mr Shorten.

Keen to ensure politicians weren’t the only celebrities on the scene, Mr Tudge brought “friend-of-a-friend”, former superstar West Indies batsman Brian Lara as his “date” for the day.

2019 Melbourne Cup: Margin Call



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Federal cabinet was well represented, with Foreign Affairs Minister Marise Payne, Health Minister Greg Hunt, Education Minister Dan Tehan, NDIS Minister Stuart Robert and Agriculture Minister Bridget McKenzie all making appearances at Tabcorp alongside Mr McCormack and Mr Tudge.

Veterans Affairs Minister Darren Chester, Assistant Minister for Children and Families Michelle Landry and NSW Liberal backbencher Jason Falinski were also present.

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Bizoids and politicians race for cover in soaked Birdcage

Steady showers made promenading out of the question at Derby Day. So much of the action was decidedly undercover, inside the big marquees.

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Barry O'Farrell with David Gallop in the Birdcage. **Tash Sorensen.**

Racing just can't seem to take a trick. After a Spring Carnival marred by [horse welfare concerns](#), celebrities pulling out, [interstate squabbling](#) and depressed wagering turnover, it was Mother Nature's turn to rain on racing's parade.

Steady showers made promenading out of the question. So much for the Victoria Racing Club's hopes of luring revellers into the Birdcage proper. The main action was decidedly undercover, inside the big marquees.

Julie Bishop and partner **David Patton**, **Tom Waterhouse** and wife **Hoda** and **Steve Jacobs**, veteran presenter on Nine's *Today* program (Nine publishes this newspaper, of course). And **Neil Perry**, who ran the pop-up restaurant.



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The champagners at Mumm decked out their marque like a French Hotel, complete with Instagram-friendly novelty elevator. No wonder Merivale CEO **Justin Hemmes** was there. Victorian Governor **Linda Dessau** popped by, but **Gina Rinehart**, on the guest list, never did. Unsurprising given her comments to us a week earlier about being a scratching for this year's Derby Day. By the time we showed up in the afternoon, the music was pumping and the crowd leaned on the younger side. We did spot **Tolga Kumova**, who made a fortune in Syrah Resources and clearly likes a party.

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heavy-hitting attendees in business and politics. Such as they were.

Under the watchful eye of chairman **Paula Dwyer** — and trusted UBS advisers **Kelvin Barry** and **Nick Alexander** — different tribes gravitated to different parts of the marquee.

Towards the rear were the directors, including former Ansell boss (and Tabcorp board member) **Harry Boon**, ex-NRL and Football Federation of Australia CEO **David Gallop** and veteran legal eagle **Danny Gilbert**.

And unmissable near the front: the politicians. Former premiers **Barry O'Farrell** and South Australian **Jay Weatherill** (currently reviewing **Bill Shorten's** [election campaign](#)) bridged the political divide early in the day, while federal Liberal MP **Tim Wilson** and husband **Ryan Bolger** worked the room. Victorian premier **Daniel Andrews** may reckon the Cup isn't about the celebs, but opposition leader **Michael O'Brien** spent a happy afternoon rubbing shoulders with them.

Not making an appearance was regular Birdcage fixture and Defence Minister **Marise Payne**. She went to Rosehill's Golden Eagle instead. Given she's a NSW Senator married to NSW Tourism Minister **Stuart Ayres**, we suppose it's forgivable.



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Labor senator **Kimberly Kitching** and husband **Andrew Landeryou** plotted with South Australian Labor powerbroker **Don Farrell**. Rail, Tram and Bus Union state secretary **Luba Grigorovitch** floated around. And Senator **Jacqui Lambie** made a late appearance.

Completing the Birdcage bubble were a few members of the media. Sky News Australia boss **Paul Whittaker** grabbed a prime spot by the window, glimpsing the occasional horse while chatting with his successor at *The Australian* **Chris Dore**.

That wasn't a bad way to spend the day. Saturday's racing was exceptional. Highlights included the victory of Exceedance in the Coolmore and Downdraft's win in the Hotham Handicap which gave him a place in the [Melbourne Cup](#) on Tuesday.

And while the rain made predictions tricky, Tabcorp boss **David Attenborough** steered us around the favourite and advised a bet on the **Anthony Freedman**-trainee Warning.

It stormed home an hour or so later, winning by two lengths and giving champion jockey **Damian Oliver** his sixth Derby and his 74th Melbourne Cup Carnival win, breaking the record previously held by **Bobby Lewis**.



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Nationals investigated by watchdog over party room meeting held just before Melbourne Cup

Christopher Knaus and William Summers

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The expenses watchdog is investigating allegations that the Nationals deliberately scheduled a party room meeting to coincide with the **Melbourne Cup** so its MPs could attend the race at Flemington while billing taxpayers for their travel.

Earlier this year, the former Nationals MP Llew O'Brien **accused his former party** of deliberately scheduling a meeting of federal MPs in Nagambie, north of Melbourne, in the days before the 2019 Melbourne Cup, so that politicians could put their travel-related expenses on the public purse.

Freedom of information documents released by the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (Ipea) show it has launched a preliminary investigation of Nationals MPs' "attendance and travel to Nagambie" after suggestions the "event in

Nagambie [was] arranged to allow parliamentarians to attend Melbourne Cup Carnival”.

The documents show the travel of 13 Nationals MPs is being examined as part of Ipea’s preliminary assessment, which was launched following media reporting in February.

The investigation is on hold while Ipea takes a broader look at the expenses claims of MPs from all parties who may have travelled to the Melbourne Cup that year.

Ipea has identified 57 MPs as travelling to, in, or from Melbourne around the time of the Melbourne Cup Carnival that year. Eleven of those MPs “require further assessment” and have been asked by Ipea to account for their spending during the days in question.

“11 of the 57 parliamentarians use of work expenses will require further assessment, including letters with questions to parliamentarians,” the internal document says.

Typically, where misuse is identified, Ipea simply asks MPs to repay the money plus a 25% penalty.

Earlier this year, the [Guardian revealed](#) that the deputy prime minister, Michael McCormack, and his wife had used a VIP government jet to fly into Melbourne before the Melbourne Cup, before celebrating in the marquee of gambling giant Tabcorp, billing taxpayers for their return flights, and justifying the trip by reannouncing a three-year-old funding pledge for a sports hall.

The documents reveal that Ipea opened up a broader investigation of McCormack’s travel following the Guardian report. The authority examined his travel claims on and around the dates of a series of major sporting events in 2019.

It found nothing to suggest he had breached legislative requirements.

The documents also show Ipea cleared Pauline Hanson [over a trip to Western Australia](#), during which she charged taxpayers \$3,700 for a three-night trip during which she held intimate dinners for high-paying One Nation donors and headlined a “fish and chip” fundraiser that drew the support of far-right extremists.

The Guardian’s revelation of the trip prompted Ipea to conduct a preliminary assessment and a more comprehensive assurance review of Hanson’s actions.

But the authority ultimately cleared Hanson of wrongdoing, saying her attendance at the Sporting Shooters’ Association of Australia’s Shot Expo in Claremont, where she fired guns and posed for cameras, constituted parliamentary business, as did the fish and chip fundraiser.

Ipea also investigated [a report in the New Daily](#) that Peter Dutton, Eric Abetz and Kevin Andrews billed taxpayers more than \$6,000 for an overnight trip to Sydney, during which they attended a farewell party for Tony Abbott.

The authority asked the three MPs for explanations and later found that “no misuse was identified”, though the documents appear to suggest that the investigation is ongoing.

Rules introduced by Malcolm Turnbull in 2017 enshrined a “dominant purpose” test for claiming travel expenses. That test stipulates that the main reason for travel must be parliamentary business. The rules also state that expenses must represent value for money and that MPs must be prepared to publicly justify their expenses.

Last week, the [Guardian revealed](#) that Josh Frydenberg and Scott Morrison had used the prime minister’s private jet to take a \$5,000 overnight trip to Sydney to attend Lachlan Murdoch’s Christmas party, before returning to Canberra early the next morning.

Neither has answered questions about that trip.

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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.



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15 February 2021

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Dear Mr Snowdon

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to review work expenses accessed by parliamentarians.

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 8 March 2021, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact s 47F on 02 6215 3000.

Yours sincerely

s 47F


A/g Director Audit & Assurance

Attachment A
The Hon Warren Snowdon MP
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Itinerary: 1 to 5 November 2019

Work Expense	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares Qantas Airways	1/11/2019	5:25 AM	Cairns	Brisbane	1/11/2019	7:35 AM	\$1,055.73
	1/11/2019	8:10 AM	Brisbane	Melbourne	1/11/2019	11:30 AM	
COMCAR	1/11/2019	11:30 AM	Melbourne Airport	Melbourne	1/11/2019	1:11 PM	\$168.25
Travel Allowance Parliamentary duties				Melbourne	1/11/2019		\$392.00
Travel Fares Virgin Australia	5/11/2019	5:00 PM	Alice Springs	Darwin	5/11/2019	7:05 PM	\$344.46

1. What was the nature of your parliamentary business relating to your Travel Allowance claim on 1 November 2019?
2. Did you attend to parliamentary business in Victoria from 2 to 4 November 2019? If so, what was its nature?

From: [Snowdon, Warren \(MP\)](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Cc: s 47F
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - The Hon Warren Snowdon MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 12:40:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[FW Notice of Meeting Social Policy Caucus Committee - Melbourne 1 November 2109.msg](#)
[Assurance Review - The Hon Warren Snowdon MP.pdf](#)

Good morning,

My response to the assurance review as follows:

1. **What was the nature of your parliamentary business relating to TA claim on 01/11/2019**

I travelled from Cairns (attending JSCNA Public Hearings) to Melbourne for the purpose of attending the FPLP Social Policy Caucus Committee Meeting scheduled from 10.00am – 4.00pm 01/11/2019.

I have attached the notice of meeting for your reference. There were no flights out until the following day, therefore TA claimed for 01/11/2019.

2. **Did you attend parliamentary business in Victoria from 2-4 Nov? If so what was the nature?**

I remained in Victoria for personal reasons and did not claim travel allowance for the period 2-4/11/2019.

I booked and paid for my return flight personally from Melbourne to my home base of Alice Springs on 5/11/2019.

If you require anything further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warren Snowdon MP

Member for Lingiari

From: Assurance

Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 9:27 AM

To: Snowdon, Warren (MP)

Cc: s 47F

Subject: Assurance Review - The Hon Warren Snowdon MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear The Hon Warren Snowdon MP

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

s 47F

Acting Director, Audit & Assurance

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2019 12:12:49 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Good evening,

As discussed in Social Policy Caucus committee please find below the Notice of Meeting for the Social Policy Caucus Committee to be held **1 November 2019**.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Labor Disabilities Summit. Discussion points for the Summit from Mr Shorten are attached.

If you are able to attend please advise of your RSVP for catering and room booking purposes by Friday, 26 October.

Please contact myself or s 47F if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind Regards

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47F

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**FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY LABOR PARTY
NOTICE OF MEETING**

SOCIAL POLICY CAUCUS COMMITTEE

Friday, 1 November 2019

10am-4pm

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
Level 21, 380 La Trobe St
MELBOURNE VIC

Chair:

s 47F

Secretary:

Anne Stanley MP

OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

s 47F

[Redacted contact details]



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Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

15 February 2021

Senator Perin Davey
Senator for New South Wales

PO Box 612
Deniliquin, NSW, 2710

Email: senator.davey@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator

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Yours sincerely

s 47F



A/g Director Audit & Assurance

Attachment A
Senator Davey
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Itinerary: 31 October 2019 to 5 November 2019

Work Expense	Number of nights	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Allowance Party & Outside Electorate Duties	1				Nagambie	31/10/2019		\$276.00
Travel Allowance Official Duties	1				Melbourne	4/11/2019		\$392.00
Travel - Fares QANTAS Airways		Melbourne	5/11/2019	8:00 AM	Sydney	5/11/2019	9:25 AM	\$349.29

1. Please confirm that your parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event.
2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business relating to your Travel Allowance claim on 4 November 2019?



SENATOR PERIN DAVEY

Senator for New South Wales

22 February 2021

s 47F

Acting Director Audit & Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

Email: assurance@ipea.gov.au

Dear s 47F

I refer to your letter dated 15 February 2021 seeking further information in relation to travel to and within Melbourne during the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival and now provide answers to your questions below:

1. Please confirm that your parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event?

Yes, I attended Nagambie on 31 October 2019 for a Nationals Planning Session. The first day (31 October) was meetings with stakeholders on water and day two (1 November) was National Party Room meetings. On 1 November 2019 I drove home (Conargo) for personal matters.

Please find attached copies of the following documents in support:

- Email dated 29 October 2019 from the Hon Damian Drum, Federal Member for Nicholls and Nationals Chief Whip, providing details for the Nationals Planning Day, including running sheet and agenda; and
 - Tax Invoice/receipt from the Nagambie Waterfront Motel, arrival 31 October 2019, departure 1 November 2019.
2. What was the nature of your Parliamentary business relating to your Travel Allowance claim on 4 November 2019 ?

On Monday 4 November 2019 I drove to Bendigo for personal matters and then drove to Melbourne, the closest major airport to my home location that provides a service from Alice Springs, where I stayed overnight at the airport to catch an early flight the next morning.



SENATOR PERIN DAVEY

Senator for New South Wales

On 5 November I caught an early flight from Melbourne to Sydney to attend meetings with the NSW Irrigators Council. I was also guest speaker at the dinner of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 November 2019.

I also had a meeting arranged for 5 November with Blue River Group, owners of Riverina Fresh Dairy for 5 November, which was moved to 6 November to allow more time for the meeting.

In the week leading up to this travel, conversations were being held with the office of the Deputy Prime Minister to attend a function on his behalf on the Wednesday, 6 November. This was confirmed in writing on Tuesday 5 November and then cancelled at the last minute. I was asked to represent the DPM to officially open "Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park, an Inner West Council Project.

On 7 November I flew from Sydney to the Northern Territory for meetings with the Agriculture Minister and party purposes. I returned to Melbourne directly from Alice Springs on 9 November and drove back to my home base of Deniliquin.

Please find attached copies of the following documents in support:

- Tax invoice /receipt from the Holiday Inn Melbourne Airport, arrival 4 November 2019, departure 5 November 2019
- Flight itinerary, departing Melbourne Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 8am, arriving Sydney at 9 25am ;
- Confirmation of attendance at Steel Park opening to represent the Deputy Prime Minister and following cancellation;
- Email/correspondence between my office and s 47F Commercial Manager, Riverina Fresh; and
- Email from NSW Irrigators Council Chief Executive Officer confirming attendance at their office on 5 November 2019 and dinner on 6 November 2019.

Please let me know if you need further clarification/information.

Yours sincerely

Perin Davey
SENATOR FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

s 47F (Sen P. Davey)

From: s 47F s 47F on behalf of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 9:35 AM
To: s 47F (Sen P. Davey)
Subject: FW: Nicholls electorate visit and Nat's planning session
Attachments: The Nationals Planning Day 2019 (2).docx; Run sheet - Sen Perin Davey.docx

From: s 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 29 October 2019 4:28 PM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator) <Senator.Davey@aph.gov.au>; s 47F
Subject: Nicholls electorate visit and Nat's planning session

Dear Perin,

Please find attached the final running sheet for your visit to Nicholls on Thursday October 31st along with the agenda for the Nat's planning session on Friday November 1st 2019.

Please take note of location, meeting times and contact details.

If you have any queries or require assistance throughout the day please contact one of our staff members – their mobiles are below.

s 47F

We have constructed a programme with the intent of utilising everyone's time as effectively as possible while you are visiting Nicholls.

I would like to reiterate to all ministers, members and senators to be mindful that currently there is a lot of emotion regarding irrigation water price and supply in the region. There is a possibility of being confronted by affected farmers.

We look forward to hosting you in the great electorate of Nicholls.

Kind regards,

s 47F

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Run sheet for Senator Perin Davey

Visit to Nicholls Electorate

Date: Thursday 31st 2019

Time	Event	Location	Contact	Attending	Confirmed / other details
10:15am	Arrive at venue: Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) 40 Casey Street Tatura				
10:30am	Meet with GMW Senior Executives, Board Chair and Vice Chair	40 Casey St, Tatura	[Redacted]	[Redacted] s 47F	
11:30am	Tour of GMW, update on reset of operations, Modernisation program and Fixed Water Charges			[Redacted] s 47F [Redacted] s 47F Senator Davey GMW	
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Meet with invited Irrigators- To discuss water issues in the area, the basin, and possible solutions	GMW Conference room	As above	[Redacted] s 47F [Redacted] s 47F [Redacted] s 47F Senator Davey Irrigators [Redacted] s 47F	Total No:12

Time	Event	Location	Contact	Attending	Confirmed / other details
				s 47F	
1:00pm to 1:30pm	Lunch – Private			s 47F	
1:30pm to 2:30pm	Meet with Dairy Processors located in the electorate of Nicholls	GMW Conference room	As above	s 47F s 47F s 47F Senator Davey s 47F s 47F Bega/ Tatura Milk ACM s 47F	Total No:24 @ 25/10/19

Time	Event	Location	Contact	Attending	Confirmed / other details
				<p>s 47F</p> <p>Freedom Foods s 47F</p> <p>Saputo s 47F</p> <p>KyValley Dairy Group s 47F</p> <p>Fronterra s 47F</p>	
3:00pm	Depart Tatura	Travel to Waterfront Motel 277 High St Nagambie	1hr 10min drive		

The Nationals Planning Day Friday 01 November 2019 – Nagambie

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday 31 October 2019		Members and Senators visiting local businesses and organisations in Nicholls	Various locations and details have been provided to individual offices through the office of Hon Damian Drum MP.
	4.00pm	Arrive and check in to hotel	Nagambie Waterfront Motel 277 High Street, Nagambie VIC 3608 Phone 03 5794 1410
	5.00pm – 5.45 pm	Assemble - Informal drinks	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	6.00pm	Dinner -Spouses, President and Federal Director	Nagambie Brewery and Distillery 295 High Street Nagambie VIC 3608
Friday 01 November 2019	8.30am – 8.40am	Welcome – Damian Drum	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	8.40am – 9.00am	The Nationals Planning Day: Session One S 47F	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	Individual tutoring (ongoing throughout the day)		Room will be advised on the day New Members and Senators first, followed by other MP's. Those who do not attend this session will be offered the opportunity to attend training with Cafagna Communications in Canberra.
	9.00am – 10.00am	The Nationals Planning: Session Two S 47F	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	10.00am -10.30am	The Nationals Planning Day: Session Three Campaign Priorities S 47F	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room

Day	Time	Activity	Location
	10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	Morning Tea, Nagambie Waterfront Motel
	11.00am – 12.30pm	The Nationals Planning Day: Session Four: <i>Policy priorities and communications</i> S 47F	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	Harrys Café, 317 High Street, Nagambie (Walk from Nagambie Waterfront Motel to Harrys cafe)
	1.30pm – 2.30pm	The Nationals Planning Day: Session Five: Lead: Guest Presenter.	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	2.30pm – 3.00pm	<i>Social media</i> S 47F	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	3.00pm – 3.45pm	The Nationals Planning Day: Session Six <i>General Business</i>	Nagambie Waterfront Motel Conference Room
	3.45pm	Close	

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277 - 279 High Street
NAGAMBIE Victoria 3608

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Perin Davey
Deniliquin NSW 2710
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Adults: 2
Arrive Date: 31 Oct 2019
Depart Date: 1 Nov 2019
Account No: 34690
Reservation No: 35196

Tax Invoice (AUD)

Invoice No: 8810

Date	Details	GST	Amount (Inc.GST)
11 Jul 2019	EFTPOS Receipt #13814, Visa # 4609 - deposit	\$0.00	-\$100.00
31 Oct 2019	Accommodation - (31-Oct-19), EFTPOS Receipt #14749, Visa #0520	\$20.00 \$0.00	\$220.00 -\$120.00
		GST	\$20.00
		Total	\$0.00

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Thankyou for staying with us at Nagambie Waterfront Motel,we look forward to your next visit.

s 47F



Remittance

Perin Davey
Deniliquin NSW 2710

Bank Details

Account Name: Nagambie Lakeside Resort
BSB Number: 083-347
Account Number: 154330440


Reference Number: 35196

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Total: **\$0.00**

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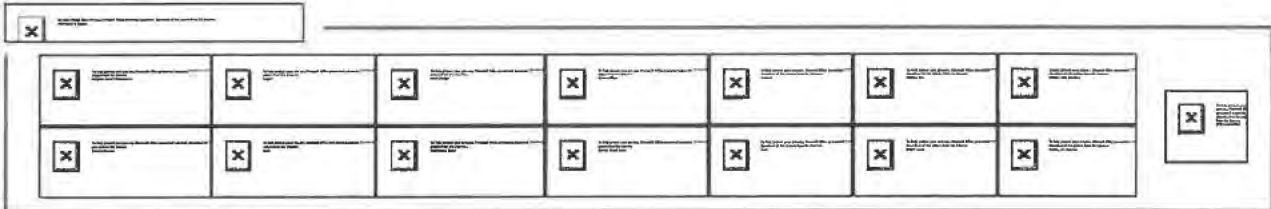
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Flight Status: Confirmed [HK]
Airline Reference: TGQBCD
Ticket Number (DAVEY / PERIN MS): 081 9472179993
Aircraft: AIRBUS 330
Number of Seats: 1
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Ticket Number (DAVEY / PERIN MS): 081 9472669635
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Qantas Airways (QF0790)

Sat 09 Nov 2019 at 1140

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s 47F (Sen P. Davey)

From: s 47F (Sen P. Davey) on behalf of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Thursday, 18 February 2021 1:05 PM
To: s 47F (Sen P. Davey)
Subject: FW: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 8:40 AM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator) <Senator.Davey@aph.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning s 47F

No news on this one just yet, we are moving closer to pulling the pin on the whole event.

Will keep you updated,

s 47F

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From: s 47F On Behalf Of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 8:37 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: RE: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 47F

Any news on this one?

s 47F

From: s 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 1:40 PM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator)
Subject: RE: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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I'm still working on this s 47F

I will get back to you shortly,

s 47F

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From: s 47F [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 1:30 PM
To: s 47F [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 47F [REDACTED]

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, I confirm Senator Davey is able to represent the DPM at this event tomorrow, commencing at 12noon.

I note she will need to depart the event at 1:30pm to attend another commitment – hope this is ok?

Thanks

s 47F [REDACTED]

s 47F [REDACTED]

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From: s 47F [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 9:58 AM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator)
Subject: Inner West Council Projects (Steel Park, Richardson's Lookout, Kendrick Park) - NSW - Official Opening - Wednesday 6 November 2019 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Cooks River New Inclusive Playground and Parklands Upgrade Opening Celebration



Dear s 47F

I invite you to join the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Michael McCormack, the Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Anthony Albanese, and myself at the opening of the Steel Park inclusive playground and Cooks River Stage 2 Parklands upgrade.

We will hold a celebration including a free BBQ from 12pm on Wednesday, 6 November 2019, at Steel Park playground, Steel Park, Marrickville.

This is a unique opportunity for your students to meet some of the people governing Australia, as well as celebrate Council's new inclusive playground and other upgrades.

We would love for the school to bring one or more classes to the opening.

About the upgrade

Over the last couple of years Council has dedicated \$2.53 million towards upgrades as part of the Cooks River Parklands Masterplan.

The work has included:

- Steel Park inclusive playground;
- Steel Park north bio-retention system;
- Steel Park north new pedestrian path and lighting;
- Cooks River foreshore shared path lighting (Steel Park section);
- Warren Park wetland system;
- Richardson's Lookout revegetation, new furniture and minor stormwater management work;
- Kendrick Park furniture upgrade; and
- Cooks River foreshore revegetation.

The Touched by Olivia Foundation helped Council consult with the local community and schools like yours for the design of the inclusive playground.

It's all part of Council's \$65 million investment in parks, sports grounds and aquatic facilities between 2018 and 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Council's Manager Mayoral Policy and Media Relations, s 47F on s 47F

Yours sincerely

s 47F

Mayor of the Inner West

Contacts:

s 47F

s 47F

s 47F (Sen P. Davey)

From: s 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 4:34 PM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator)
Subject: RE: Senator Davey Meeting - Wednesday, 6 November

Hi s 47F
As discussed, this is no problem at all.
Thanks for the call.

s 47F

From: s 47F On Behalf Of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 November 2019 12:49 PM
To: s 47F
Subject: Senator Davey Meeting - Wednesday, 6 November

Hello s 47F

The Senator has just been asked to represent the Deputy Prime Minister at a function tomorrow in Sydney commencing at 12pm. Accordingly, would it be possible to commence our meeting at say 2pm at your offices?

I sincerely apologise for so many changes, the Senator is very keen to meet with you.

Regards
s 47F

s 47F

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From: s 47F
Sent: Friday, 1 November 2019 4:11 PM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator)
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Hi s 47F

Sorry I didn't get back to you. Wednesday at 1pm is great.

From: s 47F On Behalf Of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Friday, 1 November 2019 3:49 PM
To: s 47F Davey, Perin (Senator) <Senator.Davey@aph.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

If those dates/times are not suitable, I can offer you an appointment in Sydney on Thursday 21 November.

From: s 47F
Sent: Friday, 1 November 2019 9:30 AM
To: Davey, Perin (Senator)
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Hi s 47F

I didn't, and I've even started checking my junk regularly!

Thanks for letting me know.

I'd say that our preference would be for Wednesday. Just let me check with s 47F that he is free then.

s 47F

From: s 47F On Behalf Of Davey, Perin (Senator)
Sent: Friday, 1 November 2019 9:28 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Good morning s 47F

Just checking you received this email?

Thanks

s 47F

From: s 47F (Sen P. Davey)
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2019 10:24 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Hi s 47F

The Senator is only available for 30 minutes on the Tuesday 5 November.

However, she is also available on the Wednesday 6 November at 1pm and can meet with you for up to 2 hours.

Please let me know what works best for you.

Thanks

s 47F

From: s 47F
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2019 9:58 AM
To: s 47F (Sen P. Davey)
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Hi s 47F

s 47F

Do you know how long the Senator will be able to spend with us?

Thank you,
s 47F

From: s 47F
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2019 9:13 AM
To: s 47F
Subject: RE: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Can I get your office address please?

From: s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 4:02 PM
To: s 47F
Subject: Tuesday 5 November meeting

Hi s 47F

Thank you for calling.

Craig and I are available to meet Senator Davey next Tuesday.

We'll be ready from 10.15, but will keep things free in case of flight delays or traffic.

Please let me know if there is any issue with that or if you need to change anything.

Regards,

s 47F



s 47F

s 47F

(Sen P. Davey)

From: Davey, Perin (Private)
Sent: Monday, 22 February 2021 1:03 PM
To: s 47F (Sen P. Davey)
Subject: FW: NSWIC AGM 6 November 2019

From: s 47F
Sent: Monday, 22 February 2021 12:24 PM
To: Davey, Perin (Private) <daveypr@aph.gov.au>
Subject: NSWIC AGM 6 November 2019

Hi Perin,

As requested, our records indicate that you were the Guest Speaker at the NSWIC AGM Dinner on 6th November 2019.

Our staff recall that you also visited the NSWIC office the day beforehand for a meeting with NSWIC staff and directors (5th November 2019).

Warm regards, s 47F

s 47F

Chief Executive Officer | NSW Irrigators' Council



s 47F



Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
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15 February 2021

The Hon Michelle Landry MP
Assistant Minister for Children and Families and for Northern Australia

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Rockhampton, QLD, 4700

Email: Michelle.Landry.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Assistant Minister

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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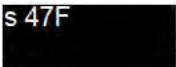
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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact  on 02 6215 3000.

Yours sincerely


s 47F

A/g Director Audit & Assurance

The Hon Michelle Landry MP
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Itinerary: 30 October 2019 to 7 November 2019

Work Expense	Number of Nights	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Cabcharge		Rockhampton City	30/10/2019		Rockhampton Airport	30/10/2019	5:50 AM	\$17.84
Travel - Fares Virgin Airways		Rockhampton	30/10/2019	7:00 AM	Brisbane	30/10/2019	8:10 AM	\$661.65
		Brisbane	30/10/2019	9:55 AM	Melbourne	30/10/2019	1:15 PM	
Travel Allowance Official Duties	1				Melbourne	30/10/2019		\$453.00
Travel Allowance Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties	1				Nagambie	31/10/2019		\$383.00
Travel Allowance Official Duties	1				Melbourne	6/11/2019		\$453.00
COMCAR		South Wharf	7/11/2019	11:15 AM	Melbourne Airport	7/11/2019	11:41 AM	\$63.33

1. Please confirm that your parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event.
2. Did you attend to parliamentary business in Victoria from 1 to 5 November 2019? If so, what was its nature?
3. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne on 6 November 2019?

s 47F

From: s 47F (M. Landry, MP) s 47F
Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 2:51 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - The Hon Michelle Landry MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good Afternoon s 47F

Please see Assistant Minister Landry's response in relation to the questions included in the attached correspondence.

Question 1: Please confirm that your parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party Event.

Answer: I confirm I attended the National Party Event commencing on the evening of the 31st October – with the Nationals Planning session during the day on 1st November 2020 in Nagambie. Please note: I had three Portfolio meetings in regional Victoria on the 31st October prior to arriving in Nagambie.

Question 2: Did you attend to parliamentary business in Victoria from 1 to 5 November 2019? If so what was its nature?

Answer: I can confirm from the 2nd November – 5th November I took annual leave and accommodation expenses were covered by myself – no Travel Allowance was claimed for this period

Question 3: What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne on 6 November 2019?

*Answer: I can confirm I attended 4 portfolio meetings/events on the 6th November: schedule as follows:
10.00am – Meeting with Victorian Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People – Bourke Street Melbourne
11.45am – Meeting with the Institute of Child Protection Studies - Victoria Parade East Melbourne
1.30pm – Meeting with s 47F – Lighthouse Foundation - CPO Suite Treasury Place East Melbourne
2.30pm – Briefing regarding the Adopt Change conference - CPO Suite Treasury Place East Melbourne
7.00pm - National Permanency Conference Dinner; prior to attending the National Permanency Conference with s 47F the following day.*

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards

s 47F

s 47F

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 9:58 AM
To: Landry, Michelle (MP) <Michelle.Landry.MP@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance Review - The Hon Michelle Landry MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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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


s 47F

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15 February 2021

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Senator for Victoria

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Wodonga, VIC, 3690

Email: senator.mckenzie@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator

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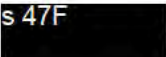
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Yours sincerely


s 47F

A/g Director Audit & Assurance

Attachment A
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Itinerary: 30 October 2019 to 5 November 2019

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares Jetstar Airways	Townsville	30/10/2019	7:25 PM	Melbourne	30/10/2019	11:25 PM	\$302.73
Travel Allowance Parliamentary duties				Nagambie	31/10/2019		\$383.00
Travel Allowance – 1 x night Official duties				Melbourne	3/11/2019		\$151.00
*Repayment – Travel Allowance 3/11/2019				Melbourne			-\$151.00
COMCAR	South Yarra	4/11/2019	3:15 PM	East Melbourne	4/11/2019	3:15 PM	\$58.80
Travel Allowance Electorate duties				Melbourne	4/11/2019		\$151.00
*Repayment – Travel Allowance 4/11/2019				Melbourne			-\$151.00
COMCAR	Melbourne	5/11/2019	6:50 AM	Melbourne	5/11/2019	8:01 AM	\$139.16
COMCAR	Melbourne	5/11/2019	7:06 PM	Melbourne Airport	5/11/2019	7:36 PM	\$117.60

*On 21 February 2020, you contacted IPEA requesting an invoice be raised to repay your travel allowance claims for 3 November 2019 and 4 November 2019.

Attachment A

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares Virgin Australia Airlines	Melbourne	5/11/2019	9:15 PM	Sydney	5/11/2019	10:40 PM	\$420.02
COMCAR	Mascot	5/11/2019	10:34 PM	Sydney	5/11/2019	10:53 PM	\$63.30

1. Please confirm that your parliamentary business in Nagambie on 31 October 2019 was to attend a National Party event.
2. Please confirm that the dominant purpose of your travel allowance claims on 3 November 2019 and 4 November 2019 was not for parliamentary business.
3. What was your dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR on 4 November 2019?
4. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne on 5 November 2019?

s 47F

From: s 47F (Sen B. McKenzie) s 47F
Sent: Monday, 1 March 2021 4:08 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: FW: Assurance Review - Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Assurance Review - Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie.pdf; assurance review - Nov Melb Cup 2019.pdf

Importance: High

Dear s 47F

As per your request, please find attached diary entries, invitations and travel allowance claim regarding the Assurance Review of travel-related expense in November 2019.

In regards to your questions:

1. As per diary, the minister's predominant business was a range of meetings with stakeholders on portfolio matters, followed by a dinner with federal National Party MPs.
2. As per diary, the minister had significant parliamentary duties on both days. An administrative error saw accommodation inadvertently claimed. This was quickly adjusted four days later as reflected in the attached TA document.
3. As per diary, the COMCAR was booked as the minister was on parliamentary business however was cancelled.
4. As per diary, the minister had media obligations and parliamentary obligations as the agriculture minister to attend the Melbourne Cup.

With kind regards,

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s 47F

s 47F



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Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11:48 AM
To: s 47F (Sen B. McKenzie)
Subject: FW: Assurance Review - Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Importance: High

Hi can you ring me about this one?

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11:42 AM
To: McKenzie, Bridget (Senator) <Senator.McKenzie@aph.gov.au>
Cc: s 47F
Subject: Assurance Review - Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Minister for Communication, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

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Lindfield, NSW, 2070

Email: Paul.Fletcher.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister

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Yours sincerely

s 47F


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Attachment A
The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

Itinerary: 5 November 2019

Work Expense	Trip Reference	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST exc.)
COMCAR	037044	Roseville	5/11/2019	6:24 AM	Mascot	5/11/2019	6:53 AM	\$61.73
COMCAR	032183	Melbourne Airport	5/11/2019	9:31 AM	Flemington	5/11/2019	10:44 AM	\$150.61
*Repayment of COMCAR	032183							-\$150.61
25% penalty loading	032183							-\$37.65
COMCAR	032184	Flemington	5/11/2019	3:02 PM	Melbourne Airport	5/11/2019	4:17 PM	\$117.60
COMCAR - Spouse Travel Ms Manuela Zappacosta	032185	Mascot	5/11/2019	7:23 PM	Roseville	5/11/2019	7:54 PM	\$91.56

*On the 8 June 2020, your office contacted IPEA requesting an invoice be raised to repay your use of COMCAR from Melbourne Airport to Flemington. COMCAR raised Invoice No. 2800016683 on 16 June 2020, which was subsequently repaid.

1. What was your dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR (trip reference 037044) on 5 November 2019 at 6:24AM?
2. Please confirm that your dominant purpose of COMCAR (trip reference 032183), which you repaid, was for not for parliamentary business.
3. What was your dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR (trip reference 032184) on 5 November 2019 at 3:02PM?

Attachment A

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP

2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

4. Please advise whether your spouse's travel expense on 5 November 2019 meets the three part test set out in clause 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*:
- You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting parliamentary business;
 - Your spouse was travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - Your spouse's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

s 47F

From: s 47F (P. Fletcher, MP) s 47F
Sent: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 12:58 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Assurance Review -The Hon Paul Fletcher MP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Assurance Review - The Hon Paul Fletcher MP.pdf

Dear s 47F

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, has asked me to thank you for the email from your predecessor Ms Carr, regarding the Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses.

Please see Minister Fletcher's responses to questions 1. to 4. below:

1. The dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR (trip reference 037044) on 5 November 2019 at 6.24am was for travel for Melbourne Cup. This should be repaid.
2. Since I've repaid it, I feel under no obligation to answer this question.
3. The dominant purpose in accessing COMCAR (trip reference 032184) on 5 November 2019 at 3.02pm was travel to the airport to get a flight to Albury, NSW, to attend a Theatre performance in my capacity as Minister for the Arts, followed by travel to Wagga Wagga the next day for a forum on regional media in my capacity as Communications Minister.
4. No. Should be repaid.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require clarification of the above or any further details.

Kind regards,

s 47F

s 47F

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11:01 AM
To: Fletcher, Paul (MP) <Paul.Fletcher.MP@aph.gov.au>

Cc: s 47F
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Senator for Tasmania

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2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival – Assurance Review

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THE OFFICE OF SENATOR JACQUI LAMBIE
SENATOR FOR TASMANIA

16 February 2021

§ 47F

A/g Director Audit & Assurance

Email: Assurance@ipea.gov.au

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Yours Sincerely

Senator Jacquie Lambie
Independent Senator for Tasmania

AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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1 November 2019

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FRIDAY

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- Mantra Hotels Booking # 225878730510 - Confirmed (31 City Rd, Melbourne, Victoria 3006 Australia) To 4 Nov →
- Deloraine Craft Fair (Deloraine) s 47F (Sen J. Lambie) To 2 Nov →
- EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT - Written QON to be submitted by today for Supp Budget Estimates - s 47F
- ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNICATION - Written QON to be submitted by today for Supp Budget Estimates -
- FADT - Written QON to be submitted by today for Supp Budget Estimates s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)
- FINANCE & PUBLIC ADMIN - Written QON to be submitted by today for Supp Budget Estimates s 47F
- INQUIRY INTO NEWSTART AND RELATED PAYMENTS (Community Affairs) (ALICE SPRING) - s 47F
- LEGAL & CONSTITUTIONAL - Written QON to be submitted by today for Supp Budget Estimates s 47F
- s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)
- PROPOSED HEARING: Legal & Constitutional Affairs References (Impact of changes to services delivery models on
- PROPOSED HEARING: Select Committee into Jobs for the Future in Regional Areas TIME: 8.30am-4.50pm (Collie

Daily Task List

Arrange by: Due Date

7 AM

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- check public hearing schedules
- pick up the rest of dry cleaning - jacqui ; Devonport s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)

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- Opening Facebook Panel in Devonport
- Providence Place - Market Square, 17 Oldaker St, Devonport
- s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)

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- Official Reveal - Latrobe Council Affordable Housing Development; 4 - 7/20 Hamilton Street Latrobe, Tyrell

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- Jacqui & s 47F Qantas Airways (QF2054)
- Devonport - Melbourne
- s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)

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- ComCar - trip 39018; Melbourne Airport hotel - Hawthorn RSL; s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)

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- Hawthorn RSL - Friday BBQ & Drinks with Jacqui Lambie
- 605 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn VIC 3122
- s 47F (Sen J. Lambie)

Notes



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31 March 2021

Senator Jacqui Lambie
Senator for Tasmania

PO Box 256
Burnie, TAS, 7320

Email: senator.lambie@aph.gov.au

Cc: s 47F

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THE OFFICE OF SENATOR JACQUI LAMBIE
SENATOR FOR TASMANIA

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15 February 2021

Senator Hollie Hughes
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Email: senator.hughes@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to review work expenses accessed by parliamentarians.

IPEA's assurance activities include reviewing the use of work expenses to travel to desirable destinations (e.g. sporting events), family reunion travel and travel adjacent to public or school holidays.

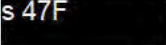
IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses incurred in relation to travel to and within Melbourne during the 2019 Melbourne Cup Carnival.

At **Attachment A** are details of your Commonwealth funded travel from 2 to 7 November 2019. We have set out questions to which we seek your response to assist in our review. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11:20 AM
To: Assurance
Cc: s 47F (Sen H. Hughes)
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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2. You have advised IPEA that you attended the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 4 November 2019 in your capacity as a Senator. In relation to this statement:
 - a) Are you claiming that your attendance at this event was for parliamentary business in accordance with section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*?
 - b) If yes to the above, please explain on what basis.

s 47F

Subject: FW: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes

From: Hughes, Hollie (Senator) <Senator.Hughes@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 12:26 PM

To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: s 47F

Subject: Re: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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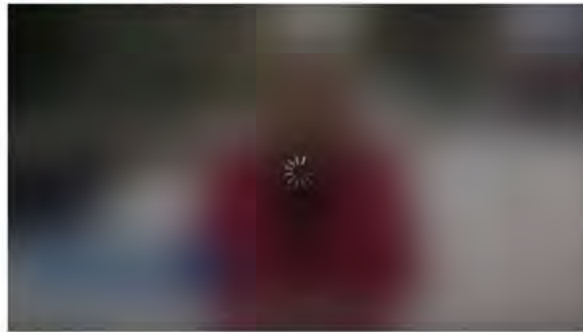
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Hollie Hughes
Senator at Australian Government
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Take 2 (this time with subtitles included): Just in time for the Queen's Birthday long weekend and the return of tourists to regional NSW, Tooheys has gifted 55 kegs of fresh beer to bushfire affected towns on the NSW South Coast. Why not pack up the car and head to the south coast for the weekend? The beer is fresh and you will help support communities hit hard by bushfires and Covid19. And, thank you to Tooheys for your generosity. It was an honour to support your generous initiative.
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4 NOVEMBER

Senator Hollie Hughes added a new video



This morning it was great to chat with Michael and Lisa at ABC News Breakfast about www.gocountryforchristmas.com.au - my bipartisan initiative supporting rural businesses across Australia. It's free to register and you can shop for gorgeous gifts plus you can see the MPs and Senators who are supporting this program: #gocountryforchristmas #buyfromthebush #hesmakingalstandcheckingiltwice



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7 AM			
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9 AM			Work in Melbourne CPO Melbourne Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 4 Treasury Place, East Melbourne VIC 3002
10 AM	s 47F		
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12 PM	Australian Hotels Association		

From: Assurance
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:44 am
To: Hughes, Hollie (Senator)
Cc: s 47F
Subject: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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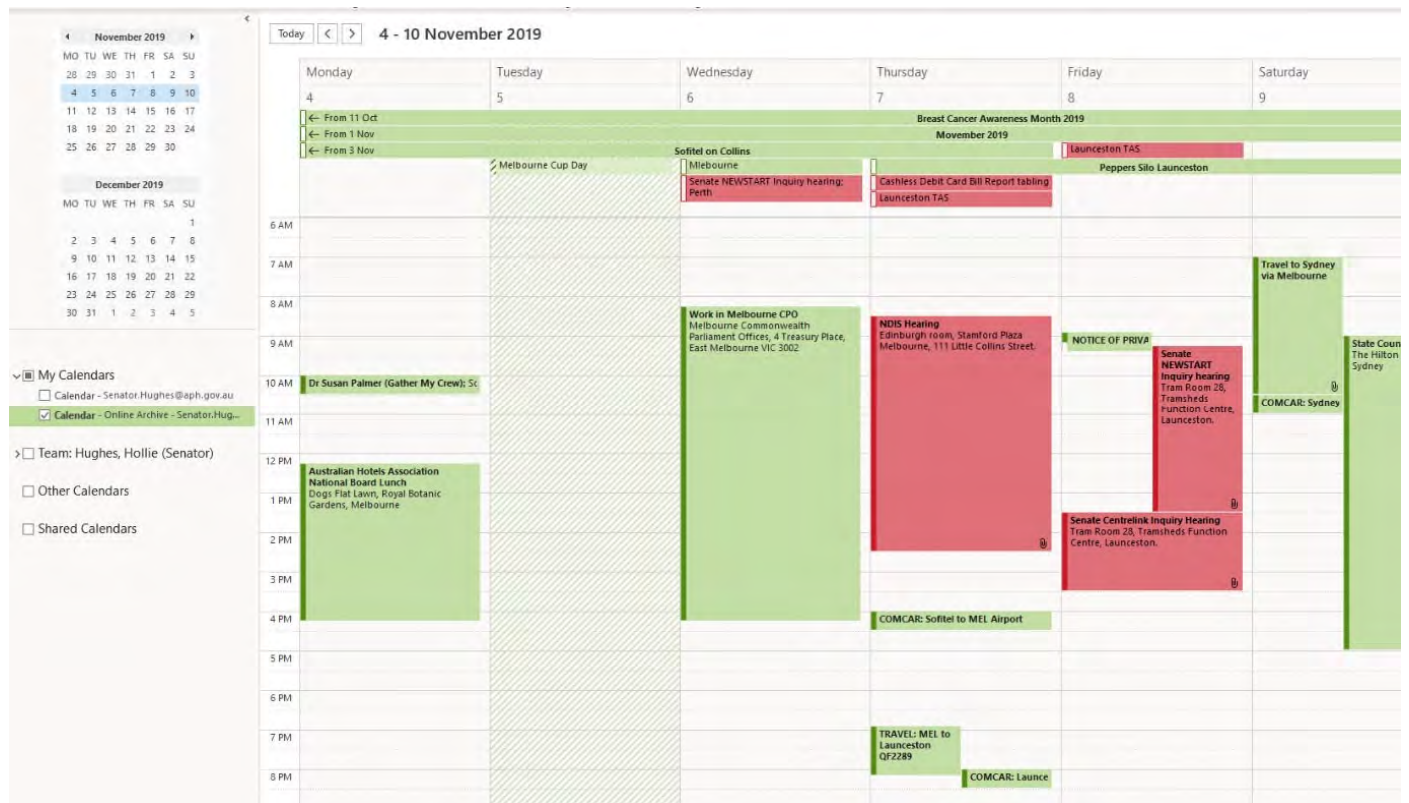
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Subject: Re: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Please see diary attached for Melbourne. I was hosted as a Senator for NSW by Furphy’s at the Melbourne Cup, owners of Tooheys. A major employer in my state of NSW. See attached a social media post regarding a visit to the factory, something delayed by Covid, but was an extension of the working relationship with the organisation. This included working with them throughout the Covid lockdown and the NSW State Government to avoid the factory closure during lockdown.



The corporate hospitality was declared within the appropriate timeframe as required.

As you can see, I had 3 inquiries on the Thursday and Friday in Melbourne and Tasmania. I had papers to read as well as conducting a number of informal discussions prior to the NDIS the next day as well as preparing for the Autism Inquiry that I am Chair of.

From: Assurance

Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:43:19 AM

To: Hughes, Hollie (Senator)

Cc: s 47F

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 11:20 AM

To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

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Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

The reply to the two questions you ask (and I would suggest November 2019 is not recent travel!)

Dominant purpose was Parliamentary after departing Perth for Melbourne (on an earlier flight that was booked hence 2/11 arrival rather than early on 3/11) after representing Minister Robert in Perth. On the Monday I had an interview in the ABC News Breakfast Studios in Melbourne followed by meetings with local organisations. I attended Melbourne Cup on the Tuesday as an invited guest in my capacity as a Senator, worked from the Melbourne CPO on the Wednesday as I was required to be in Melbourne on the Thursday for a Hearing of the JSC on NDIS before flying to Tasmania.

I flew direct from Perth to Melbourne rather than Perth-Sydney-Melbourne over the weekend as I would have been flying on the same day, plus would have also had to fly Melbourne – Sydney – Melbourne on the same day if I had left Melbourne on the Wednesday.

I hope this answers your questions.

Hollie Hughes

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 16 February 2021 10:31 AM

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Subject: Assurance Review - Senator Hollie Hughes [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Senator Hollie Hughes

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

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