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## ASSURANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM - [2022/002]

Mr Craig Kelly - Travel from Sydney to interstate locations.

Date: 15 February 2023

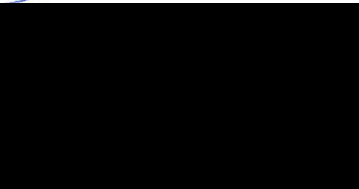
To: Nicole Pearson  
Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

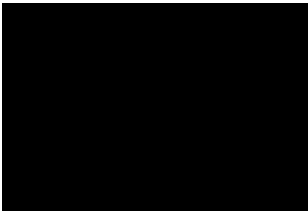
- i. Note the contents of this assurance review
- ii. Note that an invoice for **\$2,530.58** has been raised for Mr Kelly based on this review,
- iii. Accept the review as closed from the perspective of IPEA Audit and Assurance.

NOTED & ACCEPTED AS CLOSED / PLEASE DISCUSS



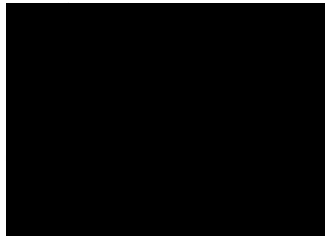
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Prepared by:



Assurance Officer, Audit & Assurance  
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Reviewed by:



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### SCOPE

1. The scope of the assurance review is 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 relevant period).

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## PURPOSE

2. This assurance review aims to determine whether the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken by Mr Kelly, for the relevant period, was parliamentary business as defined in the legislation.

## BACKGROUND

3. Prior to an election, IPEA regularly reviews the use of work expenses by parliamentarians in marginal seats, as well as those that have not been preselected or that have indicated their intention to leave parliament.
4. IPEA's travel data, media articles and social media posts are used in these assessments.
5. In accordance with IPEA's protocol on dealing with misuse of parliamentary work expenses (the protocol), a Preliminary Assessment into Mr Kelly's travel commenced on 20 April 2022.
6. IPEA obtained data in relation to travel for Mr Kelly for the relevant period.
7. A review of the data revealed that Mr Kelly had travelled interstate at Commonwealth expense on multiple occasions in the lead up to the election. The travel expenses used include scheduled commercial flights, COMCAR, hire car and travel allowance.
8. On 29 April 2022, in accordance with the protocol, IPEA commenced an assurance review into Mr Kelly's use of travel expenses during the relevant period.

## LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

9. The relevant legislative framework is:
  - *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the Act)
  - Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 (the Regulations)
  - Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination)
  - Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017
10. 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.
11. "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".

ANALYSIS

12. A letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 4 May 2022, outlining the travel expenses under review and requesting details of the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business in each location for the relevant period (**Attachment 1**).
13. As no response was received within the timeframe, a second letter was sent on 18 May 2022 (**Attachment 2**).
14. Mr Kelly responded on 27 May 2022 (**Attachment 3**), although his response contained insufficient detail and lacked supporting evidence.
15. A third letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 8 June 2022, requesting clarification of his responses, including evidence to support his claims (**Attachment 4**).
16. Mr Kelly responded on 14 June 2022. In his response, he did not address all of IPEA's questions and only provided evidence for two of the five trips he had undertaken (**Attachment 5**).
17. A fourth letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 22 June 2022, again requesting clarification of his original responses and evidence to support his claims. Six additional questions were asked in relation to travel in May 2022, which was undertaken after IPEA's initial engagement with Mr Kelly (**Attachment 6**).
18. As a former parliamentarian, Mr Kelly is required to provide compliance information in relation to the use of public resources to IPEA under section 98 of the Regulations. Further, paragraph 98(8)(a) provides the Commonwealth (IPEA) is not liable to provide public resources where there is a failure to provide compliance information.
19. As no response was received to the 22 June 2022 letter, a fifth letter was sent on 20 July 2022 reminding Mr Kelly of his responsibilities to provide IPEA with information under regulation 98 of the Regulations (**Attachment 7**).
20. Mr Kelly responded on 28 July 2022, advising that he was relocating to a new office and would respond to the letter 'by the end of this week' (**Attachment 8**).
21. IPEA responded to Mr Kelly, granting an extension until 5 August 2022 (**Attachment 9**).
22. No response was received from Mr Kelly within the allocated timeframe. A sixth letter was sent on 18 August 2022, again reminding Mr Kelly of his obligation to provide IPEA with the requested information under regulation 98 of the Regulations (**Attachment 10**).
23. Mr Kelly responded on 24 August 2022 and provided details of the nature of his parliamentary business for his travel within the relevant period. However, Mr Kelly again failed to provide the supporting evidence as requested by IPEA (**Attachment 11**).
24. After a search of publicly available media articles, IPEA was only able to verify Mr Kelly's claim for travel to Hobart on 13 March 2022, locating an online recording of the conference that he attended in person (**Attachment 12**).
25. A seventh letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 30 August 2022, again requesting evidence to support his claims, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting (**Attachment 13**).

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26. As no response was received within the allocated timeframe, an eighth letter was sent on 13 September 2022, reminding Mr Kelly of his responsibilities to provide IPEA with information under regulation 98 of the Regulations (**Attachment 14**).
27. A ninth letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 29 September 2022 advising him that if a response was not received by 7 October 2022, an invoice would be raised for the travel expenses for which he had not provided the requested compliance information (**Attachment 15**).
28. Mr Kelly responded on 29 September 2022, providing links to media articles in support of his travel to Perth on 6 May 2022, to Mildura on 13 May 2022, and to Rockhampton on 3 May 2022 (**Attachment 16**). Mr Kelly offered to provide statutory declarations in support of his travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 5 to 6 March 2022.
29. IPEA does not consider a statutory declaration a valid form of evidence where it is expected that material evidence may exist. Statutory declarations may be accepted where IPEA believes that all other avenues for providing material evidence have been exhausted.
30. A tenth letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 13 October 2022, requesting evidence to support his two Melbourne trips in February and March 2022, details of his parliamentary business in Queensland from 1 to 3 May 2022, and supporting evidence for his Queensland travel for 1 to 2 May 2022 (**Attachment 17**).
31. Mr Kelly responded on 28 October 2022, providing links to media articles in support of his travel to North Queensland from 1 to 3 May 2022. He advised that he was attempting to obtain a copy of his parliamentary diary to provide evidence for his two trips to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 5 to 6 March 2022 (**Attachment 18**).
32. An eleventh letter was sent to Mr Kelly on 4 November 2022, granting an extension until 11 November 2022. Mr Kelly was advised that if he was not able to provide the requested information by this date, an invoice for the relevant expenses would be raised (**Attachment 19**).
33. As at 3 February 2023, no response had been received from Mr Kelly in relation to the most recent request.

### CONCLUSION

34. Based on the information available to IPEA, including Mr Kelly's responses, IPEA accepts his assertion that the dominant purpose of the travel by Mr Kelly to Hobart, Coolangatta, Brisbane, Maroochydore, North Queensland, Perth and Mildura between March and May 2022, was parliamentary business and was not inconsistent with the Framework.
35. As Mr Kelly has not provided the requested supporting evidence for his travel to Melbourne on 27 February 2022 and 5 to 6 March 2022, in accordance with the Act and the Regulations, invoices have been raised for this travel with a 25 per cent penalty loading applied.
36. The final amount owing for Mr Kelly is **\$2,530.58**.
37. IPEA advised Mr Kelly of the outcome of this Assurance Matter on 3 February 2023 (**Attachment 20**).

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 May 2022 2:41 PM  
**To:** 'Kelly, Craig (MP)'  
**Cc:** Assurance  
**Subject:** Assurance Review - Mr Craig Kelly MP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** First Letter - 3 May 2022 - IPEA to Mr Craig Kelly MP.pdf; Attachment A - 3 May 2022 - Mr Craig Kelly MP.pdf

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Yours sincerely

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3 May 2022

Mr Craig Kelly MP  
Member for Hughes, New South Wales

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Email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Kelly

**Assurance Review of travel expenses**

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

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

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Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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**Attachment A**

Craig Kelly MP

Assurance Review of travel expenses

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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
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10. With reference to the definition given by section 6 of the PBR Act, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Maroochydore on 14 April 2022?

**From:** [Assurance](#)  
**To:** [Assurance; "Kelly, Craig \(MP\)"](#)  
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18 May 2022

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Dear Mr Kelly

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Your response to IPEA's Assurance Review of Commonwealth-funded travel expenses, incurred by you in relation to travel between Sydney and a number of interstate locations from 27 February 2022 to 14 April 2022, is now overdue.

In my original letter of 3 May 2022, a response was requested from you by 13 May 2022. There was a provision in that letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension was not requested.

Please provide a written response via email to [assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au), by close of business on 25 May 2022.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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# FACT SHEET – STATUTORY AUDIT FUNCTION

October 2020

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

## Preliminary Assessment

A Preliminary Assessment is generally confidential and establishes if further review is necessary.

A Preliminary Assessment is conducted where use of work expense(s) (for example, identified through direct contact, third party reporting or media) indicates a matter requires review.

Preliminary Assessments review information held or accessible by IPEA to determine the threshold question of:

- Has a parliamentary business resource been used?

If the answer is YES, an Assurance Review follows.

### Potential pathways:

1. No further action
2. Referral to more appropriate agency
3. Assurance Review

## Assurance Review

An Assurance Review determines if there has been a misuse of a parliamentary business resource.

IPEA assesses the use of the parliamentary business resource against the legislative framework to determine:

- Was there misuse?

If the answer is YES, IPEA considers if an Audit, referral or administrative action is appropriate.

An Audit is considered when:

- There is evidence for, or allegations of, systemic or substantial misuse
- IPEA's statutory information-gathering powers may be required to obtain all the required information
- There may be an educative benefit in publishing IPEA's findings.

Referral to the AFP is considered when there is evidence of serious fraud or other criminal conduct.

### Potential pathways:

1. No further action
2. Administrative remedial action, including penalty
3. An IPEA initiated Ruling or Audit
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## Audit

An Audit may commence for two main reasons:

1. As the outcome of an Assurance Review
2. As a systematic and comprehensive examination of the use of a specific category of a parliamentary business resource against the legislative framework, potentially by all parliamentarians and/or MOP(S) Act employees.

Where an Audit results from an Assurance Review, the Macquarie Dictionary definitions of these terms are considered:

- Substantial: "of ample or considerable amount, quantity, size etc."
- Systemic: "affecting an organisation, network ... etc as a whole"

Where an educational purpose or benefit is identified, part or all of the Audit may be published. The decision to publish is made on a case-by-case basis.

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## Post-Payment Checks

Post-Payment Checks are ongoing systematic testing of expense use through regular sampling of transactions. This covers a range of expenses such as:

- business class travel
- short term self-drive hire cars
- accommodation receipts
- desirable destinations
- accompanying family
- travel adjacent to public/school holidays.

### Referring to the Australian Federal Police

IPEA may refer a matter to the AFP at any point during the Assessment, Review or Audit process, where compelling prima facie evidence of fraud or other criminal conduct is identified.

### Making a Ruling

Rulings are made and finalised by the Members, including where they are, requested by a parliamentarian, recommended by an Assurance Review or Audit.





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In respect of the information above, please consider whether the activities you undertook satisfy these requirements and provide evidence to support your claims, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

You also stated in your response that the dominant purpose of your travel to Hobart on 13 March 2022, and to Coolangatta/Brisbane on 22 to 23 March 2022, was for parliamentary duties. Please provide details of these duties in relation to the Determination at **Attachment A** and evidence to support your claims, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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3 May 2022

Mr Craig Kelly MP  
Member for Hughes, New South Wales

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Email: [Redacted]

Dear Mr Kelly

**Assurance Review of travel expenses**

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

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

- Sydney to Melbourne (return) on 27 February and 5 to 6 March 2022.
- Sydney to Hobart (return) on 13 March 2022.
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**Attachment A** details your Commonwealth-funded travel within the relevant periods. We have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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## **Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017**

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance

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## 1 Name

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

## 2 Commencement

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

## 3 Authority

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

## 4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

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## 5 Parliamentary business of members

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

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## Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
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(Act s 6(4)(b))

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(Act s 6(4)(d))

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

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One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603



## **Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017**

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance

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## 1 Name

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

## 2 Commencement

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

## 3 Authority

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

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(1) In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
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(Act s 6(4)(a))

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(Act s 6(4)(b))

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## Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

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

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## Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
<b>Member (or class)</b>	<b>Official duties</b>
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Craig Kelly

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**To:** Assurance <[Assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: Assurance Review - Mr Craig Kelly MP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Ms Pearson,

Further information as follows.

1. The trip to Queensland was for the United Australia Party's 2022 national conference and policy launch which attended by over 1000 party delegates, where I was required to give the formal keynote speech. This was in addition to series of meetings with delegates whom had travelled from across Australia to attend.

A formal press conference was also held with the national media.

Following is one of the media stories from this event.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/palmer-launches-lofty-pitch-for-share-of-nation-s-disaffected-voters-20220415-p5adsu.html>



2. The trip to Melbourne was for a private meeting with Party representatives from South Australia. This event was held on a private boat moored at Docklands. The reason it was held in Melbourne and not Adelaide was because bad weather had prevented the boat sailing from Melbourne to Adelaide, and instead the South Australia party members flew into Melbourne to attend.
3. The trip to Brisbane was for a Multi-party inquiry organised by Senator Malcolm Roberts and attended by Stephen Andrew (One Nation Queensland State MP for Mirani), George Christensen (Federal Nationals MP for Dawson), Gerard Rennick (Federal Liberal Senator for Queensland), Alex Antic (Federal Liberal Senator for South Australia) and myself.

We heard from a range of Doctors, experts, economists and everyday people about how the Government's response to COVID had affected them.

The full day's proceedings were recorded and are available here:

<https://www.malcolmrobertsqld.com.au/covid-under-question-a-cross-party-inquiry/>

Regards,  
Craig Kelly

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**Subject:** HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review - Mr Craig Kelly MP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Ms Pearson

Please find following answers to specific questions.

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2. Political Party duties
3. Melbourne 5/6 March. Meeting with United Australia Party South Australian members at Docklands
4. Political Party duties
5. Hobart – Public rally Hobart, public meeting Margate
6. Parliamentary Duties
7. Joint Party inquiry in Covid
8. Parliamentary Duties
9. Meeting and functions United Australia Party members at Coolum
10. Political Party duties

If you require any further specifics please advise.

Regards,  
Craig Kelly

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 May 2022 11:12 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Assurance Review - Mr Craig Kelly MP [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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21 June 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

**Assurance Review of travel expenses**

Thank you for your response of 14 June 2022, in relation to the Assurance Review of your Commonwealth-funded travel to various interstate locations between 27 February 2022 and 14 April 2022 (the relevant periods).

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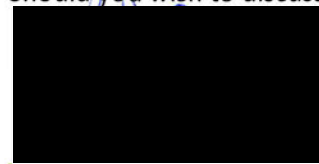
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## **Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017**

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Dated 14 December 2017

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Minister for Finance

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(Act s 6(4)(a))

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(Act s 6(4)(b))

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**Sent:** Thursday, 28 July 2022 4:02 PM  
**To:** Assurance  
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**Categories:** [REDACTED]

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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 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.

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**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2022 10:56:14 AM  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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17 August 2022

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Kelly

**Outstanding Assurance Matter**

Since 3 May 2022, I have written to you on multiple occasions in relation to an Assurance Review that the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) is conducting on Commonwealth funded travel expenses incurred by you between 27 February 2022 and 13 May 2022 (the relevant period).

On 21 June 2022, I wrote to you with nine questions to be addressed in relation to your parliamentary business in a number of interstate locations between 27 February 2022 and 13 May 2022 (**Attachment A**).

Following your email of 28 July 2022 advising that you were moving offices, an extension was granted for your response, with a new due date of **5 August 2022**. No response was received.

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.

Accordingly, if you do not respond by **24 August 2022** and provide IPEA with the requested information and supporting documentation as specified in my letter of 21 June 2022, IPEA will pursue other options for progressing this matter, including raising an invoice for the relevant travel expenses.

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Dear Mr Kelly

**Assurance Review of travel expenses**

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**Additional travel**

IPEA has further questions in relation to travel data obtained for May 2022.

In relation to Commonwealth-funded travel undertaken by you set out at **Attachment B**:

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## **Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017**

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann  
Minister for Finance

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## 1 Name

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

## 2 Commencement

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

## 3 Authority

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

## 4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

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## 5 Parliamentary business of members

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

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## Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
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## Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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(Act s 6(4)(c))

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## Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

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**Attachment B**

Craig Kelly

Assurance Review of travel expenses

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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
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Craig Kelly and Stuart King front the media in Mildura on Friday. Picture: Ben Gross

Stuart King. Picture: Ben Gross

WITH just a week left until the federal election, United Australian Party candidate Stuart King says delivering a major swing against The Nationals would be considered a victory.

At a press conference alongside party leader Craig Kelly, the UAP candidate said winning Mallee would be tough, but there were other measures of success.

"The reality is we need a swing of 15.7 per cent against the National Party, who have been here for 73 years – that's a tall ask," he said.

"The ultimate success would be to win but, failing that, a major swing against the National Party in Mallee would act as a wake-up call.

Mr King said The Nationals needed to get "back to their grassroots" and remember where their original support came from 73 years ago.

The idea of waking up The Nationals could be a problem for current Mallee incumbent Anne Webster, who in a recent YouGov two-party-preferred poll was leading with 56 per cent to Labor's 44 per cent. Although she would still win, it would be a 10-point swing against her since the last election, when there was a first-preference swing against her of 28 points.

"It's very trying for someone who's not an incumbent," he said. "It's a big ask. Tens of thousands of kilometres of travel, lots of dollars invested and time away from our personal lives.

"I'm not just talking about me, I'm talking about other candidates in Mallee as well."

Mr Kelly was in Mildura to promote the 20 per cent regional tax deduction that he suggested could be an exchange for services not yet provided in the Mallee.

"If people in regional centres, such as here in Mallee, can't get the same resources as people living in the city, then they deserve a lower rate of income tax," Mr Kelly said. "That will see towns like Mildura reinvigorated."

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United Australia Party leader Craig Kelly has jetted into Perth on Clive Palmer’s private jet and described Mark McGowan as a “human rights abuser” over WA’s vaccine mandate.

Mr Kelly was prevented from travelling to WA until recently as he is not vaccinated against COVID-19, but the recent dropping of border controls made the flying visit possible.

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### United Australia Party’s how-to-vote card blunder

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Proof of vaccination to enter hospitality venues or stadiums was removed in WA last week, but more than one million West Australians are still required to be vaccinated to attend work.

“We want to see every single healthy Australian, irrespective of their vaccine status back, at work and not being ruled out, which I said is an abuse of human rights,” Mr Kelly said.

“Mr McGowan, by pursuing those policies of mandating Western Australians, forcing them at the threat of job loss, that is an abuse of human rights and Mr McGowan, therefore, is a human rights abuser.”

He dismissed the proposition that the WA Premier’s pandemic measures were justified given only about 150 people had died with COVID so far in the Omicron outbreak and just 44 of the 450,000 cases this year had needed intensive care.



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The West Australian on Friday revealed the UAP was set to encourage [its supporters to preference the Liberals ahead of Labor](#) in the vast majority of marginal seats at the Federal election.

How-to-vote cards were this week accidentally published on the UAP website, revealing how the Queensland billionaire's party wants voters to send their preferences on polling day.

The cards show the UAP has placed the Liberals ahead of Labor in 30 of the 34 seats in the House of Representatives that have a margin of five per cent or below.

It comes after The West last week reported that WA was the only State where the Liberal Party won't instruct its supporters to preference the UAP in the Senate.

It's prompted Labor to accuse the Coalition of a "preference deal" with Mr Palmer, something the Liberal Party has denied.







📷 United Australia Party leader Craig Kelly has jetted into Perth on Clive Palmer's private jet and slammed WA Premier Mark McGowan over the State's vaccine mandate. Credit: Rohan Thomson/Getty Images

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Asked if the UAP had done a deal with the Liberals, Mr Kelly did not directly answer the question.

“If you look at our how-to-vote cards in the Senate, we have not preferenced the Liberal Party, the Labor Party or the Greens. They do not get any of our preferences whatsoever in the Senate,” he replied.

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“In the other seats (in the House of Representatives), it is a case-by-case basis.

“Here in Western Australia, the preference deal that’s been done is between the Liberal and Labor parties who are preferencing each other above the United Australia Party.”

UAP candidates include Cecil Andrews College principal Stella Jiman, who is contesting the seat of Fremantle.

She agreed to be interviewed by The West at at Friday’s press conference before she was interrupted and ushered away by Rob Forster, the party’s Senate candidate.

Before the interruption, Ms Jiman said she was standing for UAP because the party “are the ones who are standing up strongly for our democracy and for our freedom as a nation”.

“I think it’s time that we had leaders in Parliament and a party that has integrity and that represents everyday people. We’ve come out of professions where, I think, we’re bringing diversity and natural justice into Parliament.”

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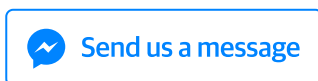
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# UAP says regions 'in pain'

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*United Australia Party Federal Leader Craig Kelly (centre), candidate for Flynn Tanya Wieden and candidate for Capricornia Nathan Harding speak to their supporters at the Red Lion.*

By Matthew Pearce

Meeting United Australia Party Federal Leader Craig Kelly in Rockhampton this week, candidate for Capricornia Nathan Harding spoke of a 'tsunami' of hip pocket pain ready to hit the region.

Mr Harding and candidate for Flynn Tanya Wieden met with Mr Kelly and supporters at the Red Lion Hotel in Rockhampton on Tuesday, 3 May.

Mr Kelly said the major parties' support of net zero emissions by 2050 would devastate the coal mining industry.

"When I'm in Central Queensland, I'm not going to say something different here as I am in Sydney, which we've seen with both the Labor and Liberal Party with their senior members rolling into town, telling people they're supporting coal and against Net Zero and then they go back to the cities and they're saying the exact opposite," he said.

"We say the same thing all around the nation, we are against Net Zero and support our coal mining industries, which means wealth, prosperity and adds value to the economy.

"Without it we wouldn't be able to afford the hospitals we all want, the aged care services we all want and the support for children with disabilities. It is the wealth from the coal mining industry that supports all of those services."

Mr Kelly spoke about the UAP's Regional Taxation Policy, which he said would drive prosperity and growth in the regions by attracting industry and jobs.

"Under the UAP's plan people in regional areas would pay a 20 per cent lower rate of personal income tax and company tax," he said.

"I think that's only fair because people in areas like this don't have access to the services and hospitals that you do in the major capital cities.

"People in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne are looking at the housing prices and the lifestyle that they can have here with envy, but we've got to have the jobs here."

He said UAP proposed a 15 per cent export licence fee on iron ore to allow the government to pay off debt and pledged to cap home home interest rates at three per cent for five years.

Ms Wieden spoke of people in the Flynn electorate living in cars.

"They have jobs but can't afford rent, there are people who can't work under vax mandates who just want to get back to work," she said.

"We're going to lock interest rates and restore the Australian dream of owning your own home."

Mr Harding said 10,000 Capricornians had been 'segmented away from society' because of Covid vaccination mandates dictated from Canberra and Brisbane which had damaged small businesses and that Net Zero plans would cripple the regions.

"We head the local member here say 'pull your head in' to Senator Matt Canavan because he had the audacity to stand for what people in this district were telling him, which is that Net Zero is killing our jobs, people are ready to walk off their farms and businesses are about to go broke," he said.

"Capricornians need a local member who will stand up for them.

"The United Australia Party will save your home, save your family and secure your future here in the Capricornia region."

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12 October 2022

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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.

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Please provide a written response via email to [assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto: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.

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**Date:** Friday, 4 November 2022 12:25:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.gif](#)  
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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](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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

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**From:** Craig Kelly  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 October 2022 12:51 AM  
**To:** Assurance  
**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/Wj2QBCJFrs)  
<https://t.co/MRZcuJIQDU> / Twitter  
[@freya\\_jensen #7NEWS](https://t.co/Wj2QBCJFrs)  
<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

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**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](mailto: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-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](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)> wrote:

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**From:** Assurance <[Assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 September 2022 3:23 PM  
**To:** 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]; Assurance <[Assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)> wrote:

Dear Mr Kelly,

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Yours sincerely

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Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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**From:** Assurance <[Assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 1 August 2022 2:48 PM

**To:** 'Craig Kelly' [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Assurance <[Assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.

Yours sincerely

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:Assurance@ipea.gov.au)> wrote:

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4 November 2022

Mr Craig Kelly

Email:

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

Yours sincerely

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3 February 2023

Mr Craig Kelly



Email: 

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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**Nicole Pearson**  
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4 November 2022

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**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
<b>Total Supply:</b>	<b>\$799.94</b>	<b>\$62.74</b>	<b>\$862.68</b>

**1. Payment by Direct Debit**

Please send remittance to [accountsreceivable@sdo.gov.au](mailto: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

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
			<b>GST Total</b>	\$0.00
			<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>\$131.00</b>

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:



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# 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
			<b>GST Total</b>	\$109.40
			<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>\$1,536.90</b>

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

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

- 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:

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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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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