



Australian Government
**Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority**

Addendum to Assurance Review Memorandum – 2022/002

Mr Craig Kelly – Travel from Sydney to interstate
locations, February to May 2022

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Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an Assurance Review on Mr Craig Kelly's use of parliamentary business resources to travel to a number of interstate locations between February and May 2022.

Scope and Purpose

2. The scope of the original Assurance Review was scheduled commercial flights taken by Mr Craig Kelly from Sydney to interstate locations, and travel within these locations, from February 2022 to May 2022. The Assurance Review aimed to determine whether the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken by Mr Kelly was parliamentary business as defined in the legislation.

Assurance Review Findings

3. Based on the information available to IPEA at the time, the Assurance Review found there was insufficient evidence to conclude the dominant purpose of Mr Kelly's travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 6 to 7 March 2022 was parliamentary business.
4. The Assurance Review was finalised on 15 February 2023 and was published to IPEA's website on 14 July 2023.
5. This Addendum addresses additional correspondence received from Mr Kelly following finalisation of the Assurance Review.

Conclusion

6. As Mr Kelly has now provided the requested supporting documentation, IPEA accepts Mr Kelly's assertion that his travel to Melbourne in February and March 2022 was for the dominant purpose of conducting parliamentary business, and was undertaken within the requirements of the legislative framework.
7. The previously raised invoices totalling \$2,530.58 have been cancelled.

Audit and Assurance function

IPEA's statutory audit function

9. IPEA audits parliamentarians' work expenses under section 12 of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act). IPEA conducts Assurance Reviews to assess the use of parliamentary business resources against the legislative framework to determine whether there has been a misuse.
10. Potential outcomes of an Assurance Review include:
 - a. no further action in circumstances where the review has concluded the use of parliamentary business resources was not inconsistent with the legislative framework, or
 - b. administrative remedial action, including penalty where the review has concluded there is evidence the use of parliamentary business resources was not consistent with the legislative framework, or
 - c. an IPEA initiated Ruling or Audit, where there is evidence of systemic or substantial misuse of parliamentary business resources, or
 - d. referral to the Australian Federal Police where compelling prima facie evidence of fraud or other criminal conduct is identified.

Legislative framework

11. The legislation relevant to this Assurance Review is:
 - a. *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act)
 - b. *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (the Regulations)
 - c. *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (the Determination).

Obligations

12. 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.
13. Under subsection 98 (2) 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.

14. Under paragraph 98 (8)(a) of the Regulations, the Commonwealth is not liable to provide public resources prescribed by the Regulations in relation to which a member has failed to provide compliance information as required.

Definitions

15. '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'.

Assurance Review methodology

Background

16. IPEA sent 11 letters to Mr Kelly over a period of six months (between 4 May 2022 and 4 November 2022), requesting information in relation to the dominant purpose of his travel using parliamentary resources and the nature of his parliamentary business in a number of interstate locations between February 2022 and May 2022.
17. Although Mr Kelly continued to engage with IPEA, he did not provide evidence as requested on a number of occasions to support his claims regarding the parliamentary purposes of his travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022 (the relevant period).
18. On 3 February 2023, IPEA wrote to Mr Kelly to finalise the matter (**Attachment 1**). IPEA's letter stated that as a consequence of his failure to provide the requested documentation, invoices had been raised for recovery of the business resources accessed for his travel to Melbourne for the relevant period. In accordance with section 38 of the PBR Act, a 25 per cent penalty loading was applied.
19. As at 15 February 2023, the invoices had not been paid and the Assurance Review was finalised.

Scope of Assurance Review

20. The scope of the original Assurance Review was scheduled commercial flights taken by Mr Kelly from Sydney to interstate locations, and travel within these locations, between February 2022 and May 2022. The Assurance Review aimed to determine whether the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken by Mr Kelly for the period was parliamentary business as defined in the legislation.
21. The original Assurance Review was finalised on 15 February 2023 and was published to IPEA's website on 14 July 2023.
22. This Addendum addresses additional correspondence between Mr Kelly and IPEA following the closure of the original Assurance Review.

Method

23. Mr Kelly had previously advised IPEA that evidence to support his travel to Melbourne existed in his parliamentary email account, but that he was no longer able to access that account since he was no longer a Member of Parliament. IPEA notes that Mr Kelly was still a Member of Parliament when IPEA's investigations and correspondence on the original Assurance Review commenced, and that Mr Kelly did not provide the evidence requested by IPEA on 11 occasions. IPEA had also informed Mr Kelly that he was able to request access to his records from the Department of Parliamentary Services when he was no longer a sitting parliamentarian, however Mr Kelly did not at any time provide IPEA with records from his previous parliamentary account as supporting evidence for his travel to Melbourne for the relevant period.
24. On 29 June 2023, IPEA wrote to Mr Kelly to advise him that the finalised Assurance Review would be published.
25. On 8 August 2023, Mr Kelly wrote to IPEA (**Attachment 2**). In his email, Mr Kelly offered to provide a Statutory Declaration to support his travel to Melbourne for the relevant period. He also provided screenshots of pictures uploaded by the United Australia Party Facebook account, showing Mr Kelly and others stated to be involved with the United Australia Party in Melbourne on a yacht belonging to the leader of the Party, dated 27 February 2022 and 7 March 2022. Mr Kelly said he trusted that the screenshots would clarify the issue and the Statutory Declaration would no longer be necessary.
26. On 25 August 2023, IPEA wrote to Mr Kelly (**Attachment 3**). IPEA clarified that the screenshots were not clear as to the nature of the event involved and that Statutory Declarations are not accepted as evidence where it is expected that material evidence may exist. However, IPEA advised Mr Kelly that in this instance, a Statutory Declaration in combination with the provided screenshots would be accepted as evidence to support the parliamentary nature of his travel to Melbourne for the relevant period. IPEA requested a response from Mr Kelly on these matters by 8 September 2023. IPEA advised Mr Kelly that if no response was received, the debt recovery action for the outstanding invoices would proceed.
27. IPEA did not receive a response from Mr Kelly by the due date. Consequently, on 11 September 2023, IPEA's Finance team contacted Mr Kelly to advise that his debt to the Commonwealth was 300 days overdue and provided payment options for the invoices.
28. Mr Kelly responded on the same day, indicating that the amount was in dispute and attaching his previous correspondence from 8 August 2023.
29. On 12 September 2023, IPEA's Finance team responded to Mr Kelly (**Attachment 4**). They attached IPEA's previous correspondence from 25 August 2023 and advised that the debt was still outstanding and again provided payment options.
30. On 20 October 2023, IPEA's Finance team contacted Mr Kelly reminding him that his debt was 330 days overdue and again providing payment options. IPEA advised Mr Kelly that this was his final reminder and if payment was not received, the matter would be referred to a debt collector.
31. On 9 November 2023, Mr Kelly wrote to IPEA (**Attachment 5**) saying he had missed the previous email and providing the requested Statutory Declaration.

Assessment of work expenses

Summary of findings

Analysis

32. IPEA considered the additional evidence provided by Mr Kelly against the legislative framework, in particular in the context of:
- a. Was the dominant purpose of the travel parliamentary business?
 - b. Was the nature of the parliamentary business consistent with the definitions provided in the legislative framework?
33. Mr Kelly asserts that the travel to Melbourne for the relevant period was for United Australia Party state conferences and has provided screenshots of himself with others claimed to be associated with the United Australia Party on the relevant dates along with a Statutory Declaration to support his assertions.
34. Schedule 3 of the Determination provides:
- In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives:
- a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee);
 - b) a national, state or territory conference.
35. On the basis of Mr Kelly's Statutory Declaration and screenshots, IPEA has accepted that his travel to Melbourne for the relevant period was not inconsistent with Schedule 3 of the Determination.

Conclusion

36. As Mr Kelly has now provided the requested supporting documentation, the previously raised invoices totalling \$2,530.58 have been cancelled.

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 3 February 2023 3:03 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly'
Cc: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Craig Kelly - Twelfth Letter - 3 February 2023.pdf; Craig Kelly - Twelfth Letter - Attachments - 3 February 2023.pdf

SEC=OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly

Please find attached further correspondence from the **Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on [\(02\) 6215 3991](tel:0262153991) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 4 November 2022 12:26 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 28 October 2022 12:51 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Pearson,

In response to your latest request, this link provides details of a report from 7News on the visit in question in northern Queensland.

[@freya_jensen #7NEWS https://t.co/MRZcuJIQDU" / Twitter](https://t.co/Wj2QBCJFrs)
7NEWS Cairns on Twitter: "United Australia Party leader Craig Kelly kicked off his tour of regional Queensland in Cairns today. He's confident his Leichhart candidate will be the one to unseat Warren Entsch after 12 years.

On this visit I meet with stakeholders and was interviewed by the media in relation to private members I had introduced in the parliament and issues related to them, in addition in many various contemporary political issues as leader of the United Australia Party. I also meet specifically with party members for a Northern Queensland conference.

In relation to the other request, I am still trying to obtain a copy of my parliamentary email and calendar which I no longer have access to.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Assurance
Sent: Thursday, 13 October 2022 3:10 PM
To: Craig Kelly
Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 29 September 2022 5:13 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As requested please find press articles relating to Mildura;

<https://www.sunraysiadaily.com.au/news/5960077/swing-would-be-a-victory-says-united-australia-party-man>

Perth;

<https://thewest.com.au/politics/federal-election/federal-election-2022-united-australia-party-leader-craig-kelly-labels-mark-megowan-a-human-rights-abuser-c-6686926>

North Queensland;

<https://cqtoday.com.au/news/2022/05/06/uap-says-regions-in-pain/>

The other trips to Melbourne were private and the media was not notified. I do not have access to old parliamentary emails. I would happily provide statutory declarations in regards to the meetings held if necessary.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 3:15 PM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 3:23 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 5:52 PM

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

Subject: HPE CM: Re: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Pearson,

In relation to your request for further information;

1. 5th/6th March - Melbourne

At this time I was leader of the United Australia Party in the Federal Parliament, a party which had more registered members than any other political party in Australia. As I such I was required to travel frequently to the various states for state conferences with members.

This trip to Melbourne was a state conference of selected south Australian members, who flew in to Melbourne for the Conference.

This STH Australian state conference was held in private and was not advertised or promoted in the media. I would happily provide a statutory declaration to attest to these facts, and I'm sure that other attendees would as well.

2. 27th Feb - Melbourne.

The details are the same as above - however this was a Victorian Conference.

3. 27th May - Hobart

I conducted a press conference around 9am in Hobart, then an open public meeting outside the Tasmanian Parliament around 10.30am, where I gave a speech and took questions from the public (all in relation to my role as a Member of Parliament). I recall that was filmed in full but I do not have the video, but may be able to track this down.

This was followed by a meeting with selected party members of the UAP, and then a public meeting in a community centre in the town of Margate which started around 2.30pm. After this was completed I attended another private meeting in a hotel in the city and caught the last flight back to Sydney in the evening.

4. Brisbane & Townsville 1st-3rd May

This purposes of this trip were both Parliamentary duties and political party duties, with the predominant purpose Parliamentary duties including clauses a), c) and e) of Schedule 1.

5. Perth

This trip was for a WA State Party Conference in the evening, following by a formal press conference at the Duxton Hotel the following morning.

Although the trip involved both Parliamentary duties and Party Political Duties, it is my view that the Political Parties (WA state Conference) was the predominant purpose.

6. Mildura

This trip was part of a regional Victoria visit as leader of the UAP, in Mildura a meeting was held at Red Hill in the evening to discuss a range of parliamentary issues. It is my view the predominant purpose was Parliamentary duties including clauses; a), c) and e) of schedule 1.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 10:56 AM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Mr Kelly,

Please find attached further 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](tel:0262153000) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

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

Sent: Monday, 1 August 2022 2:48 PM

To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]

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

Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

SEC=OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly

Thank you for your reply. In regard to your request, I am able to grant you an extension until COB on **Friday 5th August 2022**.

Yours sincerely

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Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

[REDACTED]

From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 28 July 2022 4:02 PM

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

Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Nicole,

I am currently in the middle of relocating to a new office and I will reply to your questions by the end of this week.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

On Wed, Jul 20, 2022 at 9:42 AM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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Dear Mr Kelly

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Australian Government
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3 February 2023

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

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

On 4 November 2022, I wrote to you regarding the outstanding Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you to travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022 (hereafter, 'the relevant period').

In that letter (**Attachment A**), you were informed that if the requested information in relation to those travel arrangements was not provided to IPEA by 11 November 2022, an invoice would be raised for the relevant expenses. This communication followed repeated requests for that same information in IPEA's letters of 18 May 2022, 31 May 2022, 21 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, 29 September 2022 and 12 October 2022.

Under regulation 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. If this information is not supplied, the Commonwealth is not liable for the business resources accessed. As you have not provided evidence in relation to expenses incurred within the relevant period, invoices have been raised for these expenses. A penalty of 25 per cent has also been applied under the provisions of section 38(1) of the Act.

The total amount owed in relation to this matter is \$2,530.58 and has been divided between 3 invoices:

- **Attachment B** is an invoice for \$862.68, representing COMCAR travel (including the penalty loading) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **12 February 2023**.
- **Attachment C** is an invoice for \$131.00, representing travel allowance for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **23 February 2023**.
- **Attachment D** is an invoice for \$1,536.90, representing all other travel expenses (including the penalty loading for both travel allowance and airfares) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **24 February 2023**. Details of these airfares can be found at **Attachment E**.

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Please note the account details provided on each of the invoices and ensure that you pay into the correct account.

In relation to the other expenses that were included in this Assurance Review (**Attachment F**), IPEA has considered the available information, including your responses, and now considers this matter closed with no further information required for your travel between 13 March 2022 and 13 May 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Independent Parliamentary
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4 November 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Kelly

Outstanding Assurance Matter

Thank you for your response of 28 October 2022, in which you provided details of your travel to North Queensland from 1 to 3 May 2022.

In relation to the delay in obtaining a copy of your parliamentary email and calendar, we are able to grant you an extension until **11 November 2022**.

If you are not able to provide the requested information by this date, IPEA will raise an invoice for the expenses incurred in relation to travel to Melbourne on 27 February and 5 to 6 March 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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

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ABN 61 970 632 495

TAX INVOICE

Invoice To:
Mr Craig Kelly
One Canberra Avenue
Forrest ACT 2603

Document Date: 23.01.2023
Contact officer: Accounts Receivable

Phone number: 1800 680 103
Fax number: (02) 6123 5379
Payment Reference: 2800046498
Customer No: 10014126
Payment Due Date: 12.02.2023
On any correspondence,
please quote: 2800046498

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 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 27 February 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
002 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 27 February 2022	\$123.90	\$12.39	\$136.29
003 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 5 March 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
004 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 6 March 2022	\$120.60	\$12.06	\$132.66
005 COMCAR Trip Mascot to Sydney Olympic Park on 6 March 2022	\$129.10	\$12.91	\$142.01
006 25% loading penalty	\$172.54		\$172.54
Total Supply:	\$799.94	\$62.74	\$862.68

1. Payment by Direct Debit

Please send remittance to accountsreceivable@sdo.gov.au
M&PS ADMIN RECEIPTS A/C

2. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Department of Finance.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Department of Finance
1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or fax to (02) 6123 5379

Card Type: Mastercard Visa American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Name of Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

Pmnt Amt: _____ Date: _____ Cust Ref: 2800046498



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Mr Craig KELLY

Invoice Reference: 9716932

Invoice Date: 24 Jan 2023

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

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

#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)	-1	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$131.00

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.

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card No

Expiry Date / CVV

Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
Invoice Ref: TA231796(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: 24 Jan 2023

Tax Invoice No: TA231796(2)

SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Craig Kelly MP

Invoice Reference: 1458135

Invoice Date: 25 Jan 2023

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

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

Recovery of Airfares between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$543.84	\$54.38	\$598.22
Recovery of Airfare 5 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 6 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
25 percent penalty loading between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22	1	\$333.58	\$0.00	\$333.58
			GST Total	\$109.40
			Gross Total	\$1,536.90

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: OF1458135

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: 25 Jan 2023
 Tax Invoice No: OF1458135
 SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442

Mr Craig Kelly
Details of Airfares Invoiced

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	27/02/2022	8:00 AM	Melbourne	27/02/2022	9:35 AM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	27/02/2022	6:30 PM	Sydney	27/02/2022	7:55 PM	\$598.22

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	05/03/2022	5:00 PM	Melbourne	05/03/2022	6:35 PM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	06/03/2022	5:00 PM	Sydney	6/03/2022	6:25 PM	\$201.70

Mr Craig Kelly
Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	13/03/2022	07:00 AM	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:55 AM	\$210.49
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:50 PM	Sydney	13/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$210.49

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	21/03/2022		\$421.00
COMCAR	Sutherland	22/03/2022	12:58 PM	Mascot	22/03/2022	1:37 PM	\$78.39
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	22/03/2022	2:25 PM	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	\$237.98
Hire Car – HERTZ	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	\$375.77
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	Sydney	23/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$160.73
COMCAR	Mascot	23/03/2022	10:34 PM	Sutherland	23/03/2022	11:05 PM	\$108.62

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Sutherland	14/04/2022	2:59 PM	Mascot	14/04/2022	5:14 PM	\$273.74
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	14/04/2022	6:55 PM	Maroochydore	14/04/2022	8:30 PM	\$466.41

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Mr Craig Kelly
Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	01/05/2022		Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$188.23
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	01/05/2022	9:05 PM	Hamilton	01/05/2022	9:49 AM	\$126.75
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$421.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Townsville	02/05/2022		\$103.00
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Brisbane	03/05/2022		Sydney	03/05/2022		\$188.23
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Perth	06/05/2022		\$137.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Mildura	13/05/2022		\$98.00

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 August 2023 11:27 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: Re: ARP/13 - Publication of Assurance Reviews - Email 1 of 5 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 25 August 2023 12:42 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly'
Subject: RE: ARP/13 - Publication of Assurance Reviews - Email 1 of 5 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Thirteenth Letter - IPEA to Mr Kelly - 25 August 2023.pdf; Attachment A - Tenth Letter - IPEA to Craig Kelly - 13 October 2022.pdf; Attachment B - Craig Kelly to IPEA - 28 October 2022.pdf; Attachment C - Twelfth Letter - IPEA to Craig Kelly - 3 February 2023.pdf

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Branch Manager

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 11:27 PM

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

Subject: Re: ARP/13 - Publication of Assurance Reviews - Email 1 of 5 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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25 August 2023

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Finalised Assurance Matter

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2023, in which you provided screenshots of photographs taken during your time in Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 7 March 2022 from the United Australia Party Facebook page, and queried IPEA's policy on accepting statutory declarations as evidence in Assurance matters.

IPEA does not consider a statutory declaration a valid form of evidence where it is expected that material evidence may exist. You previously indicated to IPEA that evidence to support your travel to Melbourne in February and March 2022 would be available in your parliamentary email account. IPEA first contacted you in relation to this Assurance Review on 4 May 2022, when you were still a Member of Parliament. IPEA requested evidence in relation to your travel to Melbourne in this letter, as well as in letters sent to you on 18 May 2022, 31 May 2022, 7 June 2022, 21 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, and 12 October 2022.

In our correspondence of 12 October 2023 (**Attachment A**), IPEA advised that you are able to contact the Department of Parliamentary Services to request access to relevant records from your parliamentary email account following your departure from parliament.

On 28 October 2022, you responded to IPEA's letter (**Attachment B**) requesting additional time to access these records. IPEA granted an extension until 11 November 2022 to allow sufficient time for this to occur. IPEA did not receive any further correspondence from you following this letter.

On 3 February 2023, IPEA wrote to you (**Attachment C**) advising that under regulation 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, and that invoices had been raised for your travel to Melbourne in February and March 2022 as a result of your failure to provide such information to IPEA.

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In this case, IPEA is willing to consider (in conjunction with the captioned photographs you have provided) a statutory declaration that confirms that the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne for the relevant periods was for parliamentary business, and that the parliamentary business was attending United Australia Party state conferences for Victoria and South Australia.

Please provide a signed Commonwealth statutory declaration to IPEA by Friday **8 September 2023**, for our consideration.

Yours sincerely



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T: 02 6215 3000



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12 October 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Assurance Review of travel expenses


Thank you for your response of 29 September 2022 in relation to the Assurance Review of your Commonwealth-funded travel to various interstate locations between 27 February 2022 and 13 May 2022 (the relevant period).

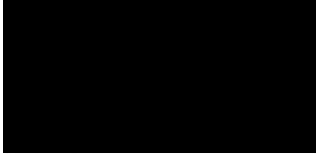
In your most recent response, you provided links to media articles to support your travel to Rockhampton on 3 May 2022, to Perth on 6 May 2022 and to Mildura on 13 May 2022. However, IPEA requires additional information to assist in finalising this matter.

1. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 was to meet with United Australia Party Victoria members at Docklands. Please provide evidence to support your claims. Please note that we cannot accept a statutory declaration as evidence.
2. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Melbourne from 5 to 6 March 2022 was for a state conference of selected South Australian members of the UAP. Please provide evidence to support your claims. Please note that we cannot accept a statutory declaration as evidence.
3. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Brisbane and Townsville from 1 to 3 May 2022 was for Parliamentary duties and party political duties. Please provide further details of the nature of your parliamentary business for this travel.
4. You have provided a link to media coverage for a press conference in Rockhampton on 3 May 2022, however data shows that you were in Queensland from 1-3 May 2022. Please provide evidence to support your travel to Queensland for 1 to 2 May 2022.

If you do not currently have evidence to hand, please note that you can contact the Department of Parliamentary Services to request relevant records from your parliamentary diary or email account.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Thursday 27 October 2022**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time. Failure to provide the requested information by the due date will result in invoices being raised for the relevant expenses.

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



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From: [Craig Kelly](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 28 October 2022 12:51:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.gif](#)

Dear Ms Pearson,

In response to your latest request, this link provides details of a report from 7News on the visit in question in northern Queensland.

[7NEWS Cairns on Twitter: "United Australia Party leader Craig Kelly kicked off his tour of regional Queensland in Cairns today. He's confident his Leichhart candidate will be the one to unseat Warren Entsch after 12 years. https://t.co/Wj2QBCJFrS @freya_jensen #7NEWS https://t.co/MRZcuJIQDU" / Twitter](#)

On this visit I meet with stakeholders and was interviewed by the media in relation to private members I had introduced in the parliament and issues related to them, in addition in many various contemporary political issues as leader of the United Australia Party. I also meet specifically with party members for a Northern Queensland conference.

In relation to the other request, I am still trying to obtain a copy of my parliamentary email and calendar which I no longer have access to.

Regards,

Craig Kelly


Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Assurance](#)
Sent: Thursday, 13 October 2022 3:10 PM
To: [Craig Kelly](#)
Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly

Please find attached further correspondence from the **Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority**.

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Yours sincerely

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From: Craig Kelly
Sent: Thursday, 29 September 2022 5:13 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As requested please find press articles relating to Mildura;

<https://www.sunraysiadaily.com.au/news/5960077/swing-would-be-a-victory-says-united->

[australia-party-man](#)

Perth;

<https://thewest.com.au/politics/federal-election/federal-election-2022-united-australia-party-leader-craig-kelly-labels-mark-mcgowan-a-human-rights-abuser-c-6686926>

North Queensland;

<https://cqtoday.com.au/news/2022/05/06/uap-says-regions-in-pain/>

The other trips to Melbourne were private and the media was not notified. I do not have access to old parliamentary emails. I would happily provide statutory declarations in regards to the meetings held if necessary.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 3:15 PM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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Yours sincerely

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T: [02 6215 3000](tel:0262153000) | [REDACTED]

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

Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 3:23 PM

To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 5:52 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: Re: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Pearson,

In relation to your request for further information;

1. 5th/6th March - Melbourne

At this time I was leader of the United Australia Party in the Federal Parliament, a party which had more registered members than any other political party in Australia. As I such I was required to travel frequently to the various states for state conferences with members.

This trip to Melbourne was a state conference of selected south Australian members, who flew in to Melbourne for the Conference.

This STH Australian state conference was held in private and was not advertised or promoted in the media. I would happily provide a statutory declaration to attest to these facts, and I'm sure that other attendees would as well.

2. 27th Feb - Melbourne.

The details are the same as above - however this was a Victorian Conference.

3. 27th May - Hobart

I conducted a press conference around 9am in Hobart, then an open public meeting outside the Tasmanian Parliament around 10.30am, where I gave a speech and took questions from the public (all in relation to my role as a Member of Parliament). I recall that was filmed in full but I do not have the video, but may be able to track this down. This was followed by a meeting with selected party members of the UAP, and then a public meeting in a community centre in the town of Margate which started around 2.30pm. After this was completed I attended another private meeting in a hotel in the city and caught the last flight back to Sydney in the evening.

4. Brisbane & Townsville 1st-3rd May

This purposes of this trip were both Parliamentary duties and political party duties, with the predominant purpose Parliamentary duties including clauses a), c) and e) of Schedule 1.

5. Perth

This trip was for a WA State Party Conference in the evening, following by a formal press conference at the Duxton Hotel the following morning.

Although the trip involved both Parliamentary duties and Party Political Duties, it is my view that the Political Parties (WA state Conference) was the predominant purpose.

6. Mildura

This trip was part of a regional Victoria visit as leader of the UAP, in Mildura a meeting was held at Red Hill in the evening to discuss a range of parliamentary issues. It is my view the predominant purpose was Parliamentary duties including clauses; a), c) and e)

of schedule 1.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 10:56 AM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2022 2:48 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly
Thank you for your reply. In regard to your request, I am able to grant you an extension until COB on **Friday 5th August 2022**.

Yours sincerely

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Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

T: [02 6215 3000](tel:0262153000) | [REDACTED]

From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 28 July 2022 4:02 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Nicole,
I am currently in the middle of relocating to a new office and I will reply to your questions by the end of this week.
Regards,

Craig Kelly

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3 February 2023

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

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

On 4 November 2022, I wrote to you regarding the outstanding Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you to travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022 (hereafter, 'the relevant period').

In that letter (**Attachment A**), you were informed that if the requested information in relation to those travel arrangements was not provided to IPEA by 11 November 2022, an invoice would be raised for the relevant expenses. This communication followed repeated requests for that same information in IPEA's letters of 18 May 2022, 31 May 2022, 21 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, 29 September 2022 and 12 October 2022.

Under regulation 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. If this information is not supplied, the Commonwealth is not liable for the business resources accessed. As you have not provided evidence in relation to expenses incurred within the relevant period, invoices have been raised for these expenses. A penalty of 25 per cent has also been applied under the provisions of section 38(1) of the Act.

The total amount owed in relation to this matter is \$2,530.58 and has been divided between 3 invoices:

- **Attachment B** is an invoice for \$862.68, representing COMCAR travel (including the penalty loading) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **12 February 2023**.
- **Attachment C** is an invoice for \$131.00, representing travel allowance for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **23 February 2023**.
- **Attachment D** is an invoice for \$1,536.90, representing all other travel expenses (including the penalty loading for both travel allowance and airfares) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **24 February 2023**. Details of these airfares can be found at **Attachment E**.

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Please note the account details provided on each of the invoices and ensure that you pay into the correct account.

In relation to the other expenses that were included in this Assurance Review (**Attachment F**), IPEA has considered the available information, including your responses, and now considers this matter closed with no further information required for your travel between 13 March 2022 and 13 May 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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4 November 2022

Mr Craig Kelly
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Outstanding Assurance Matter

Thank you for your response of 28 October 2022, in which you provided details of your travel to North Queensland from 1 to 3 May 2022.

In relation to the delay in obtaining a copy of your parliamentary email and calendar, we are able to grant you an extension until **11 November 2022**.

If you are not able to provide the requested information by this date, IPEA will raise an invoice for the expenses incurred in relation to travel to Melbourne on 27 February and 5 to 6 March 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Director, Audit & Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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TAX INVOICE

Invoice To:
Mr Craig Kelly
One Canberra Avenue
Forrest ACT 2603

Document Date: 23.01.2023
Contact officer: Accounts Receivable

Phone number: 1800 680 103
Fax number: (02) 6123 5379
Payment Reference: 2800046498
Customer No: 10014126
Payment Due Date: 12.02.2023
On any correspondence,
please quote: 2800046498

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 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 27 February 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
002 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 27 February 2022	\$123.90	\$12.39	\$136.29
003 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 5 March 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
004 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 6 March 2022	\$120.60	\$12.06	\$132.66
005 COMCAR Trip Mascot to Sydney Olympic Park on 6 March 2022	\$129.10	\$12.91	\$142.01
006 25% loading penalty	\$172.54		\$172.54
Total Supply:	\$799.94	\$62.74	\$862.68

1. Payment by Direct Debit

Please send remittance to accountsreceivable@sdo.gov.au
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2. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Department of Finance.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Department of Finance
1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or fax to (02) 6123 5379

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Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Mr Craig KELLY
 [Redacted]

Invoice Reference: 9716932

Invoice Date: 24 Jan 2023

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

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

#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)	-1	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$131.00

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.

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card No

Expiry Date / CVV

Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.



Reference:
Invoice Ref: TA231796(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: 24 Jan 2023
 Tax Invoice No: TA231796(2)
 SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Craig Kelly MP
 [Redacted]

Invoice Reference: 1458135

Invoice Date: 25 Jan 2023

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

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

Recovery of Airfares between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$543.84	\$54.38	\$598.22
Recovery of Airfare 5 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 6 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
25 percent penalty loading between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22	1	\$333.58	\$0.00	\$333.58
			GST Total	\$109.40
			Gross Total	\$1,536.90

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: OF1458135

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: 25 Jan 2023
 Tax Invoice No: OF1458135
 SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442

Mr Craig Kelly
Details of Airfares Invoiced

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	27/02/2022	8:00 AM	Melbourne	27/02/2022	9:35 AM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	27/02/2022	6:30 PM	Sydney	27/02/2022	7:55 PM	\$598.22

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	05/03/2022	5:00 PM	Melbourne	05/03/2022	6:35 PM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	06/03/2022	5:00 PM	Sydney	6/03/2022	6:25 PM	\$201.70

Mr Craig Kelly
Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	13/03/2022	07:00 AM	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:55 AM	\$210.49
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:50 PM	Sydney	13/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$210.49

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	21/03/2022		\$421.00
COMCAR	Sutherland	22/03/2022	12:58 PM	Mascot	22/03/2022	1:37 PM	\$78.39
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	22/03/2022	2:25 PM	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	\$237.98
Hire Car – HERTZ	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	\$375.77
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	Sydney	23/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$160.73
COMCAR	Mascot	23/03/2022	10:34 PM	Sutherland	23/03/2022	11:05 PM	\$108.62

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Sutherland	14/04/2022	2:59 PM	Mascot	14/04/2022	5:14 PM	\$273.74
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	14/04/2022	6:55 PM	Maroochydore	14/04/2022	8:30 PM	\$466.41

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Mr Craig Kelly
Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	01/05/2022		Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$188.23
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	01/05/2022	9:05 PM	Hamilton	01/05/2022	9:49 AM	\$126.75
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$421.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Townsville	02/05/2022		\$103.00
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Brisbane	03/05/2022		Sydney	03/05/2022		\$188.23
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Perth	06/05/2022		\$137.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Mildura	13/05/2022		\$98.00

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From: finance.ipea
To: Craig Kelly
Cc: finance.ipea
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Outstanding Debt - 2nd Reminder [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 5:02:07 PM
Attachments: [Redacted]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly,

I have attached the latest correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an assurance review conducted on your use of travel expenses and in response to your email of 8 August 2023.

In the absence of further information, the total amount of \$1,667.90 is now over 300 days overdue and remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to finalise this matter.

Payment options for these invoices are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be deposited directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account

[Redacted]
Reference: **9716932,1458135**
Amount: **\$1,667.90**

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Line on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you, and please let me know if you require any further information.

[Redacted]
Chief Financial Officer
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
E: finance@ipea.gov.au
www.ipea.gov.au & www.ipea.gov.au/ed



Classification: [Redacted]
Classified by: [Redacted] on: 12/09/2023 4:34:26 PM
From: Craig Kelly
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:26 PM
To: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Outstanding Debt - 2nd Reminder [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Finance Team,

This amount is in dispute.

Below is the email sent on 8th August 2023 in regards to this matter.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

Craig Kelly [Redacted]

Aug 8, 2023, 11:27 PM

to Assurance
Dear Ms Pearson,

Further to the most recent correspondence.

I note at point 29 of the attached letter that it states that IPEA accepts statutory declarations where it believes that all other avenues for providing material have been exhausted.

In my previous correspondence in relation to the travel in question, Sydney/Melbourne on 27th Feb 2022 and separately on 5th & 6th March 2022, I advised that no media was invited to these events and that I no longer had access to my parliamentary email system and diary since being defeated at the last election. Therefore having exhausted avenues to provide material, I offered to provide a Statutory Declaration.

However, at the time I was advised that Statutory Declarations were not an acceptable form of evidence. It was therefore surprising to read in the recent correspondence that contrary to previous advice, that IPEA do accept Statutory declarations in certain circumstances.

Therefore, I again offer to provide a Statutory Declaration in relation to the travel in question.

In addition, I have since come across social media posts on Facebook from the United Australia Party in relation to the travel in dispute.

I was unable to access these posts previously as I am banned from life from the Facebook platform. You will note that in relation to the Melbourne visits on the 27th Feb 2022 the posts (dated 27th Feb) refers to a speech I made to our 'Victorian team' and the for trip of the 5th & 6th March 2022 the post (dated 7th March) refers to discussing "policy and campaigns".

As such I trust that these posts will clarify the issue and a Statutory Declaration will not be necessary.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

2 Attachments • Scanned by [REDACTED]

On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 3:25 PM finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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Good afternoon Mr Kelly,

I am writing regarding the attached Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority invoices as detailed below:

The invoice 9716932 for \$131.00 relates to recovery of travel allowance for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The invoice 1458135 for \$1,536.90 relates to recovery of travel expenses plus the 25% of penalty loading, for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The total amount of **\$1,667.90** is now **over 300** days overdue and remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to finalise this matter.

Payment options for the invoice are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be deposited directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account

[REDACTED]
Reference: **9716932,1458135**
Amount: **\$1,667.90**

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Line on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you, and please let me know if you require any further information.

[REDACTED]
Chief Financial Officer
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Classification: OFFICIAL
Classified by: finance@ipea.gov.au on: 27/03/2023 1:55:14 PM
From: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: 1st reminder - Craig Kelly - Outstanding Debts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL
Classified by: finance@ipea.gov.au on: 27/03/2023 1:55:14 PM OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly,

This is the 1st reminder.

I refer you to the outstanding invoices and letter issued by IPEA Assurance (as attached) from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

The invoice 9716932, amount of \$ 131.00, relates to recovery of travel allowance for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The invoice 1458135, amount of \$ 1,536.90, relates to recovery of travel expenses plus the 25% of penalty loading, for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The total amount of **\$1,667.90** remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth and we are writing to seek repayment. As this debt is now over 50 days overdue, I appreciate your immediate attention to settlement.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a payment via instalments please contact IPEA by replying to this email.

Payment options for the invoices are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be transferred directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

[REDACTED]
Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account.
Please quote reference of 9716932,1458135.
Amount: **\$1,667.90**

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Team on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

If you have any question regarding to the post payment check and details, please contact IPEA Assurance at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

If you have question regarding to the payment options or would like to arrange a payment via instalments, please contact IPEA finance team at finance@ipea.gov.au.

Please note debt \$862.68 (invoice number 2800046498) was issued by different agency M&Ps. Please contact M&Ps for payment or any questions.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Finance Team
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
A: One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
[REDACTED]
E: finance@ipea.gov.au

W: www.ipea.gov.au

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25 August 2023

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Finalised Assurance Matter

Thank you for your email of 8 August 2023, in which you provided screenshots of photographs taken during your time in Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 7 March 2022 from the United Australia Party Facebook page, and queried IPEA's policy on accepting statutory declarations as evidence in Assurance matters.

IPEA does not consider a statutory declaration a valid form of evidence where it is expected that material evidence may exist. You previously indicated to IPEA that evidence to support your travel to Melbourne in February and March 2022 would be available in your parliamentary email account. IPEA first contacted you in relation to this Assurance Review on 4 May 2022, when you were still a Member of Parliament. IPEA requested evidence in relation to your travel to Melbourne in this letter, as well as in letters sent to you on 18 May 2022, 31 May 2022, 7 June 2022, 21 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, and 12 October 2022.

In our correspondence of 12 October 2023 (**Attachment A**), IPEA advised that you are able to contact the Department of Parliamentary Services to request access to relevant records from your parliamentary email account following your departure from parliament.

On 28 October 2022, you responded to IPEA's letter (**Attachment B**) requesting additional time to access these records. IPEA granted an extension until 11 November 2022 to allow sufficient time for this to occur. IPEA did not receive any further correspondence from you following this letter.

On 3 February 2023, IPEA wrote to you (**Attachment C**) advising that under regulation 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, and that invoices had been raised for your travel to Melbourne in February and March 2022 as a result of your failure to provide such information to IPEA.

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In this case, IPEA is willing to consider (in conjunction with the captioned photographs you have provided) a statutory declaration that confirms that the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne for the relevant periods was for parliamentary business, and that the parliamentary business was attending United Australia Party state conferences for Victoria and South Australia.

Please provide a signed Commonwealth statutory declaration to IPEA by Friday **8 September 2023**, for our consideration.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
Branch Manager, Transparency Audit & Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
T: 02 6215 3000



Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

12 October 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Assurance Review of travel expenses


Thank you for your response of 29 September 2022 in relation to the Assurance Review of your Commonwealth-funded travel to various interstate locations between 27 February 2022 and 13 May 2022 (the relevant period).

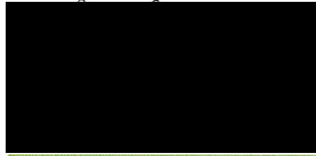
In your most recent response, you provided links to media articles to support your travel to Rockhampton on 3 May 2022, to Perth on 6 May 2022 and to Mildura on 13 May 2022. However, IPEA requires additional information to assist in finalising this matter.

1. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 was to meet with United Australia Party Victoria members at Docklands. Please provide evidence to support your claims. Please note that we cannot accept a statutory declaration as evidence.
2. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Melbourne from 5 to 6 March 2022 was for a state conference of selected South Australian members of the UAP. Please provide evidence to support your claims. Please note that we cannot accept a statutory declaration as evidence.
3. In your response of 24 August 2022, you stated that your travel to Brisbane and Townsville from 1 to 3 May 2022 was for Parliamentary duties and party political duties. Please provide further details of the nature of your parliamentary business for this travel.
4. You have provided a link to media coverage for a press conference in Rockhampton on 3 May 2022, however data shows that you were in Queensland from 1-3 May 2022. Please provide evidence to support your travel to Queensland for 1 to 2 May 2022.

If you do not currently have evidence to hand, please note that you can contact the Department of Parliamentary Services to request relevant records from your parliamentary diary or email account.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Thursday 27 October 2022**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time. Failure to provide the requested information by the due date will result in invoices being raised for the relevant expenses.

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



Nicole Pearson
Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal
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One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

From: [Craig Kelly](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 28 October 2022 12:51:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.gif](#)

Dear Ms Pearson,

In response to your latest request, this link provides details of a report from 7News on the visit in question in northern Queensland.

[7NEWS Cairns on Twitter: "United Australia Party leader Craig Kelly kicked off his tour of regional Queensland in Cairns today. He's confident his Leichhart candidate will be the one to unseat Warren Entsch after 12 years. https://t.co/Wj2QBCJFrS @freya_jensen #7NEWS https://t.co/MRZcuJIQDU" / Twitter](#)

On this visit I meet with stakeholders and was interviewed by the media in relation to private members I had introduced in the parliament and issues related to them, in addition in many various contemporary political issues as leader of the United Australia Party. I also meet specifically with party members for a Northern Queensland conference.

In relation to the other request, I am still trying to obtain a copy of my parliamentary email and calendar which I no longer have access to.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Assurance](#)
Sent: Thursday, 13 October 2022 3:10 PM
To: [Craig Kelly](#)
Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly

Please find attached further correspondence from the **Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on [\(02\) 6215 3991](tel:(02)62153991) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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From: Craig Kelly
Sent: Thursday, 29 September 2022 5:13 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As requested please find press articles relating to Mildura;

<https://www.sunraysiadaily.com.au/news/5960077/swing-would-be-a-victory-says-united->

[australia-party-man](#)

Perth;

<https://thewest.com.au/politics/federal-election/federal-election-2022-united-australia-party-leader-craig-kelly-labels-mark-mcgowan-a-human-rights-abuser-c-6686926>

North Queensland;

<https://cqtoday.com.au/news/2022/05/06/uap-says-regions-in-pain/>

The other trips to Melbourne were private and the media was not notified. I do not have access to old parliamentary emails. I would happily provide statutory declarations in regards to the meetings held if necessary.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 3:15 PM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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Dear Mr Kelly

Please find **attached** further correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on [\(02\) 6215 3991](tel:0262153991) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

T: [02 6215 3000](tel:0262153000) | [REDACTED]

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

Sent: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 3:23 PM

To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly

Please find attached further correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal

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From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 5:52 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: Re: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Pearson,

In relation to your request for further information;

1. 5th/6th March - Melbourne

At this time I was leader of the United Australia Party in the Federal Parliament, a party which had more registered members than any other political party in Australia. As I such I was required to travel frequently to the various states for state conferences with members.

This trip to Melbourne was a state conference of selected south Australian members, who flew in to Melbourne for the Conference.

This STH Australian state conference was held in private and was not advertised or promoted in the media. I would happily provide a statutory declaration to attest to these facts, and I'm sure that other attendees would as well.

2. 27th Feb - Melbourne.

The details are the same as above - however this was a Victorian Conference.

3. 27th May - Hobart

I conducted a press conference around 9am in Hobart, then an open public meeting outside the Tasmanian Parliament around 10.30am, where I gave a speech and took questions from the public (all in relation to my role as a Member of Parliament). I recall that was filmed in full but I do not have the video, but may be able to track this down. This was followed by a meeting with selected party members of the UAP, and then a public meeting in a community centre in the town of Margate which started around 2.30pm. After this was completed I attended another private meeting in a hotel in the city and caught the last flight back to Sydney in the evening.

4. Brisbane & Townsville 1st-3rd May

This purposes of this trip were both Parliamentary duties and political party duties, with the predominant purpose Parliamentary duties including clauses a), c) and e) of Schedule 1.

5. Perth

This trip was for a WA State Party Conference in the evening, following by a formal press conference at the Duxton Hotel the following morning.

Although the trip involved both Parliamentary duties and Party Political Duties, it is my view that the Political Parties (WA state Conference) was the predominant purpose.

6. Mildura

This trip was part of a regional Victoria visit as leader of the UAP, in Mildura a meeting was held at Red Hill in the evening to discuss a range of parliamentary issues. It is my view the predominant purpose was Parliamentary duties including clauses; a), c) and e)

of schedule 1.

Regards,
Craig Kelly

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 10:56 AM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Mr Kelly,
Please find attached further 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](tel:(02)62153000) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.
Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2022 2:48 PM
To: 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Kelly
Thank you for your reply. In regard to your request, I am able to grant you an extension until COB on **Friday 5th August 2022**.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

T: [02 6215 3000](tel:0262153000) | [REDACTED]

From: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 28 July 2022 4:02 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Overdue - Assurance Review Response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Nicole,
I am currently in the middle of relocating to a new office and I will reply to your questions by the end of this week.
Regards,

Craig Kelly

On Wed, Jul 20, 2022 at 9:42 AM Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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Dear Mr Kelly

Please find **attached** further 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](tel:0262153000) or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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3 February 2023

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

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

On 4 November 2022, I wrote to you regarding the outstanding Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel and travel-related expenses incurred by you to travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022 (hereafter, 'the relevant period').

In that letter (**Attachment A**), you were informed that if the requested information in relation to those travel arrangements was not provided to IPEA by 11 November 2022, an invoice would be raised for the relevant expenses. This communication followed repeated requests for that same information in IPEA's letters of 18 May 2022, 31 May 2022, 21 June 2022, 20 July 2022, 17 August 2022, 30 August 2022, 13 September 2022, 29 September 2022 and 12 October 2022.

Under regulation 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. If this information is not supplied, the Commonwealth is not liable for the business resources accessed. As you have not provided evidence in relation to expenses incurred within the relevant period, invoices have been raised for these expenses. A penalty of 25 per cent has also been applied under the provisions of section 38(1) of the Act.

The total amount owed in relation to this matter is \$2,530.58 and has been divided between 3 invoices:

- **Attachment B** is an invoice for \$862.68, representing COMCAR travel (including the penalty loading) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **12 February 2023**.
- **Attachment C** is an invoice for \$131.00, representing travel allowance for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **23 February 2023**.
- **Attachment D** is an invoice for \$1,536.90, representing all other travel expenses (including the penalty loading for both travel allowance and airfares) for the relevant period. Payment of this invoice is required by close of business on **24 February 2023**. Details of these airfares can be found at **Attachment E**.

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Please note the account details provided on each of the invoices and ensure that you pay into the correct account.

In relation to the other expenses that were included in this Assurance Review (**Attachment F**), IPEA has considered the available information, including your responses, and now considers this matter closed with no further information required for your travel between 13 March 2022 and 13 May 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
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4 November 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

Outstanding Assurance Matter

Thank you for your response of 28 October 2022, in which you provided details of your travel to North Queensland from 1 to 3 May 2022.

In relation to the delay in obtaining a copy of your parliamentary email and calendar, we are able to grant you an extension until **11 November 2022**.

If you are not able to provide the requested information by this date, IPEA will raise an invoice for the expenses incurred in relation to travel to Melbourne on 27 February and 5 to 6 March 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Director, Audit & Assurance
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TAX INVOICE

Invoice To:
Mr Craig Kelly
One Canberra Avenue
Forrest ACT 2603

Document Date: 23.01.2023
Contact officer: Accounts Receivable

Phone number: 1800 680 103
Fax number: (02) 6123 5379
Payment Reference: 2800046498
Customer No: 10014126
Payment Due Date: 12.02.2023
On any correspondence,
please quote: 2800046498

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 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 27 February 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
002 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 27 February 2022	\$123.90	\$12.39	\$136.29
003 COMCAR Trip Melbourne Airport to Docklands on 5 March 2022	\$126.90	\$12.69	\$139.59
004 COMCAR Trip Docklands to Melbourne Airport on 6 March 2022	\$120.60	\$12.06	\$132.66
005 COMCAR Trip Mascot to Sydney Olympic Park on 6 March 2022	\$129.10	\$12.91	\$142.01
006 25% loading penalty	\$172.54		\$172.54
Total Supply:	\$799.94	\$62.74	\$862.68

1. Payment by Direct Debit

Please send remittance to accountsreceivable@sdo.gov.au
M&PS ADMIN RECEIPTS A/C

2. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the Department of Finance.

Mail payment together with this stub to:

Department of Finance
1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

Complete the following and return by mail or fax to (02) 6123 5379

Card Type: Mastercard Visa American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Name of Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

Pmnt Amt: _____ Date: _____ Cust Ref: 2800046498



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Mr Craig KELLY

Invoice Reference: 9716932

Invoice Date: 24 Jan 2023

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

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

#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
#231796 Travel - TA - Party Duties (excl. CBR) & Outside Electorate Duties (ATTA13)	-1	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
			GST Total	\$0.00
			Gross Total	\$131.00

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.

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card No

Expiry Date / CVV

Cardholder

Amount \$

Signature

2. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Admin Receipts Account.

Bank Account:



Reference:
Invoice Ref: TA231796(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: 24 Jan 2023
 Tax Invoice No: TA231796(2)
 SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442



Tax Invoice

ABN: 264 247 815 30

To: Craig Kelly MP

Invoice Reference: 1458135

Invoice Date: 25 Jan 2023

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

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

Recovery of Airfares between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22

Description	Qty	Net Amount	GST Amount	Gross Amount
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$543.84	\$54.38	\$598.22
Recovery of Airfare 5 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 6 Mar 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
Recovery of Airfare 27 Feb 22	1	\$183.36	\$18.34	\$201.70
25 percent penalty loading between 27 Feb and 6 Mar 22	1	\$333.58	\$0.00	\$333.58
			GST Total	\$109.40
			Gross Total	\$1,536.90

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.

Bank Account:



Reference:
Invoice Ref: OF1458135

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: 25 Jan 2023
 Tax Invoice No: OF1458135
 SAP Supplier ID: 0082936442

Mr Craig Kelly
Details of Airfares Invoiced

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	27/02/2022	8:00 AM	Melbourne	27/02/2022	9:35 AM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	27/02/2022	6:30 PM	Sydney	27/02/2022	7:55 PM	\$598.22

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST incl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	05/03/2022	5:00 PM	Melbourne	05/03/2022	6:35 PM	\$201.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	06/03/2022	5:00 PM	Sydney	6/03/2022	6:25 PM	\$201.70

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Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	13/03/2022	07:00 AM	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:55 AM	\$210.49
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Hobart	13/03/2022	8:50 PM	Sydney	13/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$210.49

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	21/03/2022		\$421.00
COMCAR	Sutherland	22/03/2022	12:58 PM	Mascot	22/03/2022	1:37 PM	\$78.39
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	22/03/2022	2:25 PM	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	\$237.98
Hire Car – HERTZ	Coolangatta	22/03/2022	2:45 PM	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	\$375.77
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Brisbane	23/03/2022	8:05 PM	Sydney	23/03/2022	10:40 PM	\$160.73
COMCAR	Mascot	23/03/2022	10:34 PM	Sutherland	23/03/2022	11:05 PM	\$108.62

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Sutherland	14/04/2022	2:59 PM	Mascot	14/04/2022	5:14 PM	\$273.74
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	14/04/2022	6:55 PM	Maroochydore	14/04/2022	8:30 PM	\$466.41

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Other Travel Expenses

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	01/05/2022		Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$188.23
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	01/05/2022	9:05 PM	Hamilton	01/05/2022	9:49 AM	\$126.75
Travel Allowance – Commercial				Brisbane	01/05/2022		\$421.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Townsville	02/05/2022		\$103.00
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Brisbane	03/05/2022		Sydney	03/05/2022		\$188.23
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Perth	06/05/2022		\$137.00
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial				Mildura	13/05/2022		\$98.00

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From: [Craig Kelly](#)
To: [finance.ipea](#)
Subject: Re: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Outstanding Debt - Final Reminder [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 9 November 2023 3:50:04 PM
Attachments: [lmao6002.png](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your recent email. However somehow I missed the previous email, which confirmed that a Statutory Declaration is now acceptable following on from the earlier social media posts recently located in relation to these two trips to Melbourne.

Therefore, please find attached a statutory declaration in relation to these two trips.

I hope this now finalises this matter.

Regards,
 Craig Kelly

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:48 PM finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr Kelly,

I am writing regarding the attached IPEA invoices as detailed below and the latest correspondence from the IPEA in relation to an assurance review conducted on your use of travel expenses and in response to your email of 8 August 2023.

The invoice 9716932 for \$131.00 relates to recovery of travel allowance for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The invoice 1458135 for \$1,536.90 relates to recovery of travel expenses plus the 25% of penalty loading, for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The total amount of **\$1,667.90** is now over **330** days overdue and remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to finalise this matter.

This is your final reminder, if no payment is received for this invoice within 7 days, then this matter will be referred to our contracted debt collection agency.

Payment options for the invoice are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be deposited directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Credit Card – By contacting IPEA Enquires on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you and please let me know if you require any further information.

[REDACTED]

Chief Financial Officer

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

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Classified by: finance@ipea.gov.au on: 12/09/2023 4:59:18 PM

From: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 4:59 PM
To: Craig Kelly [REDACTED]
Cc: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Outstanding Debt - 2nd Reminder [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly,

I have attached the latest correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an assurance review conducted on your use of travel expenses and in response to your email of 8 August 2023.

In the absence of further information, the total amount of \$1,667.90 is now over 300 days overdue and remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to finalise this matter.

Payment options for these invoices are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be deposited directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reference: **9716932,1458135**

Amount: **\$1,667.90**

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Line on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you, and please let me know if you require any further information.

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Chief Financial Officer
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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Classified by: ██████████ on: 12/09/2023 4:34:26 PM

From: Craig Kelly ██████████
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:26 PM
To: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Outstanding Debt - 2nd Reminder [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Finance Team,

This amount is in dispute.

Below is the email sent on 8th August 2023 in regards to this matter.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

Craig Kelly ██████████

Aug 8, 2023, 11:27 PM

to Assurance

Dear Ms Pearson,

Further to the most recent correspondence.

I note at point 29 of the attached letter that it states that IPEA accepts statutory declarations where it believes that all other avenues for providing material have been exhausted.

In my previous correspondence in relation to the travel in question, Sydney/Melbourne on 27th Feb 2022 and separately on 5th & 6th March 2022, I advised that no media was invited to these events and that I no longer had access to my parliamentary email system and diary since being defeated at the last election. Therefore having exhausted avenues to provide material, I offered to provide a Statutory Declaration.

However, at the time I was advised that Statutory Declarations were not an acceptable form of evidence. It was therefore surprising to read in the recent correspondence that contrary to previous advice, that IPEA do accept Statutory declarations in certain circumstances.

Therefore, I again offer to provide a Statutory Declaration in relation to the travel in question.

In addition, I have since come across social media posts on Facebook from the United Australia Party in relation to the travel in dispute.

I was unable to access these posts previously as I am banned from life from the Facebook platform. You will note that in relation to the Melbourne visits on the 27th Feb 2022 the posts (dated 27th Feb) refers to a speech I made to our 'Victorian team' and the for trip of the 5th & 6th March 2022 the post (dated 7th March) refers to discussing "policy and campaigns".

As such I trust that these posts will clarify the issue and a Statutory Declaration will not be necessary.

Regards,

Craig Kelly

2 Attachments • Scanned by Gmail

On Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 3:25 PM finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr Kelly,

I am writing regarding the attached Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority invoices as detailed below:

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The invoice 1458135 for \$1,536.90 relates to recovery of travel expenses plus the 25% of penalty loading, for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The total amount of **\$1,667.90** is now **over 300** days overdue and remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth.

I would appreciate your prompt attention to finalise this matter.

Payment options for the invoice are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be deposited directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account

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Reference: 9716932,1458135

Amount: \$1,667.90

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Line on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Thank you, and please let me know if you require any further information.

Chief Financial Officer

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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Classified by: finance@ipea.gov.au on: 27/03/2023 1:55:14 PM

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

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 12:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: finance.ipea <finance@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: 1st reminder - Craig Kelly - Outstanding Debts [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Classified by: finance@ipea.gov.au on: 27/03/2023 1:55:14 PM OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Kelly,

This is the 1st reminder.

I refer you to the outstanding invoices and letter issued by IPEA Assurance (as attached) from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

The invoice 9716932, amount of \$ 131.00, relates to recovery of travel allowance for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The invoice 1458135, amount of \$ 1,536.90, relates to recovery of travel expenses plus the 25% of penalty loading, for the travel to, from and within Melbourne on 27 February 2022, and 5 to 6 March 2022.

The total amount of **\$1,667.90** remains a debt owing to the Commonwealth and we are writing to seek repayment. As this debt is now over 50 days overdue, I appreciate your immediate attention to settlement.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a payment via instalments please contact IPEA by replying to this email.

Payment options for the invoices are:

Direct Credit – Payment can be transferred directly into Reserve Bank of Australia Account

[REDACTED]
Account Name: IPEA Admin Receipts Account.

Please quote reference of 9716932,1458135.

Amount: **\$1,667.90**

Credit Card – By contacting the IPEA Advice Team on (02) 6215 3000 to pay by Visa or MasterCard.

If you have any question regarding to the post payment check and details, please contact IPEA Assurance at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

If you have question regarding to the payment options or would like to arrange a payment via instalments, please contact IPEA finance team at finance@ipea.gov.au.

Please note debt \$862.68 (invoice number 2800046498) was issued by different agency M&Ps. Please contact M&Ps for payment or any questions.

Kind Regards,

Finance Team

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

A: One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

E: finance@ipea.gov.au

W: www.ipea.gov.au

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Commonwealth of Australia
STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

1.1 *Craig Robert Kelly*

[Redacted]

make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

1. On the 27th Feb 2022, I travelled to Melbourne for the purpose of a ^{Victorian} United Australia Party Conference Meeting in my capacity of leader of that party.

2. On 5th, 6th March 2022, I travelled Melb/Syd for the purpose of a South Australian United Aust. Party conference meeting.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 Signature of person making the declaration

CR/K

4 [Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person making the declaration]

[Redacted]

5 Place
6 Day
7 Month and year

Declared at ⁵ *Bankstown* on ⁶ *29th* of ⁷ *October 2023*

8 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)

Before me, [Redacted]

9 Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

[Redacted]

10 [Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person before whom the declaration is made]

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years – see section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 – see section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.