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Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

ASSURANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM – 2021/021

Desirable Destinations – Queensland from 1 April to 31 July 2021

Date: 16 June 2022
To: Nicole Pearson
Branch Manager
Transparency, Assurance & Legal

RECOMMENDATION

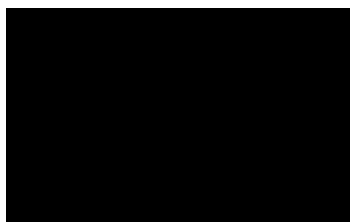
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- i. Note the contents of this assurance review
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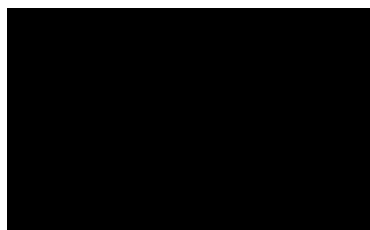
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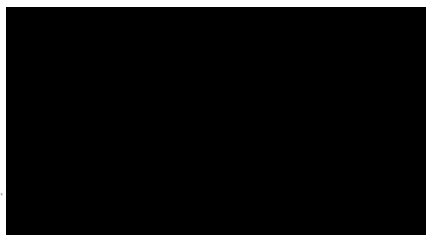
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Prepared by:



Assurance Officer, Audit & Assurance
Transparency, Assurance & Legal

Reviewed by:



Assistant Director, Audit & Assurance
Transparency, Assurance & Legal

SCOPE

1. The scope of this assurance review is travel by parliamentarians to Queensland, during the period 1 April to 31 July 2021 ('the period in scope').

PURPOSE

2. This assurance review aims to assess whether the use of parliamentary business resources by Parliamentarians to travel to Queensland during the period in scope was in accordance with the relevant legislative framework.
3. It also aims to assess if, in the case of family reunion travel, the use of parliamentary business resources by Parliamentarians met the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

BACKGROUND

4. On 2 September 2021, Crikey published an article *What Craig Kelly's expenses tell us about his bid for re-election*. The article reported that Mr Craig Kelly MP accessed parliamentary business resources on two occasions in relation to travel to the Gold Coast, on 26 April 2021, and from 3 to 5 May 2021 (**Attachment 1**).
5. IPEA conducts regular, systematic checks of transactions made in relation to parliamentarian's use of parliamentary business resources for travel. This ongoing assurance activity includes review of travel and travel-related expenses incurred on dates associated with school holidays, and in desirable destinations. For the purpose of the checks, IPEA considers Queensland to be a desirable destination.
6. In accordance with IPEA's *Dealing with Allegations of Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses* protocol ('the Protocol', **Attachment 2**), IPEA commenced a Preliminary Assessment of parliamentary business resources accessed in relation to travel by all parliamentarians to Queensland between 1 April and 31 July 2021. Expenditure was identified.
7. On 28 September 2021, in accordance with the Protocol, an Assurance Review into this matter commenced. Through the course of this Assurance Review, IPEA assessed the travel of five parliamentarians identified in the Preliminary Assessment.

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

8. The relevant legislative framework is:
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* ('PBR Act')
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* ('the Regulations')
 - *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.

Obligations

9. 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

10. '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 Parliamentary Business Determination as 'parliamentary duties', 'electorate duties', 'party political duties', and 'official duties'.

11. Family reunion travel must meet the three-part test set out in 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

Five parliamentarians accessed business resources to travel to Queensland during the period

Parliamentarian	Travel Dates
Senator the Hon David Fawcett	14 to 25 July 2021
Mr Craig Kelly MP	26 April 2021 3 to 5 May 2021
The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP	27 June to 1 July 2021
Senator Jacquie Lambie	17 to 25 July 2021
Senator Sam McMahon	24 June to 15 July 2021

Senator the Hon David Fawcett

- 12. From 14 to 25 July 2021, during the period in scope, Senator Fawcett accessed business resources to travel to Queensland. The claims made by the Senator are detailed in **Attachment 3**.
- 13. On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Senator Fawcett requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business during that time (**Attachment 3**).
- 14. On 14 October 2021, Senator Fawcett confirmed the dominant purpose of his travel was parliamentary business. He detailed participation in the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program (ADFPP) as his parliamentary business. The ADFPP departed from Airlie Beach on 15 July 2021, and arrived in Cairns on 25 July 2021 (**Attachment 4**).

Mr Craig Kelly MP

15. On 26 April, and from 03 May to 05 May 2021, during the period in scope, Mr Kelly accessed business resources to travel to Queensland. The claims made by the Mr Kelly are detailed in **Attachment 5**.
16. On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Mr Kelly requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business during that time (**Attachment 5**).
17. On 13 October 2021, Mr Kelly confirmed the dominant purpose of his travel, on both occasions was parliamentary business. He detailed meetings with the Directors of Mineralogy Pty Ltd as his parliamentary business (**Attachment 6**).

The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP

18. From 27 June to 1 July 2021, during the period in scope, Mr O'Connor accessed business resources to travel to Queensland. The claims made by the Mr O'Connor are detailed in **Attachment 7**.
19. On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Mr O'Connor requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business during that time (**Attachment 7**).
20. On 25 October 2021, Mr O'Connor's office stated that the dominant purpose of his travel was parliamentary business. His office detailed attendance at an Advance Cairns event, at which he met "with Defence industry representatives" and toured "defence industry businesses", as well as "engagement with Queensland Senator Nita Green" as his parliamentary business. Mr O'Connor's signature was not on the response (**Attachment 8**).
21. On 27 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Mr O'Connor, reminding him that sections 24 and 25(2) of the PBR Act holds parliamentarians personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources. That letter requested Mr O'Connor provide a signed response to IPEA's queries (**Attachment 9**).
22. On 27 October 2021, Mr O'Connor responded, confirming to IPEA that the dominate purpose of travel was parliamentary business. His letter also restated the previous description of his parliamentary business (**Attachment 10**).

Senator Jacquie Lambie

23. From 17 to 25 July 2021, during the period in scope, Senator Lambie accessed business resources to travel to Queensland. Senator Lambie was accompanied by a Designated Person. The claims made by Senator Lambie are detailed in **Attachment 11**.
24. On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Senator Lambie requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of her travel and the nature of her parliamentary business during that time. IPEA also asked the Senator to justify her use of business resources for family travel against the three-part test in section 6 of the Regulations (**Attachment 11**).
25. On 13 October 2021, Senator Lambie's office notified IPEA that the travel undertaken by Senator and her Designated Person was personal. The itinerary had been booked through the contracted travel services provider and the resulting expenses processed incorrectly. Senator Lambie's office requested that IPEA raise an invoice to amend the error (**Attachment 12**).

26. On 21 October 2021, as per Senator Lambie's request, IPEA raised an invoice for the recovery of monies owed. In accordance with section 38 of the PBR Act, a 25 per cent penalty loading was applied.
27. On 5 November 2021, all invoices were paid in full.

Senator Sam McMahon

28. On 27 June 2021, during the period in scope, Senator McMahon accessed business resources to travel to Queensland. The claims made by the Senator McMahon are detailed in **Attachment 13**.
29. On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to Senator McMahon requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of her travel and the nature of her parliamentary business during that time (**Attachment 13**). The Senator did not respond.
30. On 5 November (**Attachment 14**), and on 23 December 2021 (**Attachment 15**), IPEA again wrote to Senator McMahon. The Senator did not respond.
31. On 3 January 2022, Senator McMahon submitted four additional travel allowance claims to IPEA for expenses incurred for travel to Queensland during the period in scope.
32. On 23 March 2022, IPEA wrote to Senator McMahon. In that letter, IPEA highlighted its receipt of Senator McMahon's travel allowance claims, and repeated its original request for information (**Attachment 16**). The Senator did not respond.
33. Through her lack of response to IPEA's repeated request for information, Senator McMahon did not meet the requirements of section 98 of the Regulations regarding the provision of 'compliance information'. Section 98 specifies parliamentarians must provide any information reasonably required by IPEA to determine compliance with the PBR Act. If this information is not supplied, the Commonwealth is not liable for the business resources accessed.
34. On 6 May 2022, IPEA wrote to Senator McMahon to finalise the matter. IPEA's letter stated that as a consequence of her failure to respond to all previous communication, invoices had been raised for recovery of the business resources accessed (**Attachment 17**). In accordance with section 38 of the PRB Act, a 25 per cent penalty loading was applied. The invoices were due for payment by close of business on Friday 13 May 2022.
35. As at 14 June 2022 the invoices have not been paid.

CONCLUSION

36. **Regarding Senator Fawcett, Mr Kelly and Mr O'Connor:** Based on the information available to IPEA, including the responses received, IPEA is satisfied that the dominant purpose of travel was parliamentary business. The parliamentarians' use of parliamentary business resources is not inconsistent with the relevant legislative framework.
37. **Regarding Senator Lambie:** IPEA is satisfied with the resolution of this matter.
38. **Regarding Senator McMahon:** IPEA is unable to confirm whether the Senator's travel is consistent with the relevant legislative framework as no response was received to repeated requests for information. As Senator McMahon did not fulfil the requirements of section 98 of the Regulations, the Commonwealth is not liable for the public resources accessed and the Senator has been invoiced.

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\$112k on printing and flights to the Goldie: what Craig Kelly's expenses tell us about his bid for re-election

Newly released expenditure records reveal Craig Kelly has dwarfed his previous spending on printing and communications as he fights for his political life.

CAM WILSON SEP 02, 2021  16



Liberal-turned-independent-turned-United-Australia-Party-rookie MP Craig Kelly spent more than \$112,000 of taxpayer's money on printing and trips to the Gold Coast in the first quarter after jumping ship from the Liberal Party to the crossbench earlier this year.

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority published this week the reported work expenses for federal politicians from April to June this year, including breakdowns of claims for expenditure on travel, office and employee costs.

Craig Kelly's biggest expense by far was \$111,654 on printing and communications. He had spent less than \$40,000 for each of the three quarters prior to this.

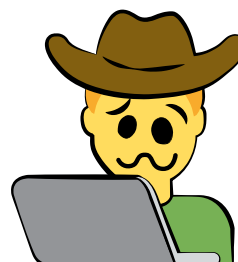
This expenditure was second only to Labor NSW MP Justine Elliot, who spent \$126,000 on printing and communications.

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...total of \$906.28 in fares. One was a same-day return trip on April 26, the second from the May 3 to May 5.

As part of his travel allowance, Kelly claimed \$552 for two nights in Southport for “Parties Duties & Outside Electorate Duties”. He didn’t claim anything else for the April 26 trip.

Kelly quit the Liberals in February and last month announced he was joining the [United Australia Party](#), a political vehicle run by Clive Palmer — who owns homes in and around the Gold Coast.

Kelly’s booming expenditure shows his efforts to fight for his political survival. No longer buoyed by a major political machine in a seat that has been held by the major parties for half a century, he’s turned to other means to get his word out.

Kelly has been contacted for comment.

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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

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13 October 2021

Senator the Hon David Fawcett
Senator for South Australia
Commonwealth Parliament Offices, Suite 4, Level 13
King William Street
Adelaide, SA, 5000
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

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

IPEA is undertaking an assurance review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you in relation to travel to Queensland during the period 14 July 2021 to 25 July 2021.

At **Attachment A** are details of your Commonwealth-funded travel within the relevant period and I have set out questions for your response. Where 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.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Wednesday 27 October 2021**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time to respond.

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

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A
Senator the Hon David Fawcett
Assurance Review

Travel: 14 July to 25 July 2021

Work Expense	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Travel Provider - Flights	14/07/2021	6:15 AM	Adelaide	14/07/2021	9:05 AM	Brisbane	\$521.73
Travel Provider - Flights	14/07/2021	11:30 AM	Brisbane	14/07/2021	1:20PM	Proserpine	\$347.76
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance Parliamentary Duties One Night Commercial				14/07/2021		Airlie Beach	\$276.00
Travel Provider - Flights	25/07/2021	1:10 PM	Cairns	25/07/2021	4:15PM	Canberra	\$1,389.76
Travel Provider - Flights	25/07/2021	7:00 PM	Canberra	25/07/2021	8:20PM	Adelaide	

To assist IPEA in reviewing this matter, please provide answers and any relevant supporting material to the following questions:

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Adelaide to Proserpine on Wednesday 14 July 2021?
2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Airlie Beach on Wednesday 14 July 2021?
3. Did you conduct parliamentary business in Queensland in the period from 15 July to 25 July 2021? If so, what was the nature of your parliamentary business?

From: Fawcett, David (Senator) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 October 2021 1:22 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Senator Fawcett [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: RE: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]; entity (2).pdf

Categories: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email and attached correspondence relating to travel undertaken by me from 14th July 2021 to 25th July 2021

The dominant purpose of my travel from Adelaide to Proserpine on 14th July was to participate in the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program ([Home : ADFPP : Department of Defence](#)). While much of 14 Jul was taken up with travel, due to flight schedules, I met with members of the Royal Australian Navy who were running the program after my arrival in Airlie Beach.

IAW the program instructions, I joined the youth training vessel operated by the Royal Australian Navy, STS Young Endeavour, which departed from Airlie Beach on 15th July and finished in Cairns on 25 Jul.

Please find attached supporting material relating to my participation including email from the ADF & Young Endeavour Scheme, accommodation invoice and a link to the Captain's Log in which he notes my participation in the voyage.

[Fitzroy Island to Cairns | Young Endeavour](#)

Kind regards

Senator the Hon David Fawcett
Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Senator for South Australia

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 12:18 PM
To: Fawcett, David (Senator) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance Review - Senator Fawcett [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Senator

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

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6215 3000 or at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 3 May 2021 10:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Thankyou for confirming Senator Fawcett's availability to participate the Young Endeavour Voyage VO8/21 Airlie Beach to Cairns 15 – 25 July. As Senator Fawcett will become part of the crew the team from Young Endeavour will forward the details of the trip and where Senator Fawcett needs to arrive and depart from to join the ship.

[REDACTED] do you have any of these details yet? Please keep [REDACTED] informed of the administrative details regarding the voyage as they become available.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Executive Officer, ADF Parliamentary Program
[REDACTED] Russell Offices
PO Box 7902, CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

[REDACTED]
Group Email: [REDACTED]
Webpage: ww.defence.gov.au/adfpp

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From: [REDACTED] (Sen D. Fawcett)
Sent: Friday, 30 April 2021 3:43 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]

Senator Fawcett is still keen to participate in The Young Endeavour Voyage VO8/21 Airlie Beach to Cairns 15 – 25 July and this is confirmed in the diary

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | **Office Manager/Diary** | Office of Senator the Hon David Fawcett | Senator for South Australia
Electorate Office: Commonwealth Parliament Offices/100 King William Street | ADELAIDE SA 5000 | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Parliament House: The Senate | Parliament House | CANBERRA ACT 2600 | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 April 2021 10:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Prior to winter sitting period commencing, I'm just touching base to confirm that Senator Fawcett is still interested in participating in the ADF Parliamentary Program during the Winter Recess period of July.

I currently have Senator Fawcett nominated to participate in: The Young Endeavour Voyage VO8/21 Airlie Beach to Cairns 15 – 25 July. Do these dates still work with his diary?

As Senator Fawcett will be part of the Youth Crew [REDACTED] will be in contact with the administrative details regarding the Voyage.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Executive Officer, ADF Parliamentary Program
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Sent: Wednesday, 3 March 2021 3:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi [REDACTED]

Senator Fawcett would like to participate in

VO8/21

15 – 25 Jul

Airlie Beach to Cairns

Please let me know what further action is required .

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | **Office Manager/Diary** | Office of Senator the Hon David Fawcett | Senator for South Australia

Electorate Office: Commonwealth Parliament Offices/100 King William Street | ADELAIDE SA 5000 | [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Parliament House: The Senate | Parliament House | CANBERRA ACT 2600 | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 February 2021 4:12 PM
To: Fawcett, David (Senator) [REDACTED]
Subject: ADF Parliamentary Program - Young Endeavour - ATTN Diary Manager [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon,

Please find below the intended voyage program for STS Young Endeavour for the period May-Dec 2021,

V04/21	24 May – 03 Jun	Sydney to Newcastle
V05/21	06 – 16 Jun	Newcastle to Brisbane
V06/21	19 – 29 Jun	Brisbane to Gladstone
V07/21	02 – 12 Jul	Gladstone to Airlie Beach
V08/21	15 – 25 Jul	Airlie Beach to Cairns
V09/21	28 Jul – 07 Aug	Cairns to Airlie Beach
V10/21	10 – 20 Aug	Airlie Beach to Mackay
V11/21	23 Aug – 02 Sep	Mackay to Gladstone
V12/21	05 – 15 Sep	Gladstone to Brisbane
V13/21	18 – 28 Sep	Brisbane to Sydney
V14/21	15 – 25 Nov	Sydney to Melbourne
V15/21	29 Nov – 09 Dec	Melbourne to Sydney
V16/21	26 – 31 Dec	Sydney to Hobart

If any of these voyages suit Sen Fawcett’s diary, please let me know and commence the coordination of his participation aboard the STS Young Endeavour, as part of the 2021 ADF Parliamentary Program.

Kind Regards

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Group Email: [REDACTED]
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August 12, 2021

Airle Beach QLD 4802

Email:

Tax Invoice

Expedia
SENATOR THE HON DAVID FAWCETT
Australia

Folio ID: 43392
Arrives: 14-JUL-21
Departs: 15-JUL-21
Unit No: 328
Guests: 1
Nights: 1
Order No: 1790850175

Date	Transaction Name	Receipt	Type	UpTo	Charges	Payments	Balance
14-JUL-21	Accommodation				190.49		190.49
14-JUL-21	Payment Mastercard	32738	Credit	15/7		190.49	0.00
Items:	2				190.49	190.49	0.00

Includes GST to the value of 17.32

No GST has been charged in relation to the supply of accommodation. Accommodation services are provided for and on behalf of the owner of the unit with the manager acting as agent. The supply is input taxed in accordance with GSTR 2012/5

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13 October 2021

Mr Craig Kelly MP
Member for Hughes, New South Wales
PO Box 1014
Sutherland, NSW, 1499

Email: [REDACTED]

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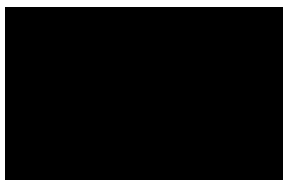
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Attachment A
Mr Craig Kelly MP
Assurance Review

Travel: 26 April to 5 July 2021

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Travel Provider - Flights	26/04/2021	8:10 AM	Sydney	26/04/2021	9:30AM	Coolangatta	\$390.00
Travel Provider - Flights	26/04/2021	4:35 PM	Coolangatta	26/04/2021	6:00PM	Sydney	
Travel Provider - Flights	3/05/2021	5:40 PM	Sydney	3/05/2021	7:00PM	Coolangatta	\$247.27
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance Party Duties (excl.CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties Two Night Commercial				3/05/2021		Southport	\$552.00
Travel Provider - Hire car	3/05/2021	4:40 PM	Coolangatta	5/05/2021	9:00AM	Coolangatta	\$124.25
Travel Provider - Flights	5/05/2021	12:35 PM	Coolangatta	5/05/2021	2:05PM	Sydney	\$269.01

To assist IPEA in reviewing this matter, please provide answers and any relevant supporting material to the following questions:

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2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Coolangatta on Monday 26 April 2021?
3. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Sydney to Coolangatta on Monday 3 May 2021?
4. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Southport on Monday 3 May to 5 May 2021?

From: Kelly, Craig (MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 3:34 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: Assurance
Subject: Re: Assurance Review - Mr Kelly [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

Following answers to questions,

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Sydney to Coolangatta on Monday 26 April 2021?

Parliamentary Business

2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Coolangatta on Monday 26 April 2021?

Meetings with the Directors of Mineralogy Pty Ltd at Southport. And ensure to the trip was the best value for money, I flew economy class and arranged to be collected from and returned to the airport by Mineralogy.

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Parliamentary Business

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4. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Southport on Monday 3 May to 5 May 2021?

Meetings with the Directors of Mineralogy Pty Ltd at Southport.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:17:37 PM
To: Kelly, Craig (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance Review - Mr Kelly [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly

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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6215 3000 or at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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13 October 2021

Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
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Caroline Springs, VIC, 3023
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr O'Connor

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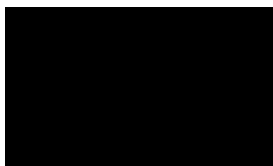
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Attachment A

Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Assurance Review

Travel: 27 June to 1 July 2021

Work Expense	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Travel Provider - Flights	27/06/2021	2:20 PM	Melbourne	27/06/2021	5:40 PM	Cairns	\$1,432.07
Travel Provider - Hire car	28/06/2021	1:03 PM	Cairns	1/07/2021	1:11 PM	Cairns	\$421.96
Travel Provider - Flights	1/07/2021	2:15 PM	Cairns	1/07/2021	5:35 PM	Melbourne	\$953.27

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1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Melbourne to Cairns on Sunday 27 June 2021?
2. Did you conduct parliamentary business in Queensland during the period from 27 June to 1 July 2021? If so, what was the nature of your parliamentary business?

From: [REDACTED] (B. O'Connor, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 25 October 2021 6:31 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (B. O'Connor, MP)
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Mr O'Connor [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: SRS110M0121102517280.pdf

Good afternoon,

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- Media from the day including: An article in the Cairns Post, A transcript of the Doorstop (footage of which appeared on all local TV stations that evening).

These events were followed by further engagement with Queensland Senator Nita Green.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]
Office of **Brendan O'Connor MP** | Federal Member for Gorton
Shadow Minister for Defence
Shop 3, 11 Commercial St, Caroline Springs VIC 3023
[REDACTED]



From: Assurance [<mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au>]
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ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Shadow Minister for Defence

Invited Guests

Date	Monday 28 June 2021
Time	10:30am to 12:30pm
Location	Great Barrier Reef International Marine College – 55/61 Tingira Street, Portsmith, Level 1, Room 4
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP, Shadow Defence Minister • Senator Nita Green, Senator for Queensland 

Site tour

Time	Item	Participant
9:00am – 9:20am		 Hon Brendan O'Connor, Senator Nita Green, 
9:20am – 9:40am		 Hon Brendan O'Connor, Senator Nita Green, 
9:40am – 10:00am 10:00am – 10:15am	 Press conference	 Hon Brendan O'Connor, Senator Nita Green, 
10:15am – 10:35am		 Hon Brendan O'Connor, Senator Nita Green, 
10:35am – 10:45am	Travel to 	All

Roundtable meeting

Time	Item	Participant
10:50am	Welcome and acknowledgements	[REDACTED]
10:55am	Round the table introductions (name and company only)	All
11:00am – 11:10am	Opening remarks <i>Why Cairns?</i>	[REDACTED]
11:10am – 11:20am	Opening remarks	The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP
11:20am – 11:30am	Remarks from [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11:30am – 11:40am	Morning tea break	All
11:40am – 11:50am	Overview from Shipyards <i>How previous Federal investments have been leveraged</i>	[REDACTED]
11:50am – 12:35pm	Facilitated discussion: <i>Harnessing opportunity within the Cairns Marine Precinct</i> Key Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future opportunities including potential infrastructure, possible shipbuilding, market niches, competitive advantages • Barriers/challenges where assistance required • Potential future Federal investments 	Facilitated by [REDACTED]
12:35pm – 12:40pm	Closing remarks	The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP

Attachments – Background Briefing Papers

1. Cairns Marine Precinct advocacy paper
2. Pacific Engagement Strategy advocacy paper



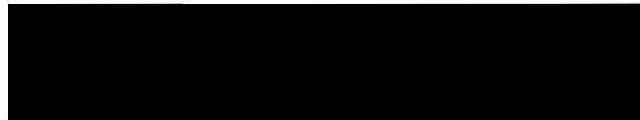
[REDACTED] (B. O'Connor, MP)

From: Federal Labor Media [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 28 June 2021 4:20 PM
To: [REDACTED] (B. O'Connor, MP)
Subject: BRENDAN O'CONNOR & NITA GREEN - TRANSCRIPT - DOORSTOP INTERVIEW - CAIRNS - MONDAY, 28 JUNE 2021



**BRENDAN O'CONNOR MP
SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
MEMBER FOR GORTON**

**SENATOR NITA GREEN
LABOR SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND**



**E&OE TRANSCRIPT
DOORSTOP INTERVIEW
CAIRNS
MONDAY, 28 JUNE 2021**

SUBJECTS: Importance of Cairns for Australia's future defence; 10 per cent apprenticeship requirement for federal projects; COVID-19.

[REDACTED] Hi my name is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and it's a pleasure to be here today with our Queensland Senator Nita Green, and our Shadow Minister for Defence, Brendan O'Connor. Now, it's no secret that Cairns has a strong marine sector. We have three local shipyards that support local jobs and have put Cairns on the map for its manufacturing capabilities. Our three shipyards, like the one we're at here today, our Tropical Reef Shipyard, have given, and provide our community with countless opportunities for growth.

Now, backing local manufacturing is so important, and a big part of that is supporting

industries like these. Backing local manufacturing means growth, it means good local job opportunities, it means more opportunities for our skilled Aussie workers and Labor will never shy away from fighting for local jobs. And again, a part of that is supporting local industries like Tropical Reef Shipyards. And for more information I'm going to pass over now to our Queensland Senator Nita Green. Thank you.

NITA GREEN, LABOR SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND: Thanks [REDACTED] and thanks everyone for being here today. This is somewhere that I have visited often and it really is great to be back here at Tropical Reef Shipyard. One of the things that I did when I was elected was talk about the need to diversify the Cairns economy, and COVID has shown us that that is something that urgently needs attention, because we can't rely on tourism alone. To make sure that we've got jobs for the future, we need to make sure that we've got a diversified economy. That's why we've got Brendan O'Connor here today to talk about the defence strategy, but also more broadly to talk about how important manufacturing is to the Australian Labor Party. We've made significant announcements in this area so far, but one of the ones I wanted to concentrate on today before Brendan talks to you a little bit more, was on our commitment to make sure that we've got 10% of apprentices here on federally funded projects. Businesses like Tropical Reef Shipyards are already doing that hard work, making sure that there's 10% of apprentices here on the shipyard. Some of the other businesses around here are doing it on their own, but we need to make sure that that's a mandated position, because we know that we've got the opportunity to create years and years, 30 years of work here, if we get the marine precinct right. But what we don't want to have happen is run out of the important skills that we need and miss out on the opportunities that could be created.

We have seen skills and apprenticeships and traineeships reduced under this government. We've seen the Liberal National Government cut skills and apprenticeships. We've seen them come out with ridiculous programs like the PaTH program, or even JobMaker during the COVID crisis that created almost no jobs in Queensland. So, only a Labor Government will deliver this commitment to have 10% of apprentices on federally funded projects. It's a key commitment to the people here in Cairns, because we know that we've got some fantastic businesses here, but it is really about the future and about 30 years time, whether we've got good local secure jobs that have been delivered by good, local kids. Thanks very much.

BRENDAN O'CONNOR, SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE: Thanks very much Nita and thanks [REDACTED] It's fantastic firstly can I say to be here in Far North Queensland, to be in Cairns to look at this precinct, to see how it's grown over time. The last time I took a good look at this was when I was the Minister for Home Affairs and I've seen it grow in breadth,

and in terms of skills, and today we had the good fortune of speaking with Australian owned companies, including of course, the company that's on this site, they talk about what needs to be done to maintain, not only the employment that exists today, but as Nita said to make sure we grow this industry.

This is a precinct which is as good as any around Australia, there are three regional maintenance centres designated by the federal government, one of which of course is Cairns, at this particular spot. And so if you look at the Defence White Paper update that came out last year that talks about needing to build defence capability, if you listen to defence analysts and foreign policy experts about the increased concerns in the region, the challenges to peace and stability in the region, it is critical that we have sufficient defence capability in the most appropriate places and one of which of course is Northern Queensland. And for that reason, we need to make sure that this precinct grows and is given the sufficient investment in order for it to maintain defence assets. Now it's had a long history of doing that, whether it be border protection or defence, but there are, I believe, more opportunities provided there is sufficient investment made, investment in skills and infrastructure which is important. Nita talked already about the need to diversify the economy here.

Clearly, tourism is always going to be a very important part of Cairns and this region. As the pandemic has underlined, not just here but around Australia, we can't always rely on some sectors of the economy, and indeed no community, no city, no region should rely on or overly rely on one sector of the economy and that's why diversifying the economy, increasing the defence spend, and defence industry spend in this region will provide many good jobs for locals. Good jobs, well paid jobs, high skilled jobs. That's what the people of Cairns and Far North Queensland are looking for, and it can be done consistently, and this is most important, consistent with in the case of defence industry, the Defence White Paper update, which came out last year. So we are calling upon the federal government to be ensuring that they accelerate the investment and make sure that this strategic defence precinct is given proper investment in order to see our capability grow and see as a result of that, the economy grow, and more jobs for locals.

Happy to take any questions.

JOURNALIST: Federal government would say that they're already doing this in Cairns in particular. If Labor got in, what would be the main point of difference, how many extra jobs could we see under a Labor government?

O'CONNOR: I think it's fair to say there's been an announcement and the first stage of that announcement is underway. However, what I would say is we need to see an acceleration

of that investment. What an incoming Labor government would do if elected, would be making sure that this area would be seen as a priority. Now, often the rhetoric of the government does not match the reality. Can I say to you, when it comes to defence and defence industry, we want to work together, we often of course want to work with the government in a bipartisan manner, that's what we should be doing, but our job also is to hold the government to account. If they make commitments they must deliver on them.

Right now, we have very large defence asset contracts that have been blown out by billions and they're way too late. Their timelines have been blown out, and in case of the future submarine program by up to a decade. Now our job is to say to the Government you need to get your house in order, elevating rhetoric will not actually deliver any jobs here or anywhere around the country. So, what Labor will be doing obviously and it's consistent with what Nita said is, we will be focusing on manufacturing and of course a significant part of that is defence industry. We will make sure that the highest proportion possible of local jobs will be part of any defence contracts. We will make sure there are enforceable provisions in defence asset contracts, which do not exist currently in many of the contracts which has gotten us into trouble.

It's no point talking about local jobs if you can't deliver. We for example at the last election, and Nita touched on this, said that if there was any taxpayer money at the Commonwealth level in any contract, we believe at the very minimum, there should be 10% of the workforce be apprentices. Now that happens already here, the good employers here already say that they want to commit to 10% apprentices, but we would say that should be a procurement rule so all employers are compelled, if they want to engage with the Commonwealth with contracts to ensure that they have at least 10% apprentices as part of their workforce. It's those types of enforceable provisions using what is effectively billions of dollars of taxpayers money makes the big difference to regions like this one. So what we say to the Government is, you can't talk about local content if it's not going to be delivered, you can't talk about apprentices if you don't compel them to be employed and to be listed through an apprenticeship process, and we would say if the Government, and indeed we would welcome the Government if they actually chose to do that but currently, in many instances, their rhetoric and their actions are at odds with each other.

JOURNALIST: Just a question on the NSC that I understand is meeting this morning to discuss the latest outbreak. Realistically, what could something like the National Security Council actually do?

O'CONNOR: Well, the National Security Committee of Cabinet is of course a very important part of the Cabinet process. It has on it, the most important defence

and national security agencies and of course it's chaired by the Prime Minister and has about six national security portfolios or Ministers on it and I think it's fair to say this is something that should happen. The fact is that COVID or a global pandemic, is actually a national security risk, and we need to see it through that prism. We certainly need to sit through the prism of a public health challenge, but I think it's also fair to say, we need to be ensuring that we look at any potential national security risks in relation to any virus, like COVID. So I think it's a very good thing that the Government's convening a National Security Committee of Cabinet.

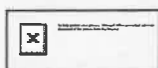
I think it's also important that the Prime Minister convenes the national cabinet as he calls it, and make sure we start getting a better response to the major challenges that confront us as a nation, and they are of course, in the case of Scott Morrison's priorities, they should be two things. One, he should be building purpose built quarantine facilities, as soon as possible. In fact it should have already happened. And two of course, he needs to ensure the acceleration of the vaccination process so that Australians are protected from this pandemic. To date, we are woefully inadequate in terms of the numbers of Australians that have been vaccinated. We are way behind most of the world. We're not at the front of the queue, and it's about time the Prime Minister delivered on what he said he would do when he said he'd protect Australians. Now to date, we are not even at 4% of vaccinations. That is way too low. With the outbreak now that's in New South Wales spreading to other parts of Australia, vaccinations and purpose built quarantines are essential and that is where the government federally, is letting Australians down.

Any other questions? All good? Thank you.

ENDS

MEDIA CONTACT: [REDACTED]

Authorised by Paul Erickson, ALP, Canberra.



Diversify with defence focus

By BRENDAN O'CONNOR

Cairns Post

Monday 28th June 2021

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SCOMO, DO YOUR JOB

It's time the federal government stepped up and protected the Australian people, aged care, quarantine, and vaccination are federal responsibilities. Yet

- We still have over 50 per cent of aged care workers and hundreds of aged care residents unvaccinated.

- Despite promises that we would be in front of the queue, and have full vaccination by year's end, a mere three per cent of the population have been vaccinated, ranking us with third world countries, and we have run out of Pfizer, now the AstraZeneca vaccine has been ruled out for under 60s. They opted for a cheap vaccine fix, and have completely botched the vaccination implementation.

- The federal government dumped quarantine on unfit for purpose hotels, and run by states. Now they have finally agreed to build quarantine facilities, but again want to dump the running and funding onto the states.

Morrison and his government's handling of aged care, quarantine and vaccination has been totally incompetent, yet they happily take the credit off the hardworking States for Australia's Covid successes.

They say it is not a race, but the Covid delta and future variants



A reader has called on the federal government to step up.

prove otherwise. Morrison and his ministers need to stop playing politics with Covid and get on with the job. Their management of quarantine, aged care, and vaccination is chaotic and reckless, yet they attack the states for keeping us safe. Step up! The nation's health and wealth is at risk through your incompetence.

Terry Hayton, Kairiamba

MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

When using the reference, this is a matter of life or death; it usually refers to a very urgent matter. The kidney transplant establishment in Cairns is just that, life or death for our local region, on top of the need for a transplant unit in Cairns, there is the mental health anguish pressure on families needing to commute and live in Townsville

This unit would also go hand in glove with the new proposed uni training hospital. It's hard to make sense of these decisions based on the mooted "cost factor" when witnessing politicians' pay rises, the money wasted on feelgood woke projects, and wastage of our taxes, whilst our fellow Australians die unnecessarily. No wonder people are getting angry and getting a disdain for our governments. State government, it's not too late to announce both.

Paul Freebody, Cairns

HEALTH FAILURE

Cairns Hospital has accused the senior leadership of Queensland Health for failing to stand up to vested interests.

Hello, Premier, can you remind the next Governor that there's more to Queensland than Queen and George St.

Barry Braes, Mareeba

WHERE'S ROAD SENSE

To the driver who was reversing out of centre parking near on Lake Street on Sunday and refusing to give way to vehicles including mine, your brand new car in showroom condition will not stay that way very long, let alone keeping your licence. Must be a case of too many dollars and not enough sense.

Allan Sparks, Bunglew

Diversify with defence focus



BRENDAN O'CONNOR

“CAIRNS IS A STRATEGIC LOCATION FOR AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE ASSETS AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS.”

THE Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the significance of Australia being an island nation, which has reduced our exposure to the disease that is devastating lives across the world.

The pandemic, however, has hit Australia in other ways, and Cairns in particular has felt the brunt of the reduction in both international and domestic tourism.

There are areas of this country, including Cairns, that can no longer be reliant on one industry alone, such as tourism, and there is now a pressing need for local economies to diversify.

While tourism will always be an essential part of Cairns, Labor wants to see the local economy afforded a chance to diversify and grow, and the defence industry may offer new ways to do that.

Growing tensions in our region have elevated the importance of our defence capability, and Australia must ensure we are equipped and ready.

The 2020 Defence Strategic Update warned of the rapidly changing circumstances in our region, and stressed that a ten-year warning time for major conventional conflict is no longer an appropriate basis for defence



planning. Reduced warning times mean defence plans can no longer assume Australia will have time to gradually adjust military capability and preparedness in response to emerging challenges.

The Indo-Pacific region, in particular, has seen a rapid expansion and modernisation of maritime forces, and Australia needs to keep up with this global shift.

After six defence ministers in eight years, the government should be assessing whether Australian defence assets are positioned where we need them.

Clearly, located in Australia's north, Cairns is a strategic location for Australian defence assets and should always be under consideration from Australian governments.

The Cairns Marine Precinct offers huge potential when it

comes to defence assets and defence industry.

Already, there are Australian businesses in the Cairns Marine Precinct, adjacent to HMAS Cairns, that provide services to defence, such as Austal, Tropical Reef Shipyard, and Norship Marine that repair and maintain Australian Defence Force vessels.

And soon Cairns will be home to Defence's first Regional Maintenance Centre for sustainment of Navy vessels.

As defence further focuses its attention on Northern Australia and the Indo-Pacific region we can expect to see potential opportunities to see the Cairns Marine Precinct grow as a centre for large vessel repair work.

With this growth comes the opportunity for further defence industry jobs in Cairns.

The defence industry is one of the largest industry sectors in Australia, with more than 3000 businesses working in this sector.

The Australian government is spending \$270bn on defence procurement over the next decade and Labor is committed to maximising the local component of that spend, with jobs here in Australia.



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27 October 2021

Hon Brendan O'Connor MP
Shop 3, 11 Commercial Road
Caroline Springs, VIC, 3023
Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr O'Connor

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) wrote to you on 13 October 2021 (**Attachment A**) seeking your assistance in relation to an Assurance Review of your travel to Cairns from 27 June to 1 July 2021.

On 25 October 2021, IPEA received a response signed by your staff member, [REDACTED]

As the obligations imposed upon parliamentarians under the provisions of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* require that Members are personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources, I would be grateful if you could provide a signed response to this correspondence.

Your response should confirm that the dominant purpose of your travel to Cairns and return between 27 June and 1 July 2021 was to conduct parliamentary business and that the details of parliamentary business conducted during those dates, as set out in Ms Jensen's letter, are correct.

Please provide a response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Friday 5 November 2021**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time to respond.

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

Yours sincerely

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



Parliament of Australia

Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP

Shadow Minister for Defence

Federal Member for Gorton

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 Director, Audit and Assurance
 Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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Brendan O'Connor MP

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13 October 2021

Senator Jacqui Lambie
Senator for Tasmania
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Burnie, TAS, 7320

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

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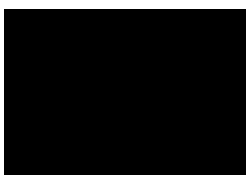
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Attachment A
Senator Jacqui Lambie
Assurance Review

Travel: 17 July to 25 July 2021

Work Expense	Entitle	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Travel Provider - Flights	Senator Jacqui Lambie	17/07/2021	10:10 AM	Burnie	17/07/2021	11:25 AM	Melbourne	\$346.70
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Travel Provider - Flights	Senator Jacqui Lambie	17/07/2021	1:10 PM	Melbourne	17/07/2021	3:15 PM	Coolangatta	\$160.19
Travel Provider - Flights	Sue Lambie	17/07/2021	1:10 PM	Melbourne	17/07/2021	3:15 PM	Coolangatta	\$160.19
Travel Provider - Flights	Senator Jacqui Lambie	25/07/2021	11:55 AM	Coolangatta	25/07/2021	2:20 PM	Melbourne	\$355.28
Travel Provider - Flights	Senator Jacqui Lambie	25/07/2021	4:10 PM	Melbourne	25/07/2021	5:20 PM	Burnie	\$346.70

To assist IPEA in reviewing this matter, please provide answers and any relevant supporting material to the following questions:

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Burnie to Coolangatta on Friday 17 July 2021?
2. Did you conduct parliamentary business in Queensland from 17 July to 25 July 2021? If so, what was the nature of your parliamentary business?
3. Please advise whether your family's travel expenses to Queensland on 17 July 2021 meet the three part test in section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*:
 - You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business;
 - Your family was travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - Your family's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

From: [REDACTED] (Sen J. Lambie) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 2:32 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review - Senator Lambie [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Afternoon Assurance Team,

Thank you for your letter today in regards to Senator Lambies trip to Queensland in July with her mother.

This was a personal trip that we booked through FCM which was to be charged to the Senators Credit card which is on file with FCM, may we please have an invoi9ce raised so as we can settle this account as soon as possible.

Kind regards



**Office of Senator
Jacqui Lambie**

[REDACTED]
Office Manager

Office of Senator Jacqui Lambie

Electorate Phone: 03 6431 3112

4/22 Mount St, Burnie TAS 7320
or Senate Suite 147

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 13 October 2021 12:17 PM
To: Lambie, Jacqui (Senator) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance Review - Senator Lambie [SEC=OFFICIAL]

SEC=OFFICIAL

Dear Senator

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

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6215 3000 or at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
T: 02 6215 3000 | **E:** assurance@ipea.gov.au

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13 October 2021

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

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

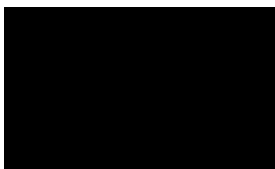
IPEA is undertaking an assurance review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you in relation to travel to Queensland during the period 27 June 2021 to 15 July 2021.

At **Attachment A** are details of your Commonwealth-funded travel within the relevant period and I have set out questions for your response. Where 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.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Wednesday 27 October 2021**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time to respond.

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

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A
Senator Sam McMahon
Assurance Review

Travel: 27 June to 15 July 2021

Work Expense	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Travel Provider - Flights	27/06/2021	1:10 PM	Darwin	27/06/2021	5:20 PM	Brisbane	\$488.95
Travel Provider - Flights	15/07/2021	2:45 PM	Cairns	15/07/2021	4:50 PM	Darwin	\$151.59

To assist IPEA in reviewing this matter, please provide answers and any relevant supporting material to the following questions:

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Darwin to Brisbane on Sunday 27 June 2021?
2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Queensland during the period from 27 June to 15 July 2021?

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5 November 2021

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

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

Your response to IPEA's Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel expenses, incurred by you in relation to travel to Queensland during the period 27 June 2021 to 15 July 2021 is now overdue.

In my original letter of 13 October 2021, a response was requested from you by 27 October 2021. There was a provision in that letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension was not requested.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 12 November 2021.

If a response is not received, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter. Further information about IPEA's Statutory Audit Function is available on our website and at **Attachment A**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 6215 2829.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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

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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



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Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

23 December 2021

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Outstanding Assurance Matters

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

Throughout this calendar year, IPEA has sought various information from you relating to Post Payment Checks of your Cabcharge expenses and an Assurance Review.

1. Information Request – Post Payment Check

On 2 March 2021, IPEA emailed you, on the email address above, requesting certification of four Cabcharge transactions that you undertook in 2020, that email requested a reply within seven days.

On 17 March 2021, IPEA followed up the email dated 2 March 2021, requesting the certification be completed within seven days.

2. Information Request – Post Payment Check

On 6 June 2021, IPEA emailed you, requesting certification of seven Cabcharge transactions that you undertook in March 2021, that email requested a reply within seven days.

On 8 June 2021, IPEA contacted your office and spoke with Ms Helen Bateman who advised that she would bring it to your attention that day.

On 16 June 2021, IPEA again contacted your office and spoke with Ms Bateman who advised that she had spoken with you and you were going to sign the certification form.

On 2 September 2021, IPEA wrote to you and Ms Bateman advising that due to Covid-19 email certification would be acceptable. That email also included an acceptable certification sentence that had you replied to IPEA using would have finalise both matters electronically.

3. Information Request – Assurance Review

On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to you advising that you were subject of an Assurance Review and was seeking your input regarding travel you undertook to Queensland in June-July 2021. That correspondence requested you reply within 14 days or seek an extension.

On 5 November 2021, IPEA again wrote to you regarding the Assurance Review advising that your response was now overdue and requested a response by 12 November 2021.

To date, IPEA is still yet to receive a response from you regarding the three matters listed above.

Under Regulation 98 (Reg 98) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*, you are obliged to provide compliance information in relation to the use of public resources, as required by IPEA.

IPEA has been seeking a response from you since 2 March 2021 (First Information Request), 6 June 2021 (Second Information Request) and 13 October 2021 (Third Information Request). These matters have been escalated to me for consideration of recovery action in accordance with Reg 98.

If I do not receive a signed certification for both Information Requests One and Two, and a written response to Information Request Three by close of business 14 January 2022, an invoice will be raised in relation to all three matters.

Further information about IPEA's Statutory Audit Function is available on our website www.ipea.gov.au.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 02 6215 3504.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal

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23 March 2022

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

On 13 October 2021, IPEA wrote to you in relation to an Assurance Review of your travel to Queensland during the period 27 June 2021 to 15 July 2021.

On 13 November 2021 a reminder was sent to you regarding this matter. It was also referred to in my letter of 23 December 2021. To date, IPEA has not received a response from you.

On 3 January 2022 IPEA received four travel allowance claims for travel to Queensland in June-July 2021 which fall within the scope of the Assurance Review. Details of the claims are at **Attachment A**.

Please provide responses to the following questions originally sent to you in IPEA's letter of 13 October 2020 (**Attachment B**), noting the four travel allowance claims:

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel from Darwin to Brisbane on Sunday 27 June 2021?
2. What was the nature of your parliamentary business in Queensland during the period from 27 June to 15 July 2021?

Please include copies of documentation to support your responses, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please respond via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Monday 4 April 2022**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 02 6215 3504.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Nicole Pearson
Branch Manager
Transparency, Assurance & Legal

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Attachment A

Senator Sam McMahon

Travel Allowance Claims - Queensland

Travel Allowance

Work Expense	Arrival Date	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive excluding Service Fee)
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Three nights –Commercial Rate	03/07/2021	Gold Coast	\$1,119.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Five nights –Non-Commercial Rate	06/07/2021	Townsville	\$515.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Two nights –Commercial Rate	27/06/2021	Brisbane	\$842.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Four nights –Commercial Rate	29/06/2021	Bundaberg	\$1,176.00

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13 October 2021

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses – Travel to Queensland

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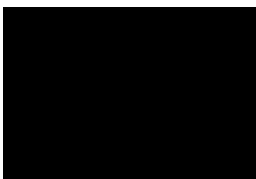
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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Wednesday 27 October 2021**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time to respond.

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

Yours sincerely



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6 May 2022

Senator Sam McMahon
Senator for Northern Territory
PO Box 40021
Casuarina, NT, 0811

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Outstanding Assurance Matters

On 23 March 2022 I wrote to you in relation to a number of outstanding assurance matters. To date, IPEA is still yet to receive a response from you regarding the following matters.

1. Outstanding Assurance Review of ravel and travel-related expenses - Travel to Queensland

In my letter of 23 March 2022 I requested a response to the questions originally sent to you in IPEA's letter of 13 October 2021 in relation to the Assurance Review of your travel to Queensland during the period 27 June 2021 to 15 July 2021 (the period). At **Attachment A** are details of your Commonwealth-funded travel within the period.

In my letter of 23 December 2021, I advised that if a written response to this Assurance Review was not provided by 14 January 2022 invoices would be raised for the related travel expenses.

As of 6 May 2022, no response has been received to the 3 letters I sent on 13 October 2021, 23 December 2021 and 23 March 2022 and invoices have been raised.

The invoice at **Attachment B** includes the flight expenses for this travel and the invoices for your travel allowance are at **Attachments C, D, E and F**.

Under section 26 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017 (the Act) a member must not claim expenses, an allowance or any other public resources, unless the expenses are incurred, or the allowance or resources are claimed, for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business. As you have not provided a response to this Assurance Review with the details of your dominant purpose of your travel and nature of your parliamentary business, a penalty is applied under the provisions of section 38(1) of the Act. The invoice at **Attachment B** includes this 25% penalty.

2. Information Request One and Two - Post Payment Checks – Cabcharge transactions

The invoice at **Attachment B** includes these transactions.

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3. Outstanding invoice – Assurance Review (travel-related Expenses and Home Base)

An invoice for return travel between Darwin and Townsville on 29 October and 1 November 2020 is at **Attachment G**. You have previously been sent reminders in relation to the payment of this invoice on 18 November 2021, 8 December 2021 and 23 March 2022.

Payment of all **attached** invoices, a total amount of \$6093.40, is due by close of business **Friday 13 May 2022**. Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 02 6215 3991.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Branch Manger
Transparency, Assurance & Legal

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Attachment A
Senator Sam McMahon
Assurance Review

Travel: 27 June to 15 July 2021

Work Expense	Departure Date	Departure Time	Departure Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Arrival Location	Amount (GST Exclusive)
Travel Provider – Flights	27/06/2021	1:10 PM	Darwin	27/06/2021	5:20 PM	Brisbane	\$488.95
Travel Provider – Flights	15/07/2021	2:45 PM	Cairns	15/07/2021	4:50 PM	Darwin	\$151.59
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Three nights – Commercial Rate				03/07/2021		Gold Coast	\$1,119.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Five nights – Non-Commercial Rate				06/07/2021		Townsville	\$515.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Two nights – Commercial Rate				27/06/2021		Brisbane	\$842.00
Parliamentarians Travel Allowance – Parliamentary Duties Four nights – Commercial Rate				29/06/2021		Bundaberg	\$1,176.00

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Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator S J M MCMAHON

Invoice Reference: 1440263

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

Recovery Cabcharge & Airfare 29 Aug 20 & 15 Jul 21

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 29 Aug 20	1	\$1.09	\$0.00	\$1.09
Recovery of Cabcharge 29 Aug 20	1	\$19.73	\$1.97	\$21.70
Recovery of Cabcharge 23 Oct 20	1	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 23 Oct 20	1	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$1.50
Recovery of Cabcharge 24 Oct 20	1	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 24 Oct 20	1	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Recovery of Cabcharge 14 Nov 20	1	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 14 Nov 20	1	\$0.90	\$0.00	\$0.90
Recovery of Cabcharge 28 Feb 21	1	\$13.45	\$1.35	\$14.80
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 28 Feb 21	1	\$0.74	\$0.00	\$0.74
Recovery of Cabcharge 13 Mar 21	1	\$15.91	\$1.59	\$17.50
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 13 Mar 21	1	\$0.88	\$0.00	\$0.88
Recovery of Cabcharge 13 Mar 21	1	\$36.36	\$3.64	\$40.00
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service fee) 13 Mar 21	1	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Recovery of Cabcharge 19 Mar 21	1	\$65.05	\$6.51	\$71.56

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Recovery of Cabcharge (Service Fee) 19 Mar 21	1	\$3.58	\$0.00	Attachment B \$3.58
Recovery of Cabcharge 19 Mar 21	1	\$35.18	\$3.52	\$38.70
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service Fee) 19 Mar 21	1	\$1.94	\$0.00	\$1.94
Recovery of Cabcharge 20 Mar 21	1	\$9.82	\$0.98	\$10.80
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service Fee) 20 Mar 21	1	\$0.54	\$0.00	\$0.54
Recovery of Cabcharge 21 Mar 21	1	\$13.41	\$1.34	\$14.75
Recovery of Cabcharge (Service Fee) 21 Mar 21	1	\$0.74	\$0.00	\$0.74
Recovery of Airfare 27 Jun 21	1	\$488.95	\$48.90	\$537.85
Recovery of Airfare 15 Jul 21	1	\$151.59	\$15.16	\$166.75
25 percent penalty loading between 29 Aug 20 and 15 Jul 21	1	\$1,164.18	\$0.00	\$1,164.18
			GST Total	\$90.06
			Gross Total	\$2,168.90

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



1. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card No

Expiry Date / CVV

Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
Invoice Ref: OF1440263

3. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders made payable to Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022
Tax Invoice No: OF1440263
SAP Supplier ID:



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator Samantha Jane MCMAHON



Invoice Reference: 9608559

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

#230542 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#230542 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)	-3	\$1,119.00	\$0.00	\$1,119.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$1,119.00

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



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Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

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Expiry Date / CVV

Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
 Invoice Ref: TA230542(2)

3. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders made payable to Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022
 Tax Invoice No: TA230542(2)
 SAP Supplier ID:



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator Samantha Jane MCMAHON

Invoice Reference: 9608560

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

#230543 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#230543 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)	-5	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$515.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$515.00

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



1. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

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Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.

Reference:
 Invoice Ref: TA230543(2)

3. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders made payable to Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022
 Tax Invoice No: TA230543(2)
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Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator Samantha Jane MCMAHON

Invoice Reference: 9608510

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

#230540 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#230540 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)	-2	\$842.00	\$0.00	\$842.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$842.00

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



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Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

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Amount \$

Signature

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IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
 Invoice Ref: TA230540(2)

3. Mailing your payment

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Mail payment together with this stub to:

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 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022
 Tax Invoice No: TA230540(2)
 SAP Supplier ID:



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Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator Samantha Jane MCMAHON

Invoice Reference: 9608556

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

#230541 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#230541 Travel - TA - Parliamentary Duties (ATTA12)	-4	\$1,176.00	\$0.00	\$1,176.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$1,176.00

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



1. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

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Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.

Reference:
 Invoice Ref: TA230541(2)

3. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders made payable to Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

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One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 08 Mar 2022
 Tax Invoice No: TA230541(2)
 SAP Supplier ID:



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Senator S J M MCMAHON

Invoice Reference: 1424589

Invoice Date: 06 Sep 2021

From: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Contact Officer: Travel Advice and Support
 Contact Phone: (02) 6215 3000

25 percent penalty loading from 29 Oct to 1 Nov 20

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
25 percent penalty loading between 29 Oct 20 and 1 Nov 20	1	\$272.50	\$0.00	\$272.50
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$272.50

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date



1. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or phone Travel Advice and Support with your credit card details.

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Card No

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Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
 Invoice Ref: OF1424589

3. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders made payable to Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
 One Canberra Avenue
 FORREST ACT 2603

Invoice Date: 06 Sep 2021
 Tax Invoice No: OF1424589
 SAP Supplier ID: