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## ASSURANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM – [2022/004]

Mr Andrew Laming: Travel, including family reunion travel.

Date: 6 September 2022

To: Nicole Pearson  
Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- i. Note the contents of this assurance review, and accept the matter as closed.

NOTED & ACCEPTED AS CLOSED / PLEASE DISCUSS

27 September 2022  
Nicole Pearson  
Branch Manager  
Transparency, Assurance & Legal Branch

Prepared by:



Assurance Officer, Audit & Assurance  
Transparency, Assurance & Legal Branch

Reviewed by:



Assistant Director, Audit & Assurance  
Transparency, Assurance & Legal Branch

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## SCOPE

1. The scope for the assurance review is for use of COMCAR and Cabcharge within Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, and scheduled commercial flights taken by Mr Laming, his spouse and his two children in April 2022.

## PURPOSE

2. This assurance review aims to determine whether the dominant purpose of travel undertaken by Mr Andrew Laming within Sydney and Melbourne, from Melbourne to Brisbane and within Brisbane during the relevant periods, was parliamentary business as defined in the legislation, and that the definition of family reunion travel was met.

## BACKGROUND

3. Prior to an election, IPEA regularly reviews the use of work expenses by parliamentarians in marginal seats, as well as those that have not been preselected or that have indicated their intention to leave parliament.
4. IPEA's travel data, media articles and social media posts are used in these assessments.
5. In accordance with IPEA's protocol on dealing with misuse of parliamentary work expenses, a Preliminary Assessment into Mr Laming's travel commenced on 17 May 2022.
6. A review of Mr Laming's travel data for April indicated that he had used parliamentary resources to travel from Melbourne to Brisbane on 10 April 2022, including flights for his spouse and two children.
7. In accordance with IPEA's protocol on dealing with misuse of parliamentary work expenses, an Assurance Review into Andrew Laming's travel commenced on 18 May 2022.
8. IPEA obtained data in relation to travel for Mr Laming covering the relevant period. **(Attachment 1).**
9. Expenditure information was obtained from the Assurance Power BI Travel Calendar dashboard.
10. A review of Mr Laming's travel data for April indicated that he had used parliamentary resources to travel from Melbourne to Brisbane on 10 April 2022, including flights for his spouse and two children.
11. Parliamentary resources were also used to travel within Sydney on 5 and 6 April 2022, within Melbourne on 6 April 2022, and from Brisbane Airport to his home on 10 April 2022.
12. Commercial flights, Cabcharge and COMCAR use from both MMR and the dashboard was examined.
13. A search on relevant media/social media articles was undertaken. **(Attachment 2).**

## LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

14. The relevant legislative framework is:
  - *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*
  - *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 (section 98)*

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- *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*
- *Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017*

15. 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.
16. "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".
17. Under section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (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.
18. Under section 98 of the Regulations:
- A member must give any claim forms or other compliance information required by the Administrator to:
- (a) the Administrator; or
  - (b) a person nominated by the Administrator
- The Commonwealth is not liable to provide public resources prescribed by this instrument in relation to which a member has failed to provide compliance information as required by this section.

### ANALYSIS

19. A letter was sent to Mr Laming on 18 May 2022 asking what the nature of his parliamentary business was relating to the use of scheduled commercial flights, COMCAR and Cabcharge during the relevant period (**Attachment 3**).
20. A response was received by Mr Laming on 19 May 2022 outlining the details of the travel, but no supporting evidence was provided (**Attachment 4**).
21. A second letter was sent to Mr Laming on 20 May 2022 requesting that he provide evidence to support his claims (**Attachment 5**).
22. Mr Laming responded on 20 May 2022 advising that his previous response was his final response to the matter (**Attachment 6**).

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23. A third letter was sent to Mr Laming on 1 July 2022 advising him of his obligations to provide IPEA with information under section 98 of the Regulations. Under regulation 98 of the Regulations, Mr Laming is obliged to provide compliance information in relation to the use of public resources as required by IPEA. If this information is not supplied, the Commonwealth is not liable for the business resources accessed **(Attachment 7)**.
24. Mr Laming responded on 1 July 2022 and referred to the concluded audit earlier in 2022. He failed to address IPEA's ongoing assurance questions regarding current matters **(Attachment 8)**.
25. A fourth letter was sent to Mr Laming on 7 July 2022 advising that the audit had concluded and that he was still required to answer IPEA's questions in relation to the current assurance matter. He was also advised that he would be liable for travel costs if he did not respond **(Attachment 9)**.
26. As no response was received, a fifth letter was sent to Mr Laming on 24 August 2022 with invoices attached for the relevant travel **(Attachment 10)**.
27. Mr Laming sent two further responses on 24 August 2022 in relation to the audit **(Attachments 11 & 12)**.

### CONCLUSION

28. As Mr Laming has not provided a response to this Assurance Review with the requested information, invoices have been raised for the relevant expenses. A penalty of 25 per cent has also been applied under the provisions of section 38(1) of the Act.

## Attachment 1

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Cabcharge	Sydney CBD	05/04/2022		Redfern	05/04/2022	1:49 PM	\$24.91
Cabcharge	Surry Hills	05/04/2022		Sydney CBD	05/04/2022	3:05 PM	\$26.09
Cabcharge	Sydney CBD	05/04/2022		Chippendale	05/04/2022	10:45 PM	\$17.91
COMCAR	Chippendale	06/04/2022	7:55 AM	Mascot	06/04/2022	8:19 AM	\$60.30

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**Andrew Laming**  
6 April · 🌐

Two decades ago, [redacted] wrangled [redacted] fellowships with me and now lead our profession. One of us took a road less travelled. Finally reunited, we compared notes on the health system, COVID and of course politics.



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Yours sincerely

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18 May 2022

Mr Andrew Laming  
PO Box 8024  
Cleveland, QLD, 4163

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Laming

**Assurance Review of travel 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 is undertaking an Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel expenses incurred by you in relation to travel:

- within Sydney on 5 and 6 April 2022;
- within Melbourne on 6 April 2022;
- from Melbourne to Brisbane on 10 April 2022 for yourself, your spouse and your children; and
- within Brisbane on 10 April 2022.

**Attachment A** details your Commonwealth-funded travel within the relevant periods. We have set out questions for 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.

Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) sets out the principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources.

'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 Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.

Please provide a written response via email to [assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au), by close of business on 25 May 2022, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A

Andrew Laming

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**Attachment A**  
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1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney on 5 and 6 April 2022?
2. With reference to the definition given by section 6 of the PBR Act, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney on 5 and 6 April 2022?
3. What was your dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 6 to 10 April 2022?
4. With reference to the definition given by section 6 of the PBR Act, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne from 6 to 10 April 2022?
5. Please advise whether your family's travel expenses 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.

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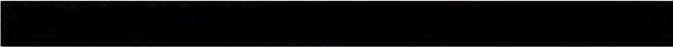
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30 June 2022

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64-66 Kinross Road  
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Laming

**Outstanding Assurance Matter**

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If the requested supporting documentation is not provided via email to [assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au) by Thursday 7 July 2022, IPEA will raise an invoice for the relevant travel expenses. A factsheet about IPEA's Statutory Audit Function is attached (Attachment A) and further information is available on IPEA's website, at [ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit](http://ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit).

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Yours sincerely,

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# FACT SHEET – STATUTORY AUDIT FUNCTION

October 2020

IPEA audits parliamentarians' work expenses and the travel expenses of their staff under section 12 of the [Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017](#) (IPEA Act). IPEA may make a ruling in relation to travel expenses and allowances under section 37 of the [Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017](#) (PBR Act).

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<p><b>Assurance Review</b></p>	<p>An Assurance Review determines if there has been a misuse of a parliamentary business resource.</p> <p>IPEA assesses the use of the parliamentary business resource against the legislative framework to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was there misuse?</li> </ul> <p>If the answer is YES, IPEA considers if an Audit, referral or administrative action is appropriate.</p> <p>An Audit is considered when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is evidence for, or allegations of, systemic or substantial misuse</li> <li>IPEA's statutory information-gathering powers may be required to obtain all the required information</li> <li>There may be an educative benefit in publishing IPEA's findings.</li> </ul> <p>Referral to the AFP is considered when there is evidence of serious fraud or other criminal conduct.</p> <p><u>Potential pathways:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further action</li> <li>Administrative remedial action, including penalty</li> <li>An IPEA initiated Ruling or Audit</li> <li>Referral to the AFP</li> </ol>
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Email: [REDACTED]

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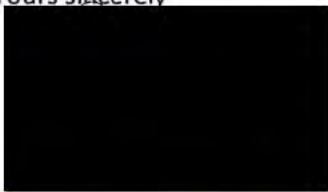
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24 August 2022

Mr Andrew Laming  
64-66 Kinross Road  
THORNLANDS QLD 4164

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Laming

**Outstanding Assurance Matter - Assurance Review of Travel and Travel-related Expenses**

On 7 July 2022, I wrote to you regarding the outstanding Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you and your family. These expenses are associated with travel within Sydney and Melbourne, from Melbourne to Brisbane and within Brisbane from 5 to 10 April 2022 (the relevant period).

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The total amount owed in relation to this matter is \$8,128.02 and has been divided between two invoices:

- **Attachment B** is an invoice for \$305.88, representing COMCAR travel for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **7 September 2022**.
- **Attachment C** is an invoice for \$7,822.14, representing all other travel expenses for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **21 September 2022**.

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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me on [REDACTED]

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## TAX INVOICE

**Invoice To:**  
 Mr. Andrew Laming



**Document Date:** 18.08.2022  
**Contact officer:** Accounts Receivable

**Phone number:** [REDACTED]  
**Fax number:** [REDACTED]  
**Payment Reference:** 2800037240  
**Customer No:** [REDACTED]  
**Payment Due Date:** 07.09.2022

On any correspondence,  
 please quote: 2800037240

Payment is required by the due date above, otherwise interest may be charged on any overdue amounts. If this invoice is not paid by the due date it may be referred to a debt collection agency.

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
001 Recovery of COMCAR trip 131293 05/04/22	\$162.15	\$16.22	\$178.37
002 Recovery of COMCAR trip 131443 06/04/22	\$60.30	\$6.03	\$66.33
003 25% loading penalty	\$61.18		\$61.18

**Total Supply:** **\$283.63** **\$22.25** **\$305.88**

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### 2. Mailing your payment

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005 *Recovery of Cabcharge 10 Apr 22	\$78.62	\$7.86	\$86.48
006 *Recovery of Cabcharge (service fee) 6 Apr 22	\$4.58		\$4.58
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011 *25 percent penalty loading between 5 Apr and 10 A	\$1,564.43		\$1,564.43
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Name of Card Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## TAX INVOICE

**Invoice To:**  
Dr Andrew Laming MP  
Parliament House  
PO BOX 6022  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Document Date: 22.08.2022  
Phone number: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Payment Reference: 3100001976  
Customer No: [REDACTED]  
Payment Due Date: 21.09.2022

On any correspondence, please  
quote: 3100001976

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
015 *Recovery of Cabcharge 5 Apr 22	\$24.91	\$2.49	\$27.40

**Total Supply:** \$7,254.41 \$567.73 \$7,822.14

**From:** [Andrew Laming](#)  
**To:** [Assurance](#)  
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Yours sincerely

**Nicole Pearson**  
Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal  
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I have repeatedly indicated that until your last assurance has survived external appeal, I will not be threatened or bullied by subsequent ones.  
The 2019 process is before the Commonwealth Ombudsman and only when completely resolved will I provide comprehensive material I have at my disposal to justify the April 2022 travel.  
This is not an invitation to further discuss the matter, but please can I remind you to crack on with my FOI request, relating to the so-called internal review.

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