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Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP.pdf

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Dear Treasurer

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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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7 September 2023

Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer
Member for Rankin
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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

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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*.

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Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

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Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

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Attachment B

Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares - QANTAS	Brisbane	31/10/2022	6:10 PM	Sydney	31/10/2022	8:45 PM	\$758.60
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Sydney	31/10/2022		\$464.00

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 31 October to 1 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney from 31 October to 1 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 September 2023 9:33 AM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Business Sydney Federal Budget Breakfast with the Treasurer 1 Nov.docx; Diary notes from Reid Chamber of Commerce event .docx

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To the Assurance Team,

This email is to confirm the Treasurer's travel to Sydney from 31 October to 1 November 2022 was for the dominant purpose of official duties in relation to the Federal Budget which he handed down on Tuesday 25 October 2022.

The nature of the trip was to participate in two post-Budget events which the Treasurer was invited to in his official capacity – event details attached.

Please let me know if you need any further details.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Program Manager | Office of the Hon Jim Chalmers MP | Treasurer
[REDACTED]

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:11 PM
To: Chalmers, Jim (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Run Sheet
Federal Budget Breakfast
with the Hon. Dr. Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer of Australia

Date | Tuesday, 01 November 2022

Time | 7:15 am to 9:15 am

Venue | Doltone House | Hyde Park

Location | Level 3, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Dress | Business attire

Run Sheet

06:15 am [REDACTED] and Business Sydney team arrive for set up. Set up includes registration tables for name badges (Business Sydney to bring), 2 x Business Sydney banners, Business Sydney media wall, banquet tables of 10, stage, lectern and microphone, 2 x tub chairs for Q&A, 4 x handheld mics, water available for Q&A, place cards on tables (Business Sydney to bring), AV desk, 2 x risers for media & media splitter, 2 x screens and projector, IMAG vision to screens, table programs on tables, bowl for lucky door prize draw

07:05 am Registration tables are set up, name badges ready for guests arrival. [REDACTED], Photographer arrives

07:15 am Guests arrive, collect their name badges & network

Orange juice & water for guests on arrival

AV – Holding slide on screens

07:30 am The Hon Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer of Australia arrives and is met by [REDACTED], Executive Director, Business Sydney, Treasurer is introduced to certain VIPs in the room by [REDACTED]

07:35 am Guests are asked to take their seats

07:40 am (MC) [REDACTED], Executive Director, Business Sydney acknowledgement of Country, acknowledges VIPs in the room and outlines proceedings for the breakfast then introduces [REDACTED], President, Business NSW to give the official welcome (lectern & mic, 5-10 minutes)

AV – IMAG vision to screens

Plated breakfast service commences during opening remarks

07:50 am [REDACTED], President, Business NSW – official welcome (lectern & mic 5 minutes)

07:55 am Break for breakfast consumption (10-15 minutes)

08:10 am [REDACTED], **Executive Director, Business Sydney** resumes formalities at the lectern & introduces [REDACTED], **Chief Executive, Consumer & Business Banking, Westpac** to introduce the Federal Treasurer
AV – IMAG vision to screens

[REDACTED], **Chief Executive, Consumer & Business Banking, Westpac** introduction (*Lectern & mic 5 minutes*)

08:15 am The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Federal Treasurer, Member for Rankin, Federal Budget Address (*Lectern & mic 15 minutes*)

08:30 am [REDACTED] thanks the Treasurer and asks him to take his seat on the stage for the Q&A, then introduces [REDACTED], **Business Editor, Sky News** to conduct the Q&A with the Treasurer

(2 x tub chairs on stage and 2 x hand held mics – Q&A 20 minutes)

08:50 am [REDACTED] (MC) thanks [REDACTED] and the Treasurer, draws the lucky door prizes (*2 x boxes of Mr Roses & 2 x Rex Airlines flight vouchers*) and asks [REDACTED], **President, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)** to move the **vote of thanks**

(5 minutes – lectern & mic)

08:55 am [REDACTED] (MC) thanks [REDACTED] and wraps up formalities, sets up a selection of photos with Treasurer for social media (*5 minutes*)

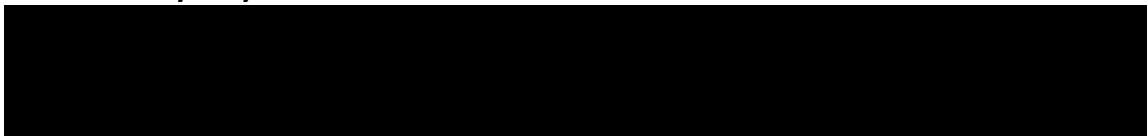
09:00 am Treasurer departs

09:15 am Guests depart

09:30 am Pack down

Contact Information:

Business Sydney



BIOGRAPHIES

THE HON DR JIM CHALMERS MP
Treasurer of Australia. Member for Rankin



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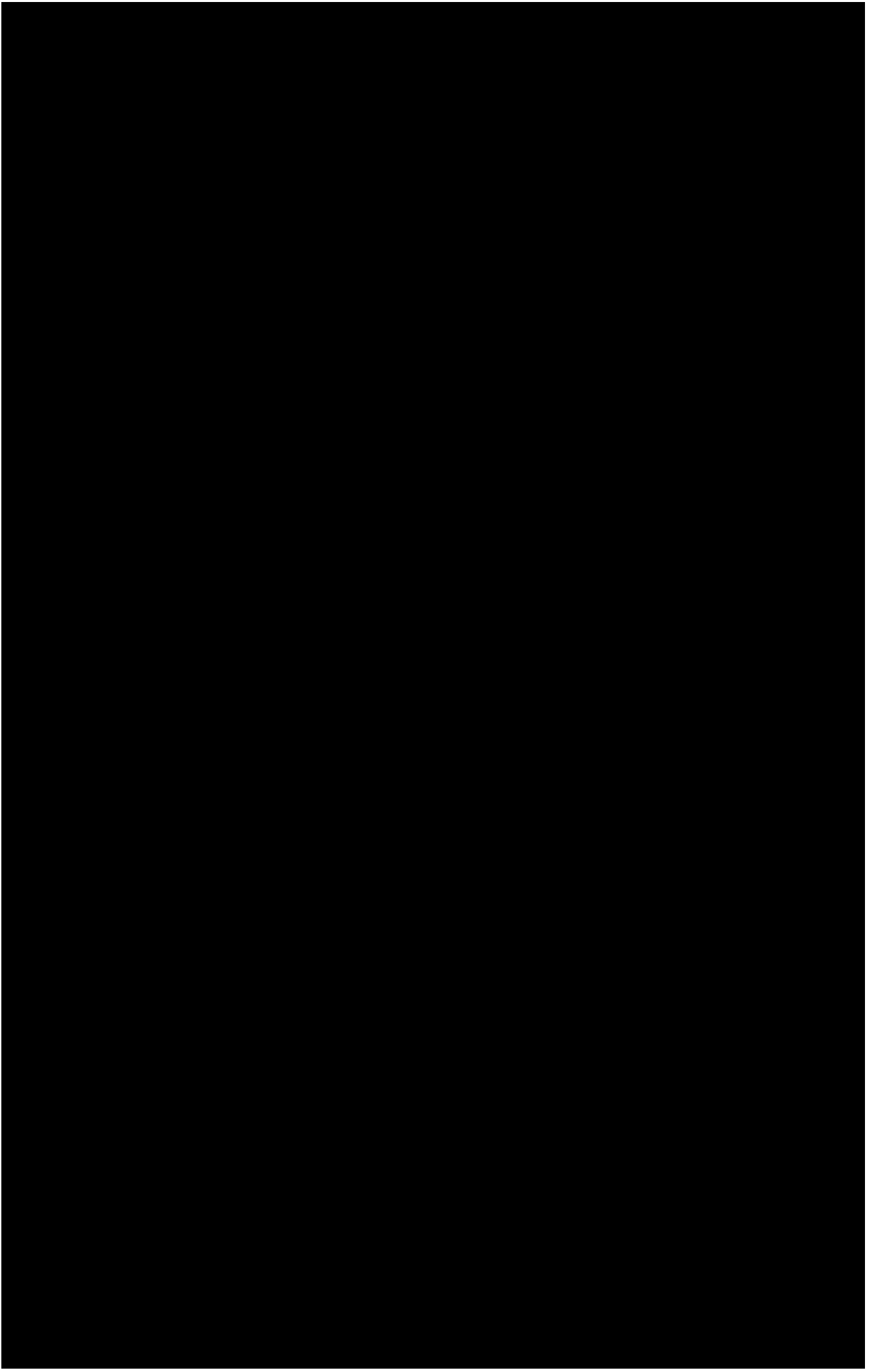
He has been the Member for Rankin in the House of Representatives since 2013, proudly representing the people and suburbs of southern Brisbane and Logan City where he was born, grew up and made a home with [REDACTED] 1)

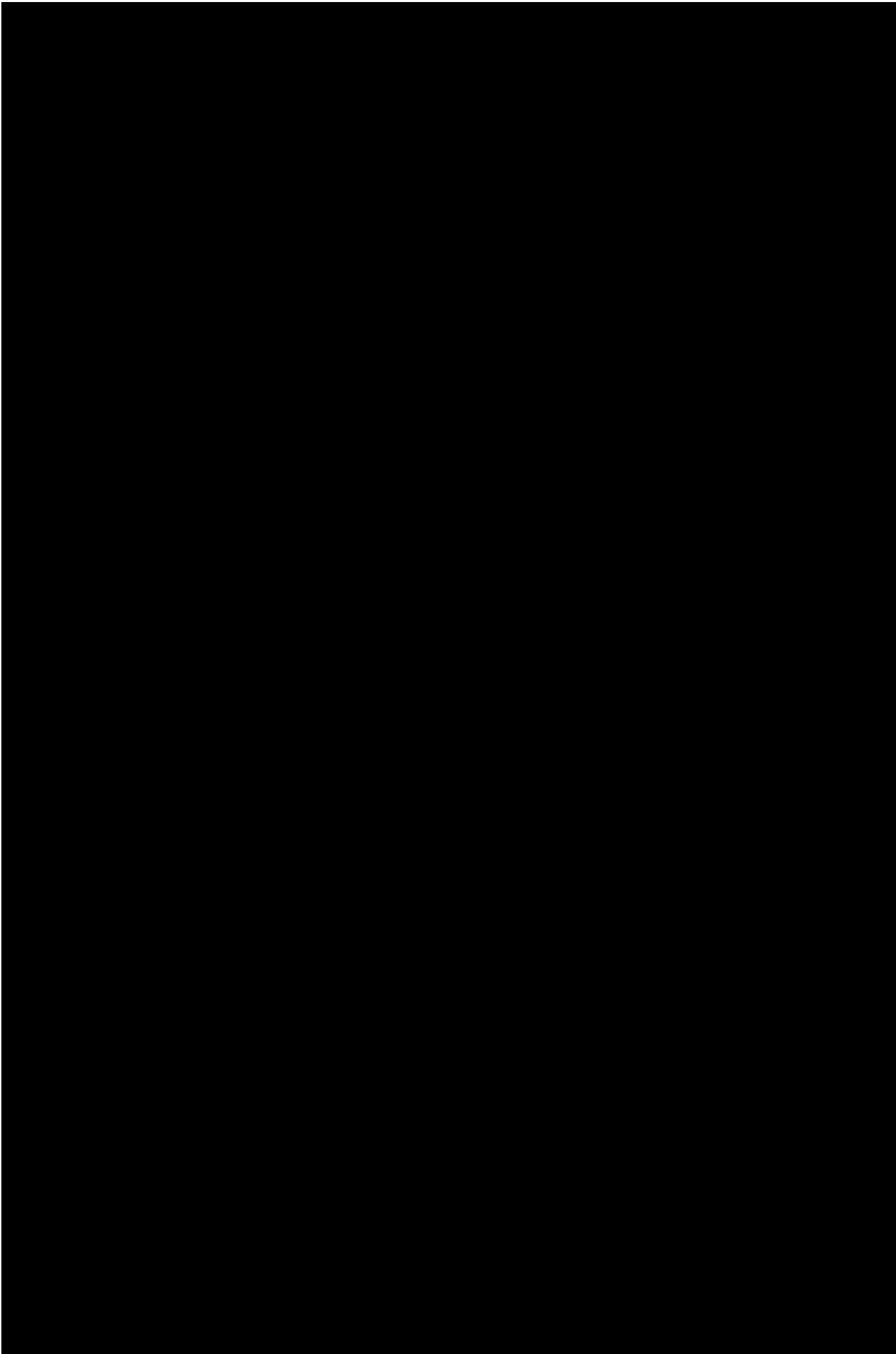
He served as Shadow Treasurer from 2019 to 2022, and Shadow Minister for Finance from 2016 to 2019.

Prior to Jim's election to Parliament, he was the Executive Director of the Chifley Research Centre and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.

He has a PhD in political science and international relations from the Australian National University and a first class honours degree in public policy from Griffith University, and is a qualified company director.

Jim's most recent book, *Changing Jobs: the Fair Go in the New Machine Age*, was co-authored with Mike Quigley and published in 2017. His earlier book about the Global Financial Crisis, *Glory Daze*, was released in 2013.





Event (type)	Roundtable Discussion with local Chamber of Commerce
Name of Organisation	Federal Seat of Reid (<i>Sally Sitou MP</i>)
Contact name & phone number	<p>██████████ Senior Electorate Officer Office of Sally Sitou MP</p> <p>██████████ ██████████ ████████████████████</p> <p>██████████████████ Office Manager Office of Sally Sitou MP</p> <p>██████████ ██████████ ████████████████████</p>
Contact on the day (attending event and mobile)	<p>██████████ ██████████</p>
Venue	<p>Concord Golf Club 190 Majors Bay Road Concord</p>
Time	<p><i>Whole event: 9.45am until 10.45am</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>9.45am – Treasurer arrives via ComCar. Met by Sally Sitou MP and ██████████ of Majors Bay Rd Chamber of Commerce. Proceed to conference room.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>9.50am – Welcome of the Treasurer. Short remarks from Sally Sitou MP and the Chambers of Commerce.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>10.00am – Treasurer opens his remarks on the October 2022 Federal Budget.</p> </div>

	<p style="text-align: center;">SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TREASURER TEAM</p> <p>Discussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the budget top line messages at large (5 mins) - The budget from the point of view of small business (5 mins)
	10.10 am – Open the floor to questions from the Chambers.
	10.35am – Thanks to Treasurer from Sally Sitou MP and the Chambers
	10.40am – Event concludes. Treasurer departs back to CPO.
Date	Tuesday 01 November 2022
On arrival, met by (name, mobile and location)	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Parking area of Concord Golf Club.
Table Number (and guest names) (if required)	N/R
Facilitator of event	Sally Sitou MP Federal Member for Reid
Number at function	43
Composition of attendees	Members of the local Chamber of Commerce
Speech: Topic (and how long)	Yes – roundtable discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General budget points - Focus on inflation - Small business support - Worker shortages
Acknowledgements	
Accompanying staff member	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
Invited Guests	Treasurer

State Member/ALP Candidate Notified	Yes
Contact name & mobile for ALP candidate	Sally Sitou MP Federal Member for Reid [REDACTED]
Photo Approval Required	
Dress Code	Business attire
Parking	n/r
Additional information	
Social Media	Yes – liaise with Sally Sitou team.
Office Briefing Required	
Treasury Briefing Required	Yes – [REDACTED] will organise once we have the names of those attending and do a bio

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
Sent: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 9:10 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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// September 2023

Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Special Minister of State, Minister for Trade and Tourism
Senator for South Australia
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Yours sincerely



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Attachment B

Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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Travel Fares – Jetstar	Queenstown	30/10/2022	8:35 PM	Melbourne	30/10/2022	10:05PM	\$507.86
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	30/10/2022	10:05 PM	East Melbourne	30/10/2022	11:09 PM	\$170.02
Travel Allowance – Commercial (2 nights)				Melbourne	30/10/2022		\$928.00
COMCAR	East Melbourne	31/10/2022	10:00 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	12:22 PM	\$62.71
COMCAR	East Melbourne	31/10/2022	5:00 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	5:33 PM	\$68.83
COMCAR	Melbourne	31/10/2022	7:19 PM	East Melbourne	31/10/2022	7:39 PM	\$62.71
COMCAR	East Melbourne	1/11/2022	09:26 AM	Flemington	1/11/2022	10:11 AM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Flemington	1/11/2022	3:28 PM	Melbourne Airport	1/11/2022	4:32 PM	\$131.82
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Melbourne	1/11/2022	6:30 PM	Sydney	1/11/2022	7:55 PM	\$282.82
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	1/11/2022	8:50 PM	Darwin	1/11/2022	11:50 PM	\$1,031.09

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 30 October 2022 to 1 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 30 October 2022 and 1 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.
3. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Flemington on 1 November 2022?

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
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To: Assurance; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Second Letter - IPEA to Senator the Hon Don Farrell - 31 October 2023.pdf
Categories: [REDACTED]

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Dear Minister

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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31 October 2023

Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Special Minister of State, Minister for Trade and Tourism
Senator for South Australia
PO Box 6338
HALIFAX ST, SA, 5000

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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

On 12 September 2023, IPEA wrote to you about an Assurance Review of travel expenses incurred by you for travel to Melbourne from 30 October to 1 November 2022.

A response was requested from you by 26 September 2023. There was a provision in the letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension has not been requested and your response to this matter is now overdue.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 14 November 2023. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (Sen D. Farrell) [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 13 November 2023 9:28 AM
To: Assurance
Cc: Farrell, Don (Senator)
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Senator Farrell | Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Don Farrell_Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022. .pdf
Importance: High
Categories: [REDACTED]

Good morning

Please find attached Senator Farrell's response in relation to the Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:45 PM
To: [REDACTED] (Sen D. Farrell) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Senator Farrell | Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. I have been in touch with COMCAR and can confirm the following details:

Reference	Client Used Vehicle (yes/no)	Trip Booked	In Car Time	Drop At Time	Specific pick Up Location	Specific drop Off Location
164627	Yes	31/10/2022 @ 12.:00	12.05	12.21	[REDACTED] East Melbourne	Dog Flat, Melbourne – Notes say Dog Flat lawn, Royal Botanic Gardens. Entry off Alexandra Avenue

Apologies for the error in the attachment, I'm not sure why it appeared as 10:00PM – it seems to have happened in the conversion to PDF.

Sincerely

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Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 1:04 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: ██████████
Subject: Senator Farrell | Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022
Importance: High

Good afternoon

Can I please query the following COMCAR for Senator Farrell in the Assurance Review –

- COMCAR on 31/10/22 at 10:00pm from East Melbourne to Melbourne arriving on 31/10/22 at 12:22pm

From our COMCAR records we believe the correct details are:

- COMCAR on 31/10/22 at 12:00pm from East Melbourne to Dog Flat arriving on 31/10/22 at 12:09pm

Could we please request this trip is reviewed.

Thank you

██████████

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Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses - 30 October 2022 and 1 November 2022

I, Don Farrell confirm travel between Sunday 30 October 2022 and Tuesday 1 November 2022 was undertaken for parliamentary business with the dominant purpose, official duties, including in Flemington on 1 November 2022 in my capacity as the Minister for Trade and Tourism.

On Sunday 30 October 2022 I returned from international travel, arriving at Melbourne Airport at 10:05pm.

I have included a copy of my daily program for Monday 31 October 2022 and Tuesday 1 November 2022 which includes a number of stakeholder meetings in my capacity as the Minister for Trade and Tourism.



Don Farrell

10th November 2023



Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Minister for Trade and Tourism
Special Minister of State
Senator for South Australia

DAILY PROGRAM MONDAY 31 OCTOBER – TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

1. **8:30am – 9:15am** **MEETING – Iluka Resources CEO** [REDACTED]
Grocery Bar East Melbourne
- 9:15am – 9:30am WALK to CPO
2. **10:00am – 10:30am** **MEETING – Treasury Wines** [REDACTED]
Melbourne CPO
3. **11:00am – 11:30am** **MEETING – Luxury Escapes**
Melbourne CPO
- 11:30am – 11:45am WALK to [REDACTED]
- 12:00pm – 12:15pm COMCAR Reservation 164627
[REDACTED] to Royal Botanic Gardens
4. **12:15pm – 3:00pm** **EVENT – 2022 AHA National Board Luncheon**
Dogs Flat Lawn, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
- 5:00pm – 5:15pm COMCAR Reservation 164401
[REDACTED] to Government House
5. **5:30pm – 7:30pm** **EVENT – Reception at Government House**
Meet Governor in the Private Hall, Government House
Melbourne
- 7:30pm – 7:45pm COMCAR Reservation 164402
Government House – [REDACTED]
- 8:00pm – 8:20pm **MEETING – Call with** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Minister for Trade and Tourism
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Senator for South Australia

DAILY PROGRAM MONDAY 31 OCTOBER – TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

- 8:00am – 8:45am** **MEETING – [REDACTED] re Austrade**
Grocery Bar East Melbourne
- 9:30am – 10:00am Comcar Reservation 164772
[REDACTED] – Flemington Racecourse
- 10:30am – 4:00pm** **EVENT – VRC Melbourne Cup**
Chairman's Suite Flemington Racecourse
- OTHER MARQUEES** **Treasury Wines/Venture Beyond by Penfolds**
G.H.Mumm
TabCorp
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm COMCAR Reservation 164805
Flemington Racecourse - Melbourne Airport
- 6:30pm – 11:50pm VIRGIN Flights VA879 & VA1357
Melbourne – Darwin via Sydney
- 11:50pm – 12:15pm COMCAR Reservation 1647001 Darwin
Airport – Mindil Beach Resort

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
Sent: Tuesday, 12 September 2023 8:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Patrick Gorman MP - 12 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Patrick Gorman MP.pdf

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// September 2023

Hon Patrick Gorman MP
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for the Public Service
Member for Perth
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INGLEWOOD, WA, 6932

Email: [REDACTED]

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The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

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Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Tuesday 26 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Hon Patrick Gorman MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Sydney	3/11/2022	7:45 AM	Mascot	3/11/2022	8:18 AM	\$67.32
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	3/11/2022	9:30 AM	Melbourne	3/11/2022	11:05 AM	\$1,450.02
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Melbourne	3/11/2022		\$464.00
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	3/11/2022	10:35 AM	East Melbourne	3/11/2022	11:43 AM	\$142.98
COMCAR	Melbourne	4/11/2022	10:35 AM	Melbourne Airport	4/11/2022	7:43 AM	\$91.02
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	4/11/2022	8:25 AM	Hobart	4/11/2022	9:40 AM	\$361.21

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 3 to 4 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 3 and 4 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 September 2023 12:24 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 230914 - 1 - DS - IPEA.pdf

Categories: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence addressed to [REDACTED].

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Office of the Hon Patrick Gorman MP
Federal Member for Perth
Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
Assistant Minister for the Public Service

P: 08 9272 3411

F: [Patrick Gorman MP](#)

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 6:55 AM
To: Gorman, Patrick (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Assistant Minister

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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE
The Hon Patrick Gorman MP

[REDACTED]
A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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FORREST ACT 2603

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your correspondence dated 11 September 2023.

In response to question 1, the dominant purpose of the travel was, with reference to Attachment A, official duties.

In response to question 2, while in Melbourne I met with a family member of former Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, [REDACTED] regarding preservation of Ballara. I also met with former Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the [REDACTED]. I travelled between Sydney and Hobart where I had commitments relating to the National Australia Day Council and respective Australian of the Year awards.

I have enclosed in support of this response a copy of my diary from 2 November 2022 to 4 November 2022.

At no time in 2022 did I attend any events relating to the Spring Racing Carnival.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
PATRICK GORMAN

14 / 09 / 2023

Encl.

2 November 2022

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5 8	SYDNEY CPO BOOKING
6 9	PATRICK'S TRAM TIME
7 10	10.00AM AEST Meeting with ██████████
8 11	11am - ██████████
9 12 ^{PM}	PG LUNCH
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12 ^{PM} 3	3pm - ██████████
1 4	4.00PM ██████████ to Call Patrick on Mobile
2 5	5.15PM AEDT Comcar Booking - Hotel to Luna; Trip Reference 64369
3 6	5.30PM AEST NSW 2023 AUS OF YEAR AWARDS [SEC=OFFICIAL] Grand Ballroom, Luna Park, 1 Olympic Drive, Milsons Point NSW 2061 Gorman, Patrick
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6 9	8.30M AEDT Comcar Booking - Luna to Hotel; Trip Reference 164372

3 November 2022

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4	7	MELB CPO - BOOKING
5	8	7.45AM AEDT Comcar Booking - Hotel to Airport; Trip Reference 164373
6	9	9.00AM AEDT Qantas Flight QF0427 - SYD to MEL Arriving into Melbourne 10.35am
7	10	10.35AM AEDT Comcar Booking - Airport to CPO; Trip Reference 164374
8	11	
9	12 ^{PM}	11:45am - [REDACTED]
10	1	PG Signing Time; Gorman, Patrick (MP) PG Signing Time [SEC=OFFICIAL]; Gorman, Patrick (MP)
11	2	2.00PM [REDACTED]
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4 November 2022

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FRIDAY	
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7.00AM AEST Comcar Booking - Hotel to Airport Trip Reference 165281	
5	8
8.25AM AEDT Qantas Flight Qf1007 - MEL to HBA Arriving into Hobart 9.40am	
6	9
9.40AM Comcar Booking - Airport to CPO; Trip Reference 164376	
7	10
[REDACTED]	
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From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 2:25 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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7 September 2023

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Senator for Queensland
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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Attachment B

Senator Pauline Hanson

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Parking				Brisbane Airport	4/11/2022		\$76.36
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Brisbane	4/11/2022	2:05 PM	Sydney	4/11/2022	4:40 PM	\$535.27
Travel Allowance – Non-commercial (1 night)				Sydney	4/11/2022		\$146.00
COMCAR	Mascot	4/11/2022	4:40 PM	Sylvania Waters	4/11/2022	5:25 PM	\$102.02
COMCAR	Sylvania Waters	5/11/2022	11:42 AM	Sydney	5/11/2022	12:33 PM	\$129.70
COMCAR	Sydney	5/11/2022	3:00 PM	Mascot	5/11/2022	3:31 PM	\$122.40
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	5/11/2022	5:00 PM	Brisbane	5/11/2022	5:30 PM	\$535.27

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 4 to 5 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney between 4 and 5 November 2022?
Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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Attachments: Second Letter - IPEA to Senator Pauline Hanson - 31 October 2023.pdf

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21 October 2023

Senator Pauline Hanson
Senator for Queensland
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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

On 8 September 2023, IPEA wrote to you about an Assurance Review of travel expenses incurred by you for travel to Sydney on 4 to 5 November 2022.

A response was requested from you by 22 September 2023. There was a provision in the letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension has not been requested and your response to this matter is now overdue.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 14 November 2023. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Wednesday, 22 November 2023 11:14 AM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 20221102 Australian Monarchist League conference speech.docx

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Good morning

senator Hanson was speaking at the Australian Monarchist League conference. I found the speech and have attached it. I believe a post would also be on Facebook if needing more evidence.

Kind regards

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I acknowledge the hard workers over generations that built Australia, and all the people from all places that have, and continue to make, a positive contribution to this beautiful nation.

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Subject: FW: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your time on the phone. As discussed, please find attached the original correspondence with the questions in relation to Senator Hanson's travel to Sydney on 4 and 5 November 2022.

If you are able to please respond by next Friday 24 November, or let me know prior to the day if you need further time.

Sincerely

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Thank you for such a friendly welcome, and for the opportunity to speak to you today.

I'm Pauline Hanson, and I'm a constitutional monarchist.

It may not be fashionable to say so, and it may even seem counter-intuitive, but I am a constitutional monarchist because I understand a simple and undeniable truth: the monarchy is an essential foundation of Australian democracy and sovereignty.

Queen Elizabeth the Second understood this all too well.

The Queen's steadfast support for democracy and national self-determination in the Commonwealth, and across the world, was one of the defining features of her long reign.

The Queen understood it was the Australian people who governed our nation, and she understood her duty as our constitutional monarch was to support whatever decisions we made about the future government of our country.

The Queen never once failed in this duty to the Australian people, and I think that's an important part of the respect and admiration many in this country had for her.

She was a beacon of stability and tradition, and dedication to duty, in a time of unprecedented social and political change.

I could not address you today without acknowledging the Queen and her service to Australia and its people.

She will be missed.

Just as her legacy of service stood the test of time, so has the Australian Constitution.

Our Constitution is a great achievement, reflecting the establishment of a great nation.

People from distant colonies gathered together to debate and draft a Constitution which has served Australia very well over the past 122 years.

This is a remarkable achievement itself, because the architects of the Constitution could not foresee many of the events and developments that would shape Australia and change how it was governed.

The Constitution – and the monarchy’s place in it – works best when we stay true to the principles it espouses.

These principles underpin the very strength of Australian representative democracy:

- the right to vote;
- Australian sovereignty over our lands and waters;
- the right to basic individual freedoms; and
- equal political franchise – that is one adult, one vote.

It's when you threaten these principles that you undermine the authority of the Constitution, the sovereignty it confers on the Australian people, and democracy itself.

Make no mistake: these principles are under constant threat.

Some threats are obvious, like foreign authoritarian regimes and their constant attacks on our democratic institutions, interference with free elections and disregard for international peace and order.

Some threats are far more insidious, cloaked in fair-sounding rhetoric about inclusion and well-meaning intentions to address social and economic disadvantage.

I am, of course, talking about the proposal to recognise indigenous traditional ownership of Australia in the Constitution and the proposal to enshrine an indigenous 'voice to Parliament' in the Constitution.

I am firmly opposed to these proposals.

Indeed, One Nation will be leading a strong campaign for the 'NO' vote in the coming referendum for these proposals.

It took 66 years for our Constitution to be made colour-blind, and there is no compelling reason why it should be regressed to again single out a number of Australians for different treatment based on their race.

Our most celebrated referendum was the one held in 1967, the one which made the Constitution colour-blind.

Australians voted very strongly in favour of removing racist elements from the Constitution – particularly, removing all references to “the aboriginal race”.

The Constitution still has many references to indigenous Australians, but strictly in the same capacity as every other Australian, in its numerous references to “people, voters and electors”.

This is the way it should be – as far as the Constitution is now concerned, your race is utterly inconsequential with respect to your rights and freedoms in Australia.

This is a tremendously positive achievement that is rightly celebrated in Australia but ironically, these same sentiments threaten to undo this progress and even the sovereignty most Australians have over their own land and water.

The proposal the Constitution must specifically recognise the traditional ownership of indigenous people seems to be based on the idea, promoted by people like Noel Pearson, that we don't recognise indigenous Australians.

That idea makes no sense at all, because it's just not true.

Australia recognises indigenous Australians in a wide variety of ways.

Flags representing indigenous Australians are flown everywhere.

You can't swing a cat these days without hitting someone reciting an "acknowledgement of country".

Countless place names in Australia – including that of our national capital – are derived from indigenous languages.

Some iconic locations have had their names changed to indigenous words – we don't call it Ayer's Rock anymore.

Even our national anthem was recently changed in recognition of indigenous cultural sensitivities.

Indigenous language and culture is taught in our schools.

We have ministers and whole government departments dedicated to aboriginal affairs.

Buckets of taxpayer money are spent directly on indigenous people; it's around 44 thousand dollars per indigenous Australian while it's only around 24 thousand per non-indigenous Australian.

We even have the Closing the Gap report delivered by the Prime Minister each year to report on indigenous progress against national benchmarks – or, more accurately, the lack of progress despite the many billions of dollars thrown at the issue.

Adding a few words to the Constitution is not necessary in this context, as we already recognise and celebrate indigenous Australia.

However if the proponents of this idea are successful, and we also subsequently become a republic, the real risk is the sovereignty of the Australian people as represented in the Constitution by the Crown could be replaced with the sovereignty of traditional ownership.

I've consulted legal and constitutional experts on this issue and all of them tell me this risk is real: we could effectively be handing over the sovereignty of the Australian people to a three per cent minority based solely on race.

While Australia is not Australia without its indigenous people, Australia is also much more.

The contributions of all Australians – settlers, convicts, immigrants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, monarchists and republicans too – have a part in the Australian story.

Australia belongs to all of us, equally – its past, present and most importantly, its future.

I am hopeful the majority of Australians in a majority of states will recognise these truths and reject indigenous traditional ownership being enshrined in the Constitution.

If, however, they support it then it will be imperative for us to remain a constitutional monarchy as the only guarantee that all Australians will continue to have ownership and sovereignty of their country.

We cannot count on the High Court to interpret traditional ownership as only 'traditional', and I ask you: do we really even want unelected activist justices to decide the issue?

The other risk to our constitutional principles is the proposed indigenous 'voice to Parliament'.

This proposal has even greater potential for the High Court to effectively govern Australia instead of an elected Parliament.

We're told the proposed 'voice' will be a relatively benign change, giving indigenous Australians more of a say over the policies and legislation which directly affects them and addressing a supposed lack of representation.

Ultimately however, every law passed by Parliament affects all Australians and I wouldn't put it past a future High Court to determine that the proposed 'voice' must be consulted on everything.

And in doing this, we would effectively be giving more political power to a minority of Australians based on race.

They called that "apartheid" in South Africa.

We don't want to see that sort of regime in Australia, yet that is the risk we face.

It's also completely unnecessary – as prescribed by the Constitution, Parliament already provides for effective indigenous representation and consultation with respect to any legislation.

Indigenous Australians do not need a separate voice to Parliament because there are already 227 voices in Parliament representing them – including 11 MPs who self-identify as indigenous themselves.

Our current system, underpinned by the principles of our Constitution, is absolutely no barrier whatsoever to effective representation of indigenous Australia in the halls of power and the seat of our democracy.

I am also very concerned this proposal will only further divide us, rather than unite us.

Grievance politics – and that's exactly what this is – never unites a people.

On a final note, I must take Peter Dutton and the Coalition to task on this issue.

I'm not alone among conservative Australians in wishing our largest centre-right party would take a principled stand on indigenous recognition and the voice to Parliament.

So far, only one Liberal – Northern Territory senator Jacinta Price – has taken a firm position on the voice.

The rest of them are conspicuously silent, and I have concerns this reluctance by Peter Dutton to take a position will ultimately extend to all proposals for constitutional change.

If his party room won't call him out, I certainly will.

This is the Constitution itself – you can't have an each-way bet on these things.

Small target strategies may work for opposition leaders ahead of an election – it certainly worked for Anthony Albanese – but that is more than two years away and conservative Australians need the Coalition to take a stand now on these fundamental issues affecting our future, and even our very identity as a nation and a people.

Thank you.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Mr Peter Khalil MP - 12 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Mr Peter Khalil MP.pdf

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(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

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Attachment B

Mr Peter Khalil MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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Attachments: Second Letter - IPEA to Mr Peter Khalil MP - 31 October 2023.pdf
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Dear Mr Khalil

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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31 October 2023

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Email: Peter.Khalil.MP@APH.gov.au

Dear Mr Khalil

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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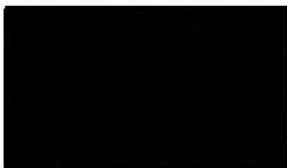
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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED].

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From: Assurance
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Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Third Letter - IPEA to Mr Peter Khalil MP - 4 December 2023.pdf; Attachment A - Mr Peter Khalil - Travel Data.pdf; Attachment B - Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017.pdf

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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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4 December 2023

Mr Peter Khalil MP
Member for Wills
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Khalil

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Monday 18 December 2023**. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA will raise an invoice to recover the expenses as detailed in **Attachment A**.

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

Please note that IPEA publishes completed Assurance Reviews on the website www.ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A

Mr Peter Khalil MP

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1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 11 to 16 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (**Attachment B**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney between 11 and 16 October 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachments: Fourth Letter - IPEA to Mr Peter Khalil MP - 9 May 2024.pdf; RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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9 May 2024

Mr Peter Khalil MP
Member for Wills
PO Box 84
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Email: [REDACTED]

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On 4 December 2023, IPEA wrote to you a third time requesting a written response by 18 December 2023 and advising that if a response was not received, IPEA would raise an invoice to recover the expenses. IPEA has not received a response.

IPEA has made several attempts to contact your offices by phone. Detailed messages have been left, however IPEA has not been able to reach you, nor received a return phone call.

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 and an invoice may be raised.

IPEA is aware that evidence to support your travel may exist, but you have not yet provided this.

Please provide a written response to this letter, including the questions at **Attachment A**, via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on **Friday 24 May 2024**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA will proceed to invoice you for the attached transactions.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A

Mr Peter Khalil MP

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4 December 2023

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Mr Peter Khalil MP

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

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

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Member (or class)	Electorate duties
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Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

[REDACTED]

From: Khalil, Peter (MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2024 4:50 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (P. Khalil, MP); [REDACTED] (P. Khalil, MP)
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: october 11 - 16 2022.jpg

Hi Nicole and [REDACTED]

My sincere apologies for the delay in response. I can confirm that I was **not** in Sydney from 11 to 16 October 2022 for the Spring Racing Carnival. Please see below for my response to the **two questions at Attachment A.**

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 11 to 16 October 2022

I travelled from Melbourne to Sydney on 11 October 2022 solely to catch an international flight from Sydney to Honolulu.

I travelled from Sydney to Melbourne on 16 October 2022 solely to catch a flight after my international flight from Honolulu to Sydney.

The reason I was in Honolulu was for the Australian American Leadership Dialogue (AALD). Please see below for explanation of this being within dominant purpose of parliamentary business.

2. With reference to the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (Attachment B) what as the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney between 11 and 16 October 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

The nature of trip in Honolulu (which was the reason for my flights to and from Sydney) was for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business. I was asked to attend AALD as I have been Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) since September 2022 and a PJCIS Committee member since October 2021. The AALD conference events and meetings were on cyber-security and our regional security. This is part of my work on PJCIS and the Indo-Pacific.

I have attached a photo my diary during that week with the events in Honolulu. As you can see, my flight to Sydney was directly before my international flight to Honolulu, and my flight to Melbourne was directly after my flight from Honolulu.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can provide.

Kind Regards,

Peter Khalil MP
Federal Member for Wills



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Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Khalil

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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Cc: [REDACTED] (P. Khalil, MP)' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Khalil

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Khalil

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon David Littleproud MP - 12 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon David Littleproud MP.pdf

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Dear Mr Littleproud

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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// September 2023

Hon David Littleproud MP
Leader of the Nationals
Member for Maranoa
PO Box 641
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Littleproud

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne and Sydney during the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 (between 15 October and 12 November 2022 inclusive). Please note that IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website at www.ipea.gov.au.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

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Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Tuesday 26 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
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Attachment B

Hon David Littleproud MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	30/10/2022	7:35 PM	Melbourne	30/10/2022	8:31 PM	\$128.70
COMCAR	Melbourne	31/10/2022	7:17 AM	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	7:49 AM	\$66.54
Travel Fares – VIRGIN AUSTRALIA	Melbourne	31/10/2022	9:00 AM	Sydney	31/10/2022	10:25 AM	\$578.47
COMCAR	Mascot	31/10/2022	10:25 AM	North Ryde	31/10/2022	10:53 AM	\$173.52
COMCAR	North Ryde	31/10/2022	1:54 PM	Mascot	31/10/2022	2:25 PM	\$67.80
Travel Fares – VIRGIN AUSTRALIA	Sydney	31/10/2022	4:00 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	5:35 PM	\$578.47
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	5:30 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	6:36 PM	\$94.02
COMCAR	Melbourne	1/11/2022	6:27 AM	Flemington	1/11/2022	6:49 AM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Flemington	1/11/2022	7:30 AM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	7:53 AM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Melbourne	1/11/2022	8:50 AM	Southbank	1/11/2022	9:02 AM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Southbank	1/11/2022	9:40 AM	Docklands	1/11/2022	10:03 AM	\$122.40
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Traralgon	2/11/2022		\$296.00
Charter / Hire	Traralgon	3/11/2022		Bendigo	3/11/2022		\$13,200.00

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Attachment B

Hon David Littleproud MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Melbourne	3/11/2022		\$402.00
Travel Fares - QANTAS	Melbourne	4/11/2022	7:20 AM	Brisbane	4/11/2022	8:30 AM	\$1456.84
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	4/11/2022	8:30 AM	Ryeford	4/11/2022	11:11 AM	\$666.23

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne on 30 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne on 30 October 2022?
Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.
3. Please confirm that your travel to Sydney on 31 October 2022 was for a meeting of members of the National Party.
4. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Victoria from 31 October 2022 to 4 November 2022?
5. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Victoria between 31 October 2022 and 4 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 29 September 2023 12:49 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP)
Subject: HPE CM: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022
Attachments: AHA Luncheon.pdf; Diary sheets 31 Oct - 3 Nov.pdf; 4 November 2022 Bendigo Advertiser.pdf; 4 November 2022 Shepparton News .pdf; 2GB [REDACTED] DavidLittleproud1Nov2022.mp3; Latrobe Valley Express - 09.11.22 - p.5.jpg; Gippsland November 2.JPG; Bendigo November 3.JPG

Categories: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

RE: Spring Carnival 2022 – Assurance Review of Travel and Travel related expenses

I am writing on behalf of the Hon. David Littleproud MP in response to your letter dated 11 September 2023 seeking assurance in relation to travel conducted on the 30 October-4 November (outlined in *Attachment B*).

As requested, the responses to the questions in *Attachment B* are as follows:

1. The intended purpose was to attend in an official capacity as an office holder, the Australian Hotels Association National Board luncheon on Monday 31 October 2022 in Melbourne.
2. The intended nature of parliamentary business on Sunday 30 October 2022 was arriving that night in Melbourne in preparation to attend an event in his official capacity the following day.
3. Following a late change (explained in question 5 below), the travel to Sydney on the 31 October 2022 was to join other National Party Members and Senators in attending the funeral of Party Trustee, author and esteemed political figure, Mr Paul Davey AM at Camellia Chapel in Macquarie Park Crematorium, Sydney.
4. The dominant purpose of David's travel was both of parliamentary and official duties as an office holder and Shadow Minister for Agriculture.
5. The parliamentary duties and official business undertaken in Victoria between 31 October and 4th November, included:
 - October 31 – Mr Littleproud was invited to attend the Australian Hotels Association National Board luncheon in Melbourne in his capacity as an office holder and it was the intention to attend this event. However, with the funeral of Mr Paul Davey AM being scheduled at the same time meant that a late change was made to fly directly from Melbourne to Sydney return that day to attend the funeral (see attached diary notes).
 - November 1 - attending an on-site, early morning live-to-air media segment at Flemington with [REDACTED] on 2GB, which required COMCAR return transport and an in-studio Sky News segment at the Southbank studios, which also required COMCAR transport. Both of these were in the morning prior to 10am. Mr Littleproud was invited to attend the Melbourne Cup in his capacity as an office holder and attended the event later that day.
 - November 2 – attended a mixture of meetings, roundtables and site tours in Melbourne and the Latrobe Valley with regional stakeholders and employers in energy, manufacturing and primary production, as well as holding a media conference in Moe (see attached diary notes & media clippings).

- November 3 – visited and met with flood impacted businesses, farmers, community groups and individuals across flood affected northern Victoria alongside the Member for Nicholls, which included two media conferences (see attached diary notes & media clippings).
- November 4 – returned to the electorate and home base.


The following attachments have been provided to support Mr Littleproud's travel:

- AHA National Board Luncheon confirmation
- Diary notes on day sheets for the period 31/10 – 3/10.
- Relevant media clippings.

I hope the information provided is of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or clarifications.

Kind regards,


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Office of the Leader of The Nationals
Shadow Minister for Agriculture

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Littleproud, David (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Registration Confirmed - 2022 AHA National Board Luncheon - Presented by Treasury Wine Estates



Dear David,

Your registration has been confirmed. Please save this email for future reference.

Event: 2022 AHA National Board Luncheon - Presented by Treasury Wine Estates

Attending: David Littleproud

Time: 12:15 pm

Date: 31 October 2022

Confirmation Number: HJNRMFN2GNV

Registration Information

David Littleproud
AHA National Executive Dinner

Questions

Dietary Requirement

Nil

[View or modify your registration](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.



THE HON DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

FEDERAL LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

Day Sheet
Monday 31 October 2022

***7.30am Comcar – [REDACTED]**
[REDACTED]

9.00am Flight VA0827 Melbourne to Sydney
[REDACTED]

***10.25am Comcar – Sydney Airport to [REDACTED]**
[REDACTED]

***11.00am [REDACTED]**
[REDACTED]

12.30pm Funeral Service Mr Paul Davey
Camellia Chapel, Macquarie Park

2.00pm Comcar – Camellia Chapel to Sydney Airport
[REDACTED]

3.00pm MEDIA – Pre record Podcast, Australian Ag Podcast w/ [REDACTED]. Topic: The Bush Post Budget
Zoom link in diary

4.00pm Flight VA0858 Sydney to Melbourne
[REDACTED]

***5.30pm Comcar – [REDACTED]**
[REDACTED]



THE HON DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

FEDERAL LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

Day Sheet

Tuesday 1 November 2022

*6.35am Comcar – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*7.00am MEDIA Live Radio 2GB w/ [REDACTED] *
Sydney Station, Located at Flemington

*7.30am Comcar – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*8.50am Comcar – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

*9.15am MEDIA Live TV Sky w/ [REDACTED] *
[REDACTED]

*9.40am Comcar – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

12.00pm Melbourne Cup

Flemington

Accommodation
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



THE HON DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

FEDERAL LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

Day Sheet

Wednesday 2 November 2022

***8.35am Media Live TV Sky w/ [REDACTED] ***

***9.00am Meeting w [REDACTED]**

12.30pm Media Doorstop outside Safetech

39-45 Della Torre Rd, Moe

12.30 Factory Tour - Safetech

39-45 Della Torre Rd, Moe

***1.00pm Round table meeting and discussion w/ Safetech ***

39-45 Della Torre Rd, Moe

3.10pm Tour of AusTimber Coupe Site Tour

Planation Timber Coupe

***5.30pm Media Live TV Sky w/ [REDACTED] ***

6.30pm Dinner

Accommodation



THE HON DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP

FEDERAL LEADER OF THE NATIONALS

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARANOVA

Day Sheet
Thursday 3 November 2022

6.45am Media Live TV Today Show w/ [REDACTED] and Hosts [REDACTED]. Topic: TBC

8.00am Charter Flight Traralgon to Bendigo*

9.30am Visit SUPA IGA Rochester

10-20 Gillies St, Rochester

10.00am Press Conference w/ Sam Birrell

The Café, 61 Mackay St, Rochester

10.30am Visit Naneella Primary Producer Property

Fairy Dell

12.00pm Visit Undera Football Club

Echuca rd, Undera

1.30pm Tastes of Capri w/ GV Leadership Foundation

Mooroopna

2.15pm Meeting w/ Suncorp Insurance

Shepparton Relief Centre, 132 Welsford St Shepparton

2.45pm Press Conference & Tour of Shepparton Relief Centre

Accommodation

[REDACTED]



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BY JONATHON MAGRATH

A DELEGATION of Nationals MPs visited Rochester on Thursday to show their support for the devastated community.

Federal leader David Littleproud said recovery efforts for Rochester would involve all levels of government working together.

"It's important we keep coming back," he said. "I took my time to come to make sure there's some healing and to give the community the opportunity to try and get back on their feet.

"Governments from all levels have worked hard to make sure we're getting back to some level of normality the best we can."

Mr Littleproud was joined by Member for Nichols Sam Birrell and Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh, who will fight for his state seat at this month's election.

"What we want to do now is work with the community, how it recovers, how businesses get re-opened, how the town starts to get going again," Mr Littleproud said.

"Rochester is a very proud community - they are grateful for the help but they want to help themselves get going again."

The MPs met with business owners who have had to close their shops and deal with loss of trade due to residents currently living out of town.

Mr Walsh said governments would do what they

could to get people to return to the town, and it was important money spent on Rochester's recovery stayed local. "The key thing with the building and recovery is making sure the purchases made to do that come out of the town," he said. "We don't

want all the materials coming from Bendigo or further away; we want the recovery to base their spending in town so businesses get going again."

Mr Littleproud likened Rochester's recovery to Lismore, New South Wales and said the federal government should extend the deadline for business activity statements and put money into the accounts of flood-affected residents.

He said the government needed to be "courageous to build mitigants like dams to catch water".

"We're a smart country but we've got to have the courage to back ourselves with the science and technology that's there," Mr Littleproud said. "We will get events that bring large quantities of water, the way to mitigate that is not always just diversion, it's about storing and moving on when it's safe to do so."

He said households should be given money to lift the height of their homes.

"Those are the practical things we need to do. We need to work with state and local governments to make sure that when they hold the planning pen, they make

sure they use commonsense and they don't put people in harm's way by allowing development of areas that are in harm's way."



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Leader of the federal Nationals David Littleproud met with Rochester business owners to discuss the ongoing recovery from the floods. Pictures by Darren Howe





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Leader warns of a long recovery

Shepparton News, Shepparton

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Leader warns of a long recovery

By Max Stainkamp

Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud has told Goulburn Valley and Campaspe Valley residents to brace for a long clean-up and recovery from last month's flooding.

Mr Littleproud visited Rochester, Undera and Shepparton as well as some orchards in the region affected by Tuesday's hailstorm alongside Federal Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell.

He said there were some tweaks to flood recovery he would urge the Federal Government to make, including making recovery funds exempt from being considered taxable income and making it easier for people to lodge financial statements.

"It's giving some people some time to breathe, take a break to focus on the recovery rather than their finances," Mr Littleproud said.

"We're going to continue to work constructively with the government and I think the government has been responsive during the crisis."

Mr Littleproud said the "one percenters" were needed to help communities rebuild.

"It's things like getting insurance companies to try and source and procure materials locally, like in Rochester they need to get their materials from the Mitre 10 there and it gets people and communities back up on their feet again," he said.

"It's important we keep coming back listening, learning and making sure that if we have to tweak our response we do that.

"It's been a really impressive way that people have banded together."

Mr Birrell said he could hardly believe the "devastation" he saw at some rural properties and farms just outside Rochester.

"It's been a really difficult time for the region and we're going to need all the support we can get," he said.

"Farmers are concerned and I've been wanting to talk about the help available."

He urged people to go to flood recovery centres such as the one in Shepparton and in Rochester to see what could be done to help.



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Leader warns of a long recovery

Shepparton News, Shepparton



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On tour: Federal Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell, Nationals candidate for the Victorian seat of Shepparton Kim O'Keeffe, Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud and City of Greater Shepparton Mayor Shane Sali.

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Made in the Valley: Safetech co-owner David Wakefield shows Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud and Nationals candidate for Morwell Martin Cameron around his Moe factory.

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Nats leader in Moe

By MICHELLE SLATER

FEDERAL Nationals Leader, David Littleproud, was in the Latrobe Valley last week to support the party's \$2.5-billion manufacturing fund ahead of this month's state election.

Mr Littleproud visited Moe engineering firm Safetech to lend his weight to the state campaign, promising that \$1b of the fund would be allocated to regional Victoria.

The Queensland MP also headed-up a forum with local business and industry leaders to discuss establishing an innovative manufacturing hub in the Latrobe Valley.

He said issues such as increasing electricity costs, labour shortages and access to childcare were some of the main issues facing manufacturers in the regions.

"It's important to know you have a future well beyond the industry you've got here at the moment, not just for yourselves but for your family," Mr Littleproud said.

"This is about expanding regional Australia to give them the leg-up to create wealth for this nation.

"This is about making sure small-to-medium

businesses have the opportunity to have a go and make sure they don't have to leave regional Victoria or leave the country."

Safetech co-owner David Wakefield said one of his challenges was competing with offshore companies in bidding for tenders.

Mr Wakefield said it was important for local manufacturers to have the public and political support to remain viable and keep employing people.

"We've sent too much manufacturing offshore for too long, we've stripped our skills base down to almost nothing, it needs to come back here," Mr Wakefield said.

"We have a very successful business based here and have no need to move. We'd like to see a lot more emphasis on rural and regional skills bases and people."

Premier Daniel Andrews claimed near 60,000 jobs would be created under Labor's plan to re-nationalise the state's power sector after the SEC was sold-off by the Coalition in the 90s.

"I think people in the Latrobe Valley know the record of The Nationals. This was to privatise electricity and nobody has been a winner out of that sale," Mr Andrews said.



WIN News at 05:30 a.m.

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Good evening. I'm Bruce Roberts. Also tonight, a sneak peek inside the regional renovations on this season of the BLOCK, Federal Nationals leader David Littleproud has visited a maui lift manufacturer pushing plans to make the Latrobe Valley a thriving hub. The Opposition hopes to expand industry through its multi-billion dollar, bringing manufacturing home fund from scissor lifts to elevators, safe tax ground to build a variety of lift products, all manufactured in Gippsland



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Dear Minister

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7 September 2023

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Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Member for Eden-Monaro
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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Yours sincerely

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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- (d) *vice regal function*.

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

(Act s 6(4)(a))

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

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Member (or class)	Electorate duties
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Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

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Attachment B

Hon Kristy McBain MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Southbank	15/10/2022	4:40 AM	Melbourne Airport	15/10/2022	5:07 AM	\$128.70
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	15/10/2022	6:00 AM	Sydney	15/10/2022	7:25 AM	\$464.59
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Sydney	15/10/2022		\$464.00
Travel Fares – Regional Express	Sydney	16/10/2022	6:25PM	Merimbula	16/10/2022	7:35 PM	\$440.00

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 15 to 16 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney between 15 and 16 October 2022?
Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 15 September 2023 9:39 AM
To: Assurance
Cc: McBain, Kristy (MP)
Subject: FW: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Kristy McBain MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Kristy McBain MP.pdf; Diary 15 October 2022.pdf; Diary 16 October 2022.pdf

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Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding your correspondence of 8 September.

In response to the questions in Attachment B the Minister travelled to Melbourne between 12 and 14 October in an official capacity for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Conference and other stakeholder meetings. While there she gave a presentation to conference delegates, met with Regional Cities Victoria, the Rural City of Wangaratta, the Mount Alexander Shire Council CEO, the Baw Baw Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council and attended the Conference Gala Dinner.

The Minister departed Melbourne for Sydney on 15 October on Party Political business to attend the NSW Labor Conference which was held on both the 15th and 16th October (diary entries attached).

Minister McBain did not attend any Spring Racing Carnival events.

I am happy to provide further information if required.

Regards

[REDACTED]
1)

[REDACTED]
Chief of Staff | Office of Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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15 October 2022

Saturday

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SATURDAY		Notes
<p>15</p> <p>From 5 Oct on Leave - McBain, Kristy (MP) To 17 Oct</p> <p>- McBain, Kristy (MP)</p> <p>Wamboin Produce Markets</p>		
7 AM	QF0402 Melbourne to Sydney; McBain, Kristy (MP)	
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9	<p>NSW LABOR ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE Sydney Town Hall McBain, Kristy (MP)</p>	
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11		<p>Need to be at stage door for Prime Minister's address Stage Door; McBain, Kristy (MP)</p> <p>Prime Minister's Address Sydney Town Hall McBain, Kristy (MP)</p>
12 PM		
1		<p>Country Delegates Lunch Marconi Room McBain, Kristy (MP)</p>
2		<p>Unions NSW Address Sydney Town Hall; McBain, Kristy (MP)</p> <p>Drop in to "Day of Ukrainian Defenders" - Rally Town Hall Steps - runs from 2-3 pm; McBain, Kristy</p>
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	<p>NSW Centre Unity Conference Dinner Sky Phoenix, Shop 6001/188 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000; McBain, Kristy (MP)</p>	
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16 October 2022

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SUNDAY		Notes
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Qbn Markets (9 am - 12 noon)		
TBC run4reef		
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9	NSW LABOR ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE Sydney Town Hall; Voting 10 am - 2:30 pm McBain, Kristy (MP)	
10		NSW Labor Conference Fringe - Disaster Recovery: Lower Town Hall McBain, Kristy (MP)
11		Chris Minns' Address Sydney Town Hall McBain, Kristy (MP)
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2		Life Members Presentation & Reception Sydney Town Hall & Reception in Marconi Room; McBain, Kristy (MP)
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7 September 2023

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Senator for Victoria
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Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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(Act s 6(4)(a))

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Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

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Attachment B
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Macquarie Park	31/10/2022	5:00 PM	Mascot	31/10/2022	5:57 PM	\$122.88
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	31/10/2022	6:30 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	8:05 PM	\$578.47
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	8:05 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	9:39 PM	\$98.10
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Melbourne	2/11/2022	4:50 PM	Hobart	2/11/2022	6:05 PM	\$416.13

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 31 October 2022 to 2 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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Senator for Victoria
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 14 November 2023. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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Call to end impasse on the bypass

By Anna McGuinness

Victorian Senator Bridget McKenzie has called on Premier Daniel Andrews and the Victorian Government to "stump up the Shepparton bypass."

Senator McKenzie, the Shadow Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Minister, was in Shepparton with Federal Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell and Nationals candidate for the state seat of Shepparton District Kim O'Keefe on Wednesday, November 2, to call out inaction on the project.

Senator McKenzie said the former Coalition Government committed \$208 million to stage one of the project for an 80-20 split with the state government.

Major Road Projects Victoria completed a business case for the project in 2020 and submitted it to the Federal Government.

"The Shepparton bypass is a vital infrastructure project that will benefit the amenity of the community but also support the economic growth for the entire Goulburn Valley region," Senator McKenzie said.

"Now it's up to state and federal governments, irrespective of their colour, to recognise that this community needs the bypass because Shepparton is going to grow and grow."

State Member for Shepparton District Suzanna Sheed said the \$208 million figure put up by the former Federal Government "simply didn't cut it."

"It was done before the business case was released so there was no understanding of what the final cost would be at that stage," she said.

"As Shepparton's representative I was successful in getting \$10 million allocated by the state government to do the business case ... it was completed and handed to the Federal Government well over a year ago now.

"It sat on someone's desk for a very long time with no activity and the cost has clearly blown out.

"It's now a case of trying to highlight to the Federal Labor



Impasse: Federal Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell, Nationals' candidate for the Victorian seat of Shepparton District Kim O'Keefe and Senator Bridget McKenzie are calling for action on the Shepparton bypass project. Photo: Rechelle Zamm



Advocacy: Liberal candidate for the state seat of Shepparton District Cheryl Hammer says the recent floods reinforced how critical the bypass was for the region.



Blow out: State Member for Shepparton Suzanna Sheed says the bypass has been a high priority during her time in parliament. Photo: Mega

government and the state Labor government that this is a priority project for our region," she said.

There hasn't been a commitment to fund the bypass from any parties at a state level so far, something Ms O'Keefe said she was lobbying for.

"We are the only regional city that does not have a bypass so it's time to bring Greater Shepparton up to the current time so we can do what we need to do as a city, as a region," she said.

"It's disgusting to think we

have not been supported as a regional city and we contribute so much."

Liberal candidate for the state seat of Shepparton District Cheryl Hammer said she was also fighting hard to secure funding for the project.

"I have been a strong advocate on the need for a Shepparton bypass," she said.

All three candidates said the recent floods had shown how important an additional river crossing was for Shepparton and

Mooroopna after the causeway closure separated the two towns.

On Tuesday, a Victorian Government spokesperson said the bypass was "a National Commonwealth Government promise that it broke."

They said the Victorian Government was "free to ignore the business case at any time."

The bypass has been identified as a key election issue by Greater Shepparton Council ahead of the 2022 Victorian election.







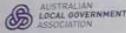
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With Jade Benham, The Nationals Candidate for Mildura

Driving around the vast electorate, you can see the creeping water which threatens some communities more than others.

One quickly gets an idea of water flows and how important levees, flood inundation overlays and other mitigation measures are when there's a direct threat.

Last Tuesday, Senator Bridget McKenzie and I travelled to Wycheproof to see it firsthand, and to see if we could be useful in any way.

Corey Harrison was busily submitting reports, co-ordinating volunteers and watching gauges whilst trying to explain to us that it's not actually the Tyrrell Creek that is the biggest threat to the township, but the Cooropajerrup Creek.

Having been the former Emergency Management Minister, the good Senator had a really good understanding of flood mapping, water flows, the support requirements needed and how those at the emergency relief centre might be feeling.

Senator McKenzie has dealt with a couple of Lismore disasters, as well as bushfires during her tenure, so it was in-

credibly valuable to have her perspective and insight into the situation.

"There is no better intelligence in times like these than local knowledge," said Senator McKenzie.

"Having you guys on the ground here is absolutely vital. You know the land, you've seen it all before and you know where the water will go. There's nothing more valuable than local knowledge."

We were lucky enough to have a personal tour guided by CFA member Ian Amel, who took great pride in showing us the community spirit that was building new levee

banks in place of crops, sandbagging homes that lay in the path of potential destruction and showing us the lay of the land as far as the Tyrrell and Cooropajerrup creeks go.

I wasn't going to allow the good Senator to visit Wycheproof without submitting the Mountain of course and whilst up there, inspecting the new wetlands project and getting a more vast view of the district.

We did want to be useful and helpful rather than just being in the way, so we asked Ian to take us to the sandbagging station where the Parks crew were taking loads out. So whilst they were gone,

we thought we'd leave them a little gift of another pallet of prepared, perfectly stacked sandbags, left by the National Party.

Knowing that we couldn't get to Charlton that day, we also visited and spoke with the displaced residents at the emergency relief centre. It still amazes me how resilient Mallee folk are.

"How are you going?"

"Ok, not much we can do about it is there? It is what it is?" is the general response.

We really appreciate the hospitality and time taken with Corey, Ian and the local and visiting SES crews to help us understand where the water is coming from, where it's going and what will be needed post any flood event.

I'm only a phone call away if you need more help with sandbagging and pallet stacking.

Sea Lake Pub Test

It's all well and good for aspiring politicians and parties to make promises and commitments around elections, and a lot of work has gone into National Party policies.

However, sometimes, what the parties may think is a good idea, doesn't actually resonate with the people. I believe everyone and everything

should be put through the pub test.

Meaning, if you were at a pub and the conversation about XYZ came up, what would the opinion of Munga be, on the night of his 60th birthday?

Well, we did just that, on the night of Munga's 60th birthday and didn't I get a swift lesson in a number of things? It was all highly entertaining of course.

The central theme that quickly emerged was the Mallee Rally and the pending Cultural Heritage report pertaining to Lake Tyrrell.

Now I make no secret of the fact that I am a motorsport fan. Motorbikes first, but anything that makes loud noises and goes fast is good enough for me, so I too am waiting with bated breath to read the contents of this report, which, I have not seen as yet.

Once this report is released, which I expect to be post-election, the coalition government can start working with all stakeholders to protect sacred lands whilst at the same time bringing back Sea Lake's largest event, not just in terms of dollars into the local economy, but in terms of town morale.

We know how important collective morale is



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when times are tough in small towns, and this is a huge back of the social fabric that binds Sea Lake and the Southern Mallee together.

So, when people ask me if I support the Mallee Rally, yes I do and am committed to working with all sides to bring it back in the best way possible.



• Senator Bridget McKenzie and Jade Benham in the control centre discussing the Tyrrell Creek flood event.



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INVITATION

MELBOURNE CUP DAY
TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2022

Tabcorp

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On behalf of Tabcorp, it is my pleasure to invite

SENATOR MCKENZIE & GUEST

to the Melbourne Cup at Flemington Racecourse
on Tuesday 1 November 2022.

Please contact [REDACTED] via email on [REDACTED]
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Invitations & further details will be provided closer to the date.

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Following this correspondence, IPEA has further questions in relation to your use of parliamentary business resources to undertake this travel.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

Questions for your response

1. IPEA notes that in relation to your travel to Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022, you have only used parliamentary business resources for one COMCAR transaction to travel from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne on 31 October 2022. Please confirm that the dominant purpose of this travel was parliamentary business.
2. In relation to your use of COMCAR to travel from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne on 31 October 2022, what was the nature of your parliamentary business associated with the use of this expense?

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on 23 February 2023, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
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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.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
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Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	31/10/2022	6:30 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	8:05 PM	\$578.47
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	8:05 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	9:39 PM	\$98.10
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Hi Nicole,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

As per previous correspondence on December 15, the dominant purpose for the Senator McKenzie was official parliamentary business.

After reviewing our records, Senator McKenzie did not submit travel claim for October 31. One will now be submitted.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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	Monday 31	Tuesday 1 Nov	Wednesday 2
	[Redacted]		Central Campaign Committee Meeting; Microsoft Teams Meeting; [Redacted]
7 AM			
8 AM	Drive Canberra to Sydney		
9 AM			
10 AM		Coalition Members and Senators Meeting on Secure	Melbourne to Shepparton - Approx travel time 2hr 30min
11 AM	11.00am NSW *Meet		
12 PM	Funeral: Paul Davey Camellia Chapel, Macqu		Media with [Redacted]
1 PM			Travel - Shepparton to Melb Airport 2hr
2 PM		Melbourne Cup with TabCorp	
3 PM	Canceled: IRDP Coalit		
4 PM			
5 PM	[Redacted] Self i Sky S NPA\		Travel
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Hi Nicole,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

As per previous correspondence on December 15, the dominant purpose for the Senator McKenzie was official parliamentary business.

After reviewing our records, Senator McKenzie did not submit travel claim for October 31. One will now be submitted.

Regards,

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15 March 2024

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Senator for Victoria
172 High St
WODONGA, VIC, 3690

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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

On 8 September 2023 and 31 October 2023, IPEA wrote to you about an Assurance Review of travel expenses incurred by you for travel to Sydney and Melbourne between 31 October and 2 November 2022.

On 15 December 2023, your staff member responded to IPEA and provided information on the purpose of your travel, as well as supporting documentation. The response indicated that your travel to Melbourne between 31 October and 1 November 2022 was undertaken to attend the Melbourne Cup as a guest of Tabcorp.

On 9 February 2024, IPEA wrote to you with additional questions about your use of COMCAR in Melbourne on 31 October 2022. IPEA asked you to confirm that the dominant purpose of your use of this expense was for parliamentary business, and the nature of any parliamentary business associated with the use of this expense.


On 15 February 2024, your staff member responded to IPEA. The response did not address IPEA's question on the nature of your parliamentary business associated with your use of COMCAR on 31 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 and an invoice may be raised.

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I have provided the COMCAR transaction and questions for your consideration at **Attachment A**. Please provide a personal written response, via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by **COB on Friday 22 March 2024**.

If a response is not received, IPEA will consider options for progressing this matter, including raising an invoice for the relevant travel. Further information about IPEA's Statutory Audit Function is available on our website and at **Attachment B**.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	8:05 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	9:39 PM	\$98.10

Questions for your response

1. IPEA notes that in relation to your travel to Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022, you have only used parliamentary business resources for one COMCAR transaction to travel from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne on 31 October 2022. Please confirm that the dominant purpose of this travel was parliamentary business.
2. In relation to your use of COMCAR to travel from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne on 31 October 2022, what was the nature of your parliamentary business associated with the use of this expense? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.
3. In your response of 15 December 2023, a representative from your office stated that on 1 November 2022, you attended the Melbourne Cup as a guest of Tabcorp. If this was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne, please provide further information about how your attendance at this event constitutes parliamentary business.

FACT SHEET – STATUTORY AUDIT FUNCTION

MAY 2023

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	Assurance review	Audit	Post payment checks
<p>A preliminary assessment is generally confidential and establishes if further review is necessary.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Preliminary assessments review information held or accessible by IPEA to determine the threshold question of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a parliamentary business resource been used? <p>If the answer is yes, an assurance review follows.</p>	<p>An assurance review determines if there has been a misuse of a parliamentary business resource.</p> <p>IPEA assesses the use of the parliamentary business resource against the legislative framework to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was there misuse? <p>If the answer is yes, IPEA considers if an audit, referral, or administrative action is appropriate.</p> <p>An audit is considered when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Referral to the AFP is considered when there is evidence of serious fraud or other criminal conduct.</p>	<p>An audit may commence for two main reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As the outcome of an assurance review 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. <p>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.</p>	<p>Post payment checks are ongoing systematic testing of expense use through regular sampling of transactions. This covers a range of expenses such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> business class travel short term self-drive hire cars accommodation receipts.
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			<p>Making a ruling</p> <p>Rulings are made and finalised by the Members, including where they are, requested by a parliamentarian, recommended by an assurance review or audit.</p>



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Categories: [REDACTED]

Good morning

Please see attached correspondence from Senator the Hon. Bridget McKenzie dated 25 March 2024.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
1)

[REDACTED]
Office of Senator the Hon. Bridget McKenzie
Leader of The Nationals in the Senate
Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
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SENATOR THE HON. BRIDGET MCKENZIE

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

Leader of the Nationals in the Senate

Senator for Victoria

25 March 2024

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

via email: assurance@ipea.gov.au

Dear IPEA,

Further to previous correspondence with my office in relation to an IPEA Assurance Review into transportation costs on Monday October 30, 2022, I am providing the following explanation.

As outlined previously by my office, I travelled from Sydney to Melbourne on October 30, 2022, to enable me to attend a Melbourne Cup function the following day, for which supporting documentation has been provided. I used a COMCAR to travel from Melbourne Airport to my hotel in Melbourne (noting that my home base is Wodonga). I did not use a COMCAR to travel to and from the event.

You have requested that I am to specify “the nature” of parliamentary business under Regulation 98 of the Parliamentary Resources Regulations, 2017 and how my attendance at the event constitutes parliamentary business.

I was invited to the event by a racing industry stakeholder, Tabcorp.

The sole reason I was invited to attend the function was in my capacity as Senator for Victoria and the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development. The sole reason I agreed to attend was because of my capacity as Senator for Victoria.

The Melbourne Cup is the showcase annual event of this important and valuable industry, which I support, engage with, and which is also a major stakeholder.

The Victorian racing industry is an important contributor to the state that I represent, generating \$3.2 billion expenditure into the state’s economy, and directly employing 34,900 people, according to a report commissioned by Racing Victoria.

According to the 2022 IER Pty Ltd report, entitled "Size and Scope of the Victorian Racing Industry", there were also 1,458 breeders, 956 trainers, 71,388 owners, and 4,741 volunteers in the thoroughbred industry alone in Victoria the year surveyed (more are employed in other codes such as harness and greyhounds). This estimate does not include the employees of racing clubs (6,660), employees of wagering businesses (2,746), and other participants including volunteers in the industry (5,275).

This stakeholder is particularly vital for regional Victoria, evidence for which is outlined on page 22 of the report that can be found with this link: [26e5c9be3387485aa5de00d426012fd4.ashx \(racingvictoria.com.au\)](https://www.racingvictoria.com.au/26e5c9be3387485aa5de00d426012fd4.ashx) The racing industry helps underpin the economies of many regional centres.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and I trust that this explanation provides IPEA with the assurance it is seeking.

Yours sincerely,


Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie

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Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Brendan OConnor MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Brendan OConnor MP.pdf

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7 September 2023

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Member for Gorton
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne and Sydney during the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 (between 15 October and 12 November 2022 inclusive). Please note that IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website at www.ipea.gov.au.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Hon Brendan O'Connor MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Cabcharge	Keilor	1/11/2022		Flemington	1/11/2022	12:10 PM	\$60.63

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Flemington on 1 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Flemington on 1 November 2022?
Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The purpose of this travel was undertaken pursuant to Schedule 4 of the PBR Determination – Official duties – b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Executive to Minister / Office Manager
Office of the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP | Minister for Skills and Training
[REDACTED] Parliament House
[REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely

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Categories: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, 12 April 2024 3:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Parl Repayments
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review Minister O'Connor [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Hon Brendan O'Connor MP - Invoice.pdf

OFFICIAL

12 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find attached an invoice for the Minister's Cabcharge transaction which includes a 25% loading under section 39 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* for repayments made more than 28 days after the date of the claim.

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 Parliament House
 PO BOX 6022
 "Suites 1&2 Level 2,13-15 Lake Stre
 Caroline Springs VIC 3023

Invoice Date: 11.04.2024
Phone number: (02) 6215 3000
Invoice Reference: 20171403
Payment Reference: 3100002839
Customer No: 74799329
Payment Due Date: 11.05.2024
Email: finance@ipea.gov.au

On any correspondence,
 please quote the Invoice Reference.

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
001 *Recovery of Cabcharge 1 Nov 22	\$60.63	\$6.06	\$66.69
002 *Recovery of Cabcharge (service fee) 1 Nov 22	\$3.33		\$3.33
003 *25 percent penalty loading 1 Nov 22	\$17.51		\$17.51

Total: **\$81.47** **\$6.06** **\$87.53**

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1. Payment by Direct Debit

IPEA Administered Receipts A/C

2. Mailing your payment

All cheques and money orders should be made payable to the IPEA.
 Mail payment together with this stub to:

IPEA
 1 Canberra Avenue FORREST, ACT, 2603

3. Payment by Credit Card

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Name of Card Holder: _____ Signature: _____

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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Senator James Paterson - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Senator James Paterson.pdf

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7 September 2023

Senator James Paterson
Senator for Victoria
Ground Floor, 63 York St
SOUTH MELBOURNE, VIC, 3205

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne and Sydney during the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 (between 15 October and 12 November 2022 inclusive). Please note that IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website at www.ipea.gov.au.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

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Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
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- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
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Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
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Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Senator James Paterson

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	11/10/2022	5:00 PM	Sydney	11/10/2022	6:25 PM	\$1,102.34
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	16/10/2022	10:00 PM	Melbourne	16/10/2022	11:35 PM	\$774.62
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	16/10/2022	11:33 PM	Hawthorn	17/10/2022	12:05 AM	\$128.70

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 11 to 16 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney between 11 and 16 October 2022?
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Cc: [REDACTED] (Sen J. Paterson)
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 2022HLD Thought Leader Invitation - USINDOPACOM Cyber Laneway - Senator James Paterson.docx; Delegate Brief HLD 2022.pdf; HLD-e Delegate Handbook-2022.pdf; Electronic ticket receipt, October 11 for JAMES WILLIAM PATERSON.pdf

Categories: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Between 11 and 16 October I was in Honolulu, Hawaii, to participate in the Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

I was invited in my capacity as the then Shadow Minister for Cyber Security and Countering Foreign Interference. I represented the Opposition at the Dialogue, while the Government was represented by Peter Khalil MP. I have attached the full program from the Dialogue.

My participation in the Dialogue constitutes Parliamentary Business under c, e and f of schedule 1 of the 2017 determination.

During the Dialogue I met with a number of stakeholders in my portfolio both from the United States and Australia. I have attached the delegate handbook from the Dialogue which outlines my participation and the participation of many delegates who are directly relevant to my portfolio, but some include the Director General of the Australian Signals Directorate Rachel Noble and Rear Admiral Heidi Berg from the US Cyber Command.

I was also a guest speaker on a number of panels relating to my portfolio. I have attached the written invitation for one of those as an example.

My international travel out of Sydney was sponsored by Hawaiian Airlines (which was disclosed in the appropriate way on my register of interests). I have attached my e-ticket receipts for those flights. I used parliamentary expenses to get to and from Sydney from my home base of Melbourne.

My attendance at the Dialogue was reported in *The Australian* here: [Team of nations to tackle region's historic challenges \(senatorpaterson.com.au\)](https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/foreign-affairs/team-of-nations-to-tackle-region-s-historic-challenges-senatorpaterson.com.au) and posted on Twitter here: [James Paterson on X: "I was pleased to recently represent the Opposition at the Australian American Leadership Dialogue in Honolulu, along with my colleague representing the government @PeterKhalilMP https://t.co/8eeSaVDBfh" / X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/JamesPaterson/status/1698888888) here: [James Paterson on X: "@PeterKhalilMP We joined senior Australian and American military and civilian leaders for important discussions about the strategic environment in the Indo-Pacific and the action we can take together through partnerships like AUKUS to prevent conflict through deterrence. https://t.co/LFH1WCsvVK" / X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/JamesPaterson/status/1698888888) and here: [James Paterson on X: "@PeterKhalilMP I am grateful to Admiral Acquilino and his team for hosting us at USINDOPACOM, the combatant command for our region. https://t.co/CIIT5rYvy" / X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com/JamesPaterson/status/1698888888)

I did not use any work expenses to attend any Spring Racing Carnival events.

Please advise if you require any further materials on this matter.

Kind regards

James

Senator James Paterson
Shadow Minister for Home Affairs
Shadow Minister for Cyber Security
Liberal Senator for Victoria

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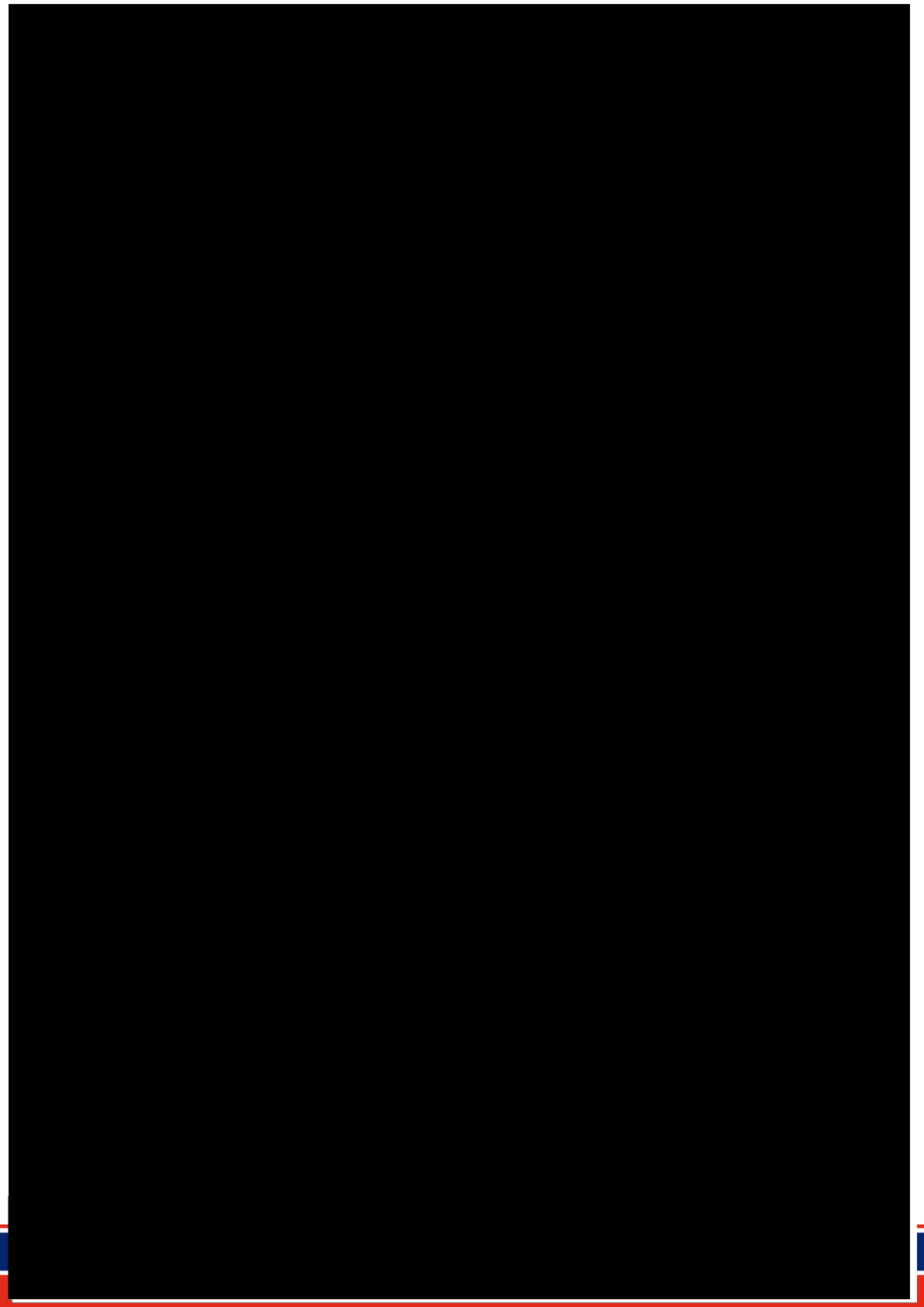
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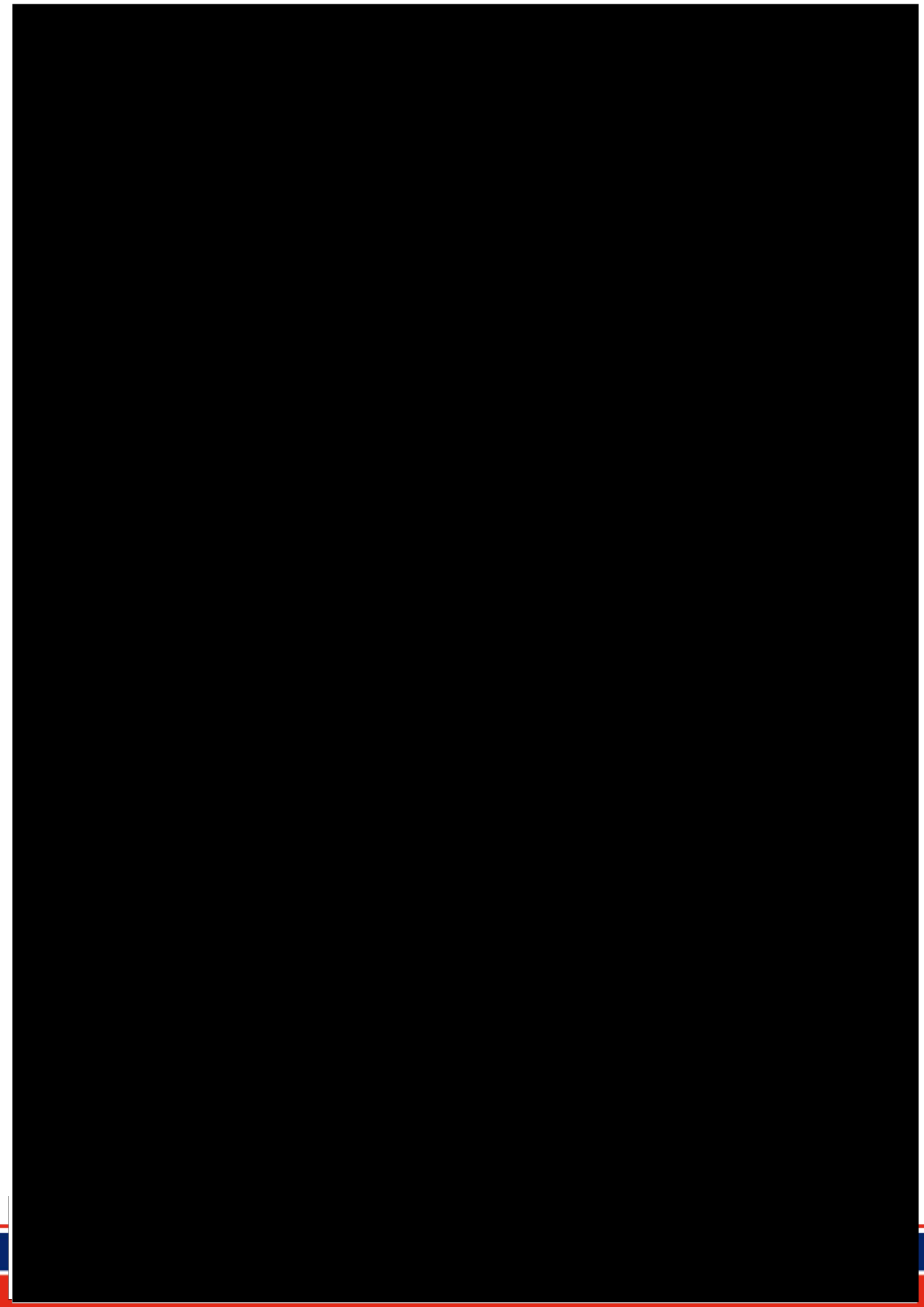
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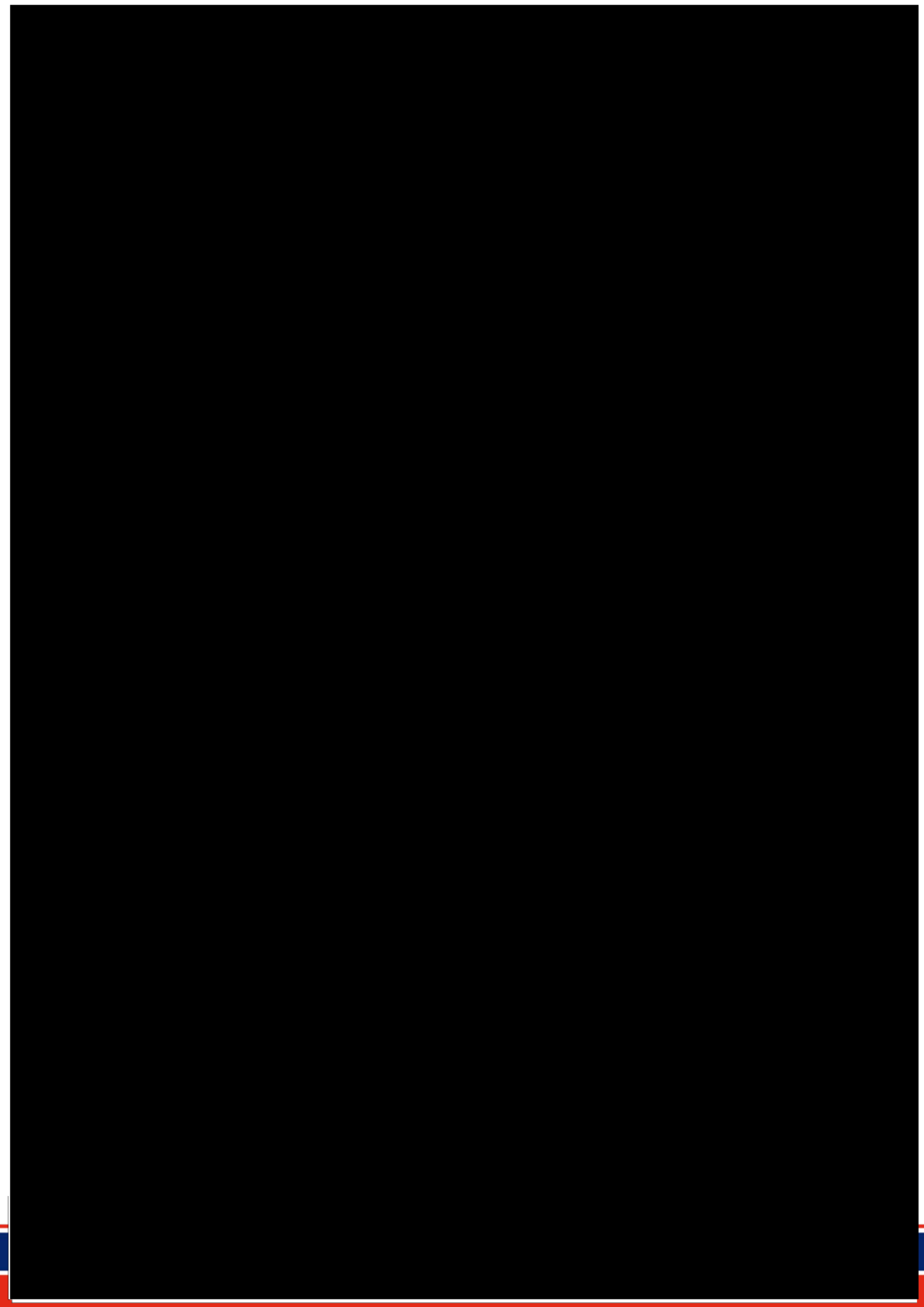
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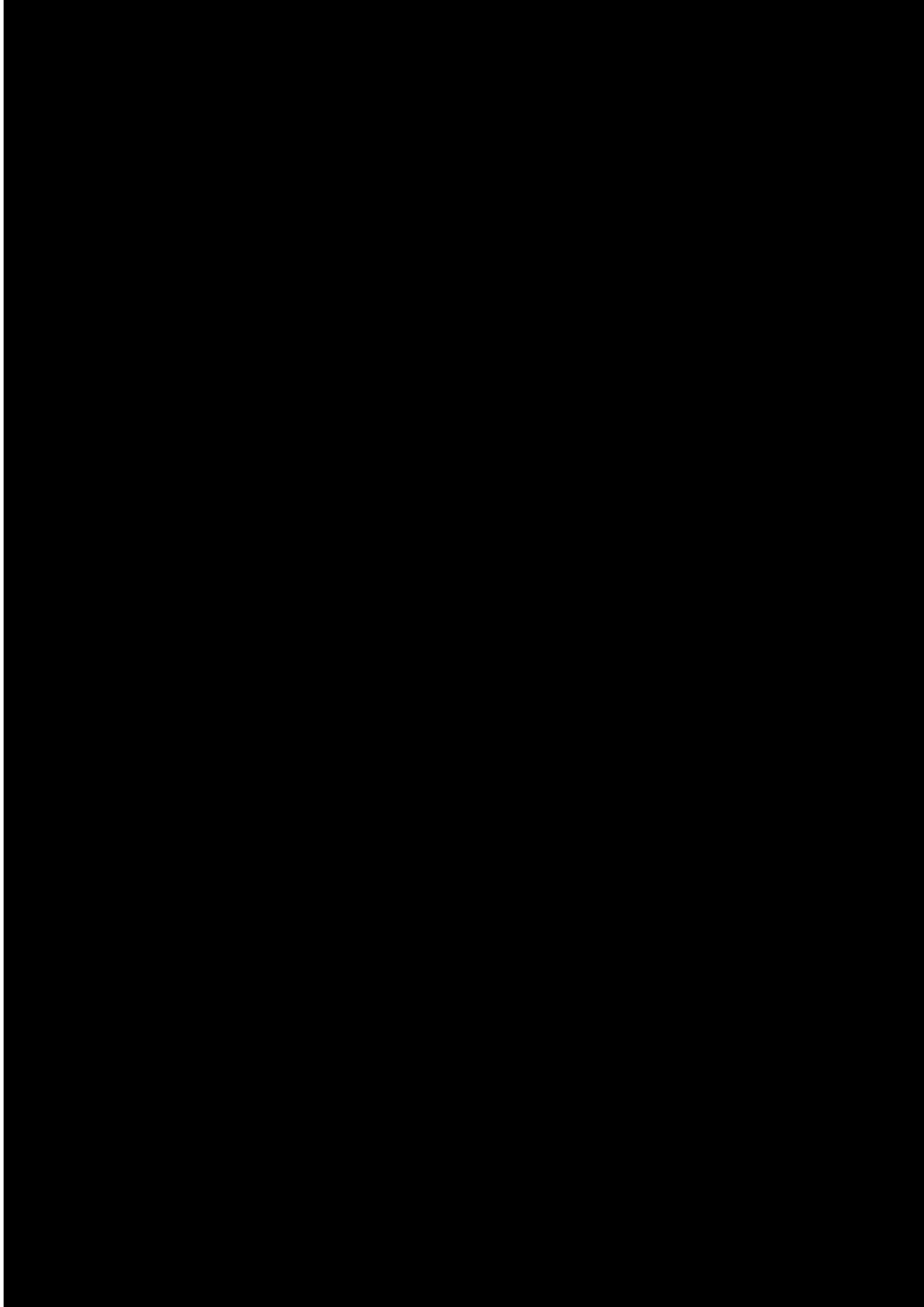
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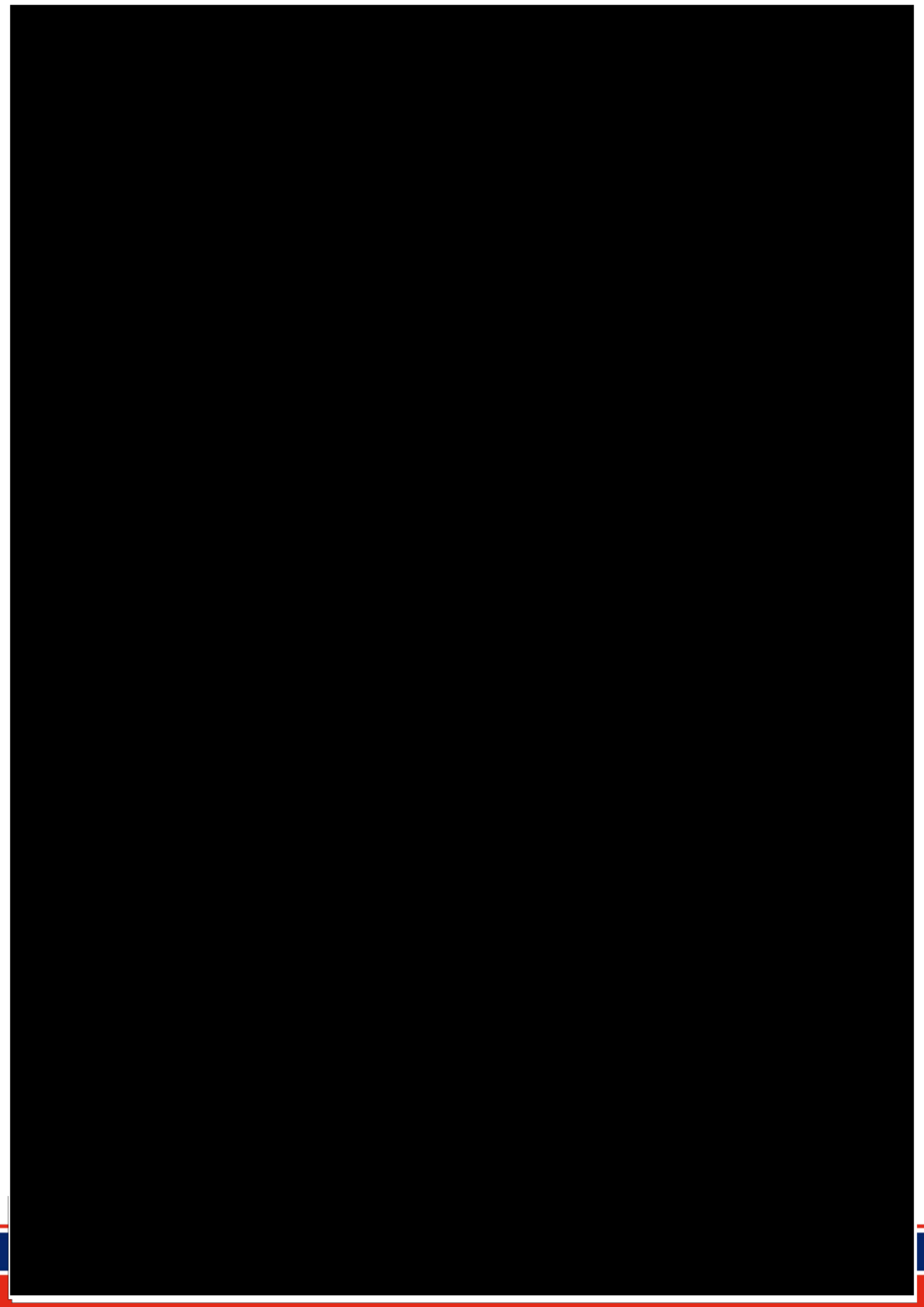
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Senator James Paterson
Shadow Minister for Cyber Security and Shadow Minister for Countering Foreign Interference
Parliament of Australia

Senator James Paterson is a Liberal Senator for Victoria. First elected in March 2016 at age 28, Senator Paterson is the youngest Liberal ever elected to the Senate.

During his time in the Senate, he has fought for Australia's prosperity, freedom, democracy and sovereignty.

Senator Paterson was appointed the Shadow Minister for Cyber Security and the Shadow Minister for Countering Foreign Interference by Opposition Leader Peter Dutton. Cyber attacks and foreign interference are two of the most serious contemporary threats to Australia's national security.

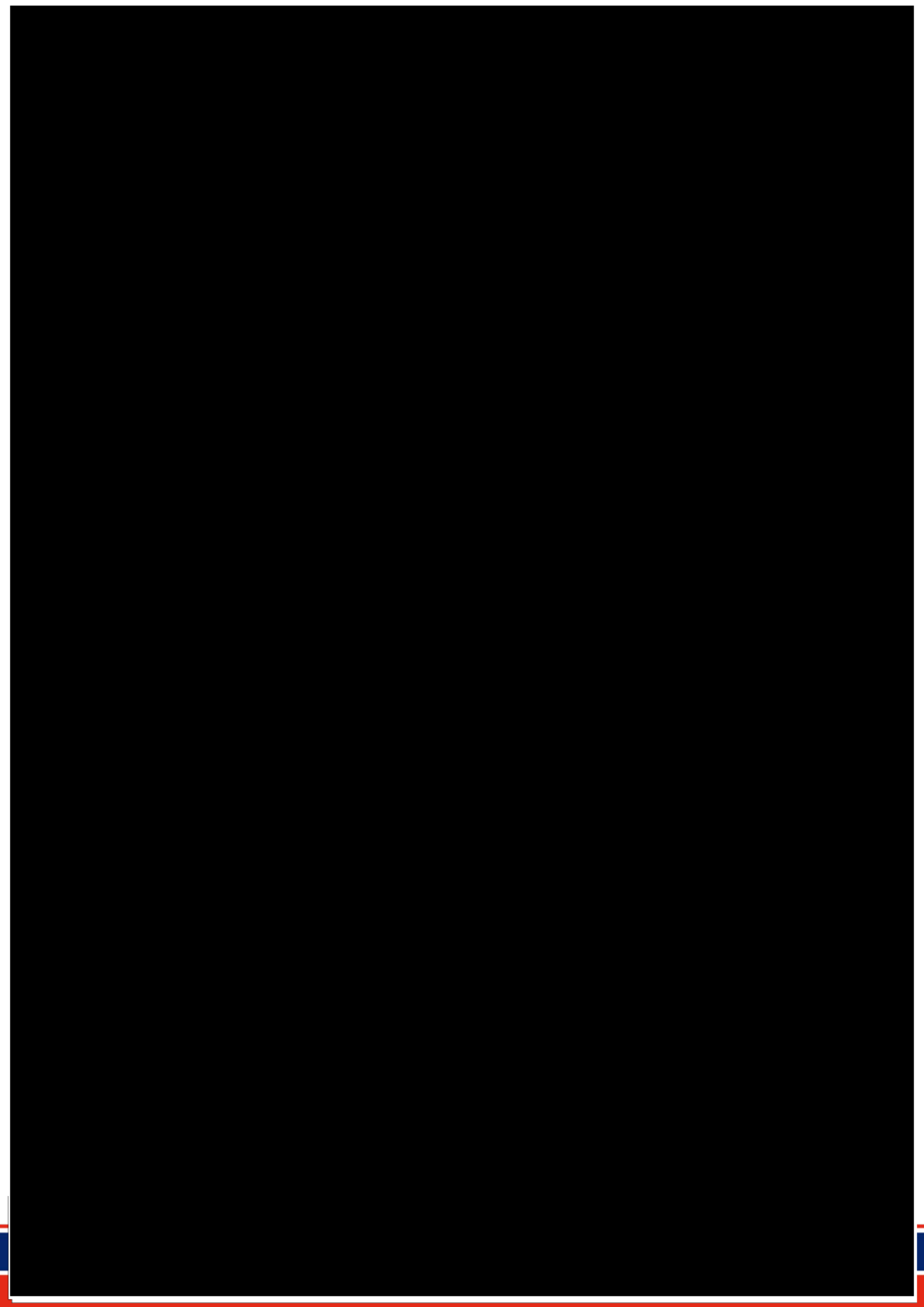
He was the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security from February 2021 until May 2022. During this time, Senator Paterson oversaw a record high workload in response to Australia's changing security environment, handing down 23 reports relating to Australia's national security in just 12 months.

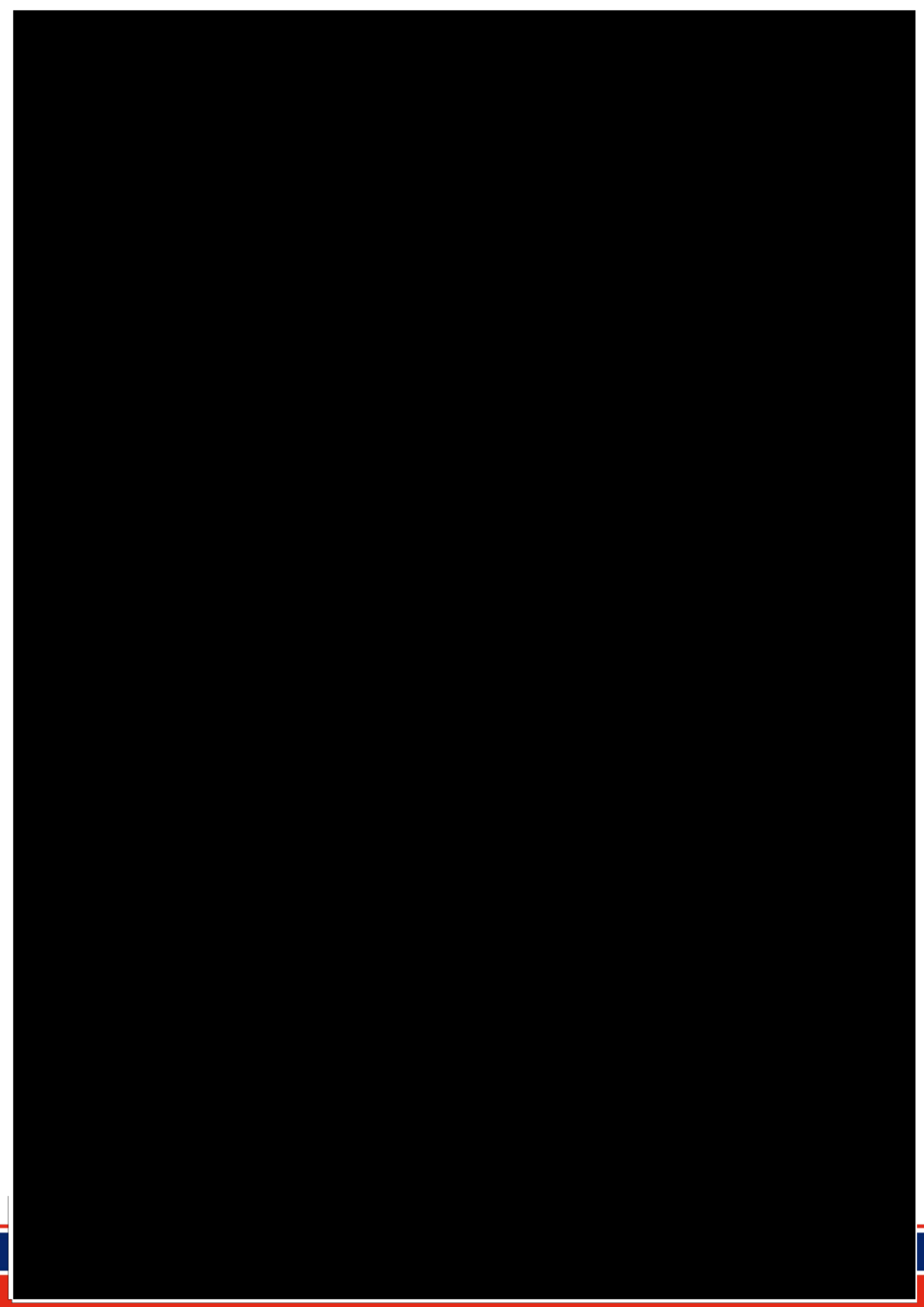
Senator Paterson has also served as the deputy chair of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, the chair of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services and the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

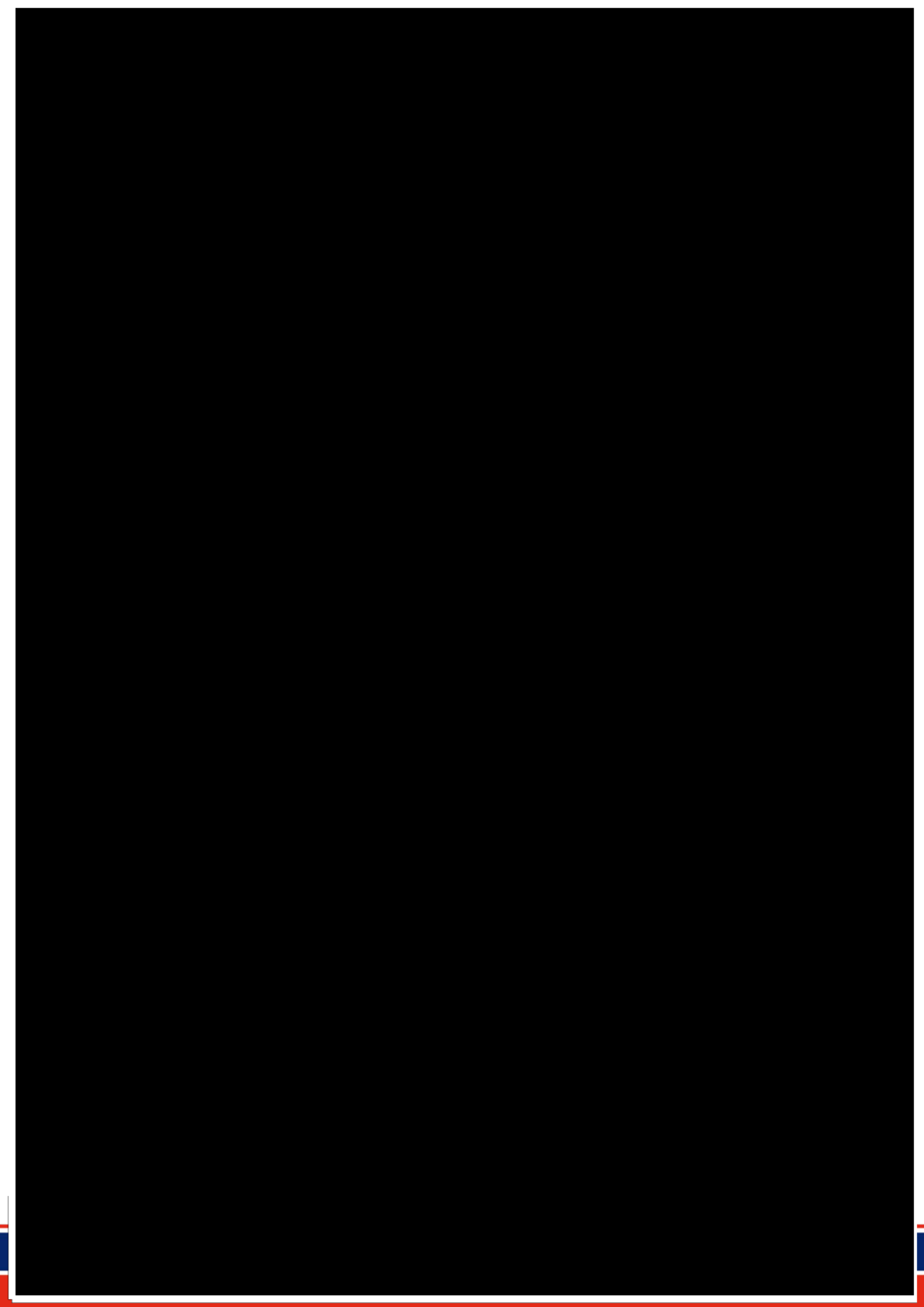
Senator Paterson is also the Australian co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China; co-patron of Liberal Friends of Israel; and deputy chair of the Modest Members Society – a group of Coalition MPs committed to championing economic freedom.

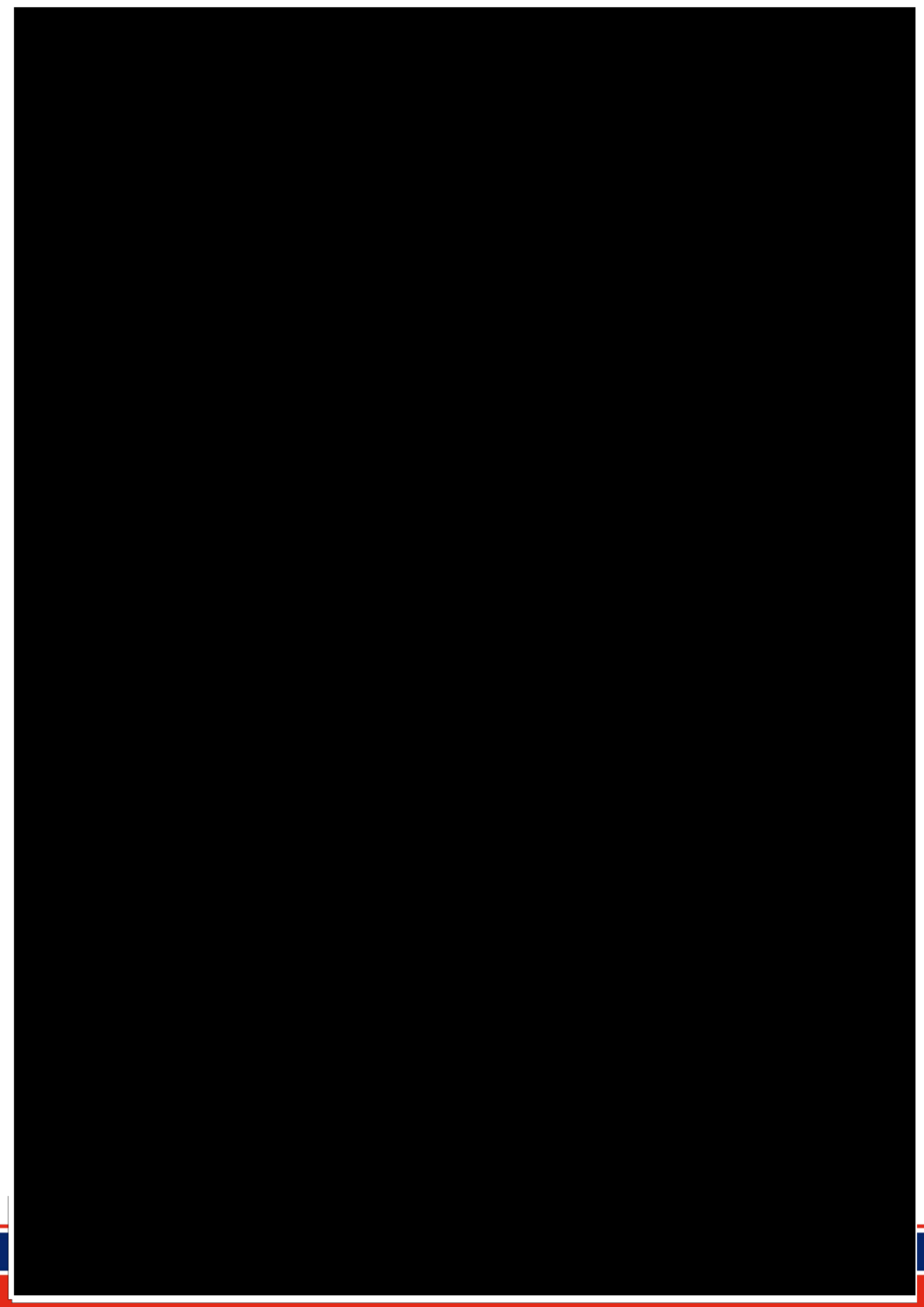
Prior to entering the Senate, James was Deputy Executive Director of free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs. He previously worked for the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI), and in the office of Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield. He has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.

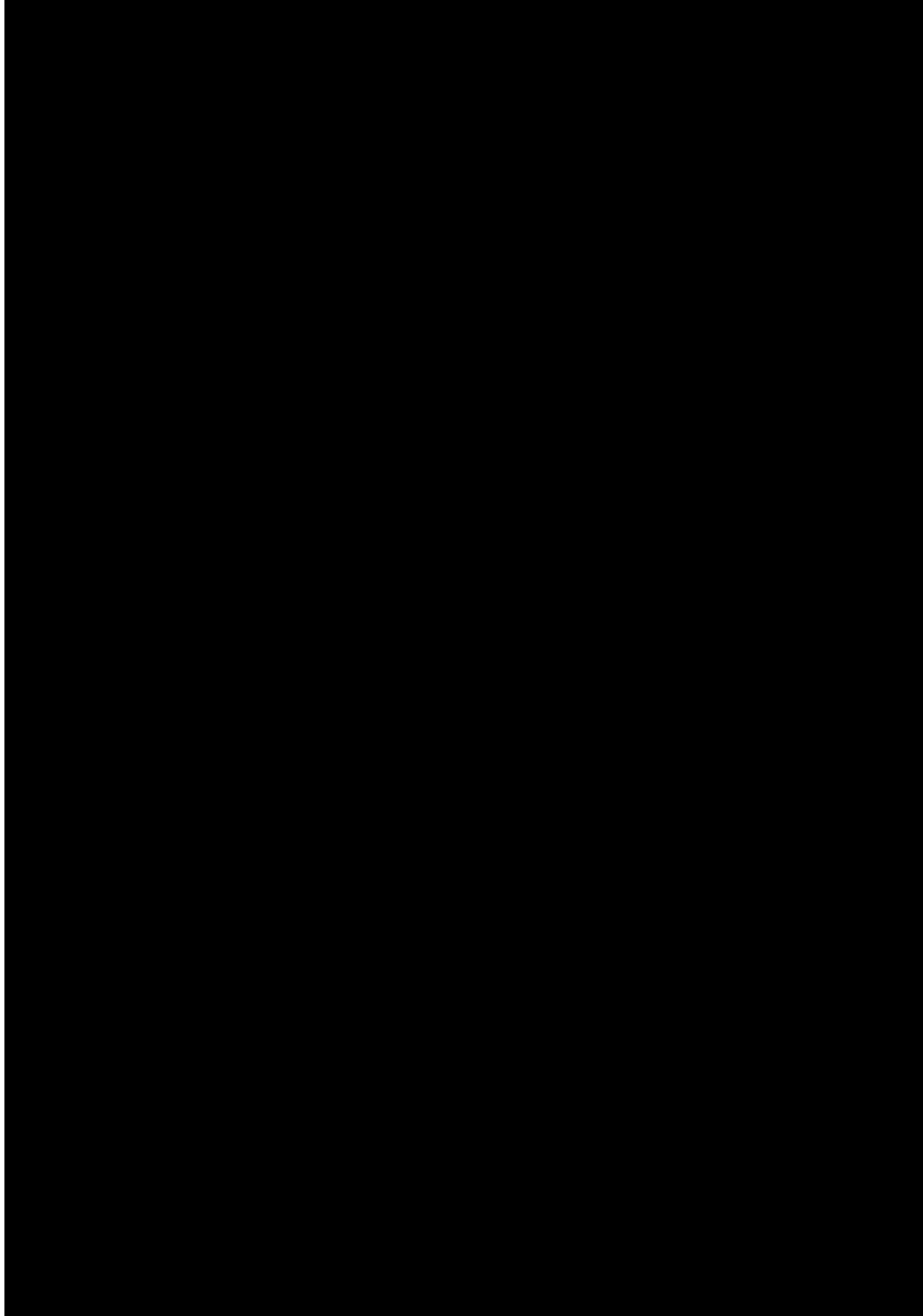
James is a member of the Richmond Football Club and lives in Melbourne with his wife Lydia, their two children and their cavoodle.

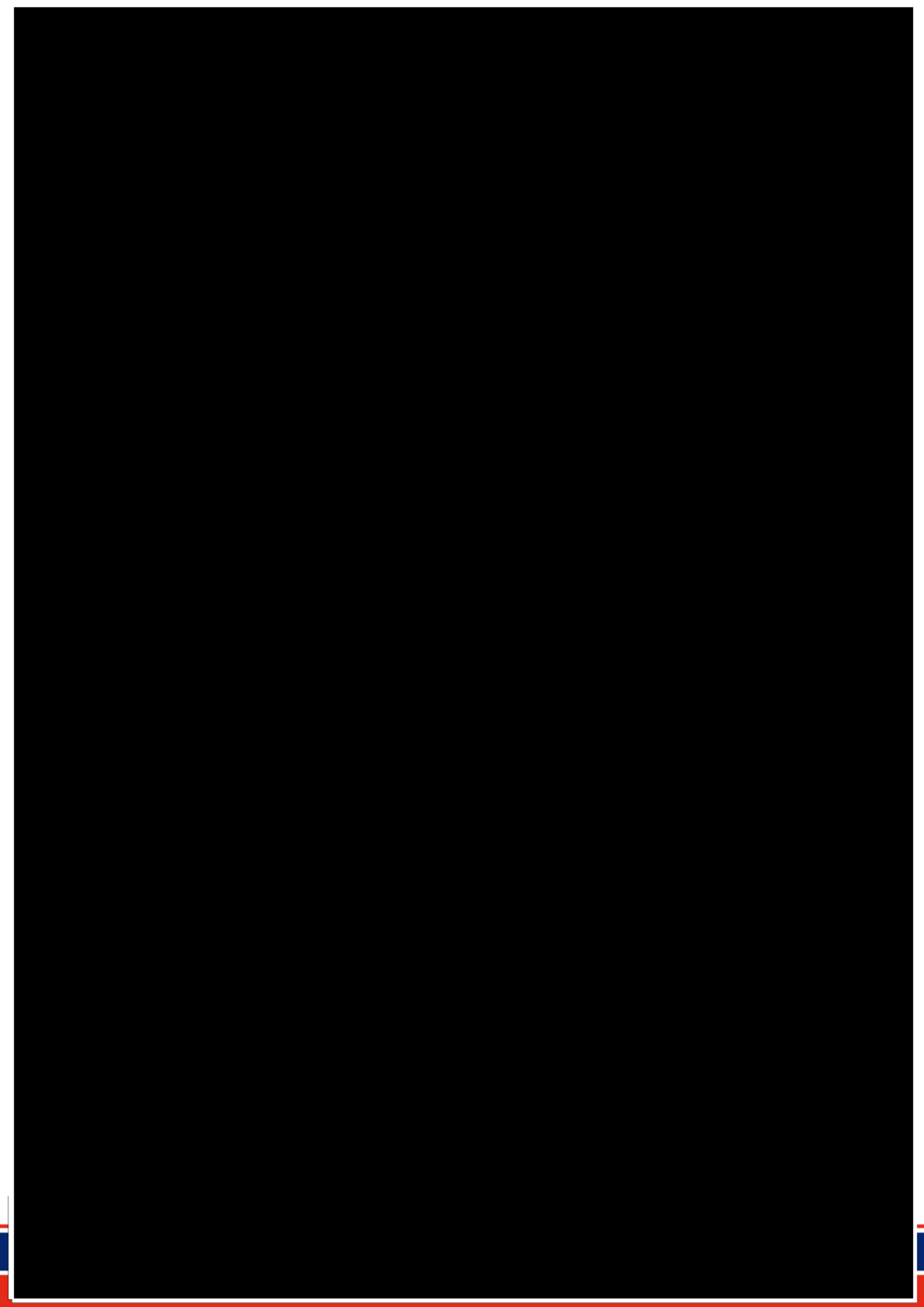


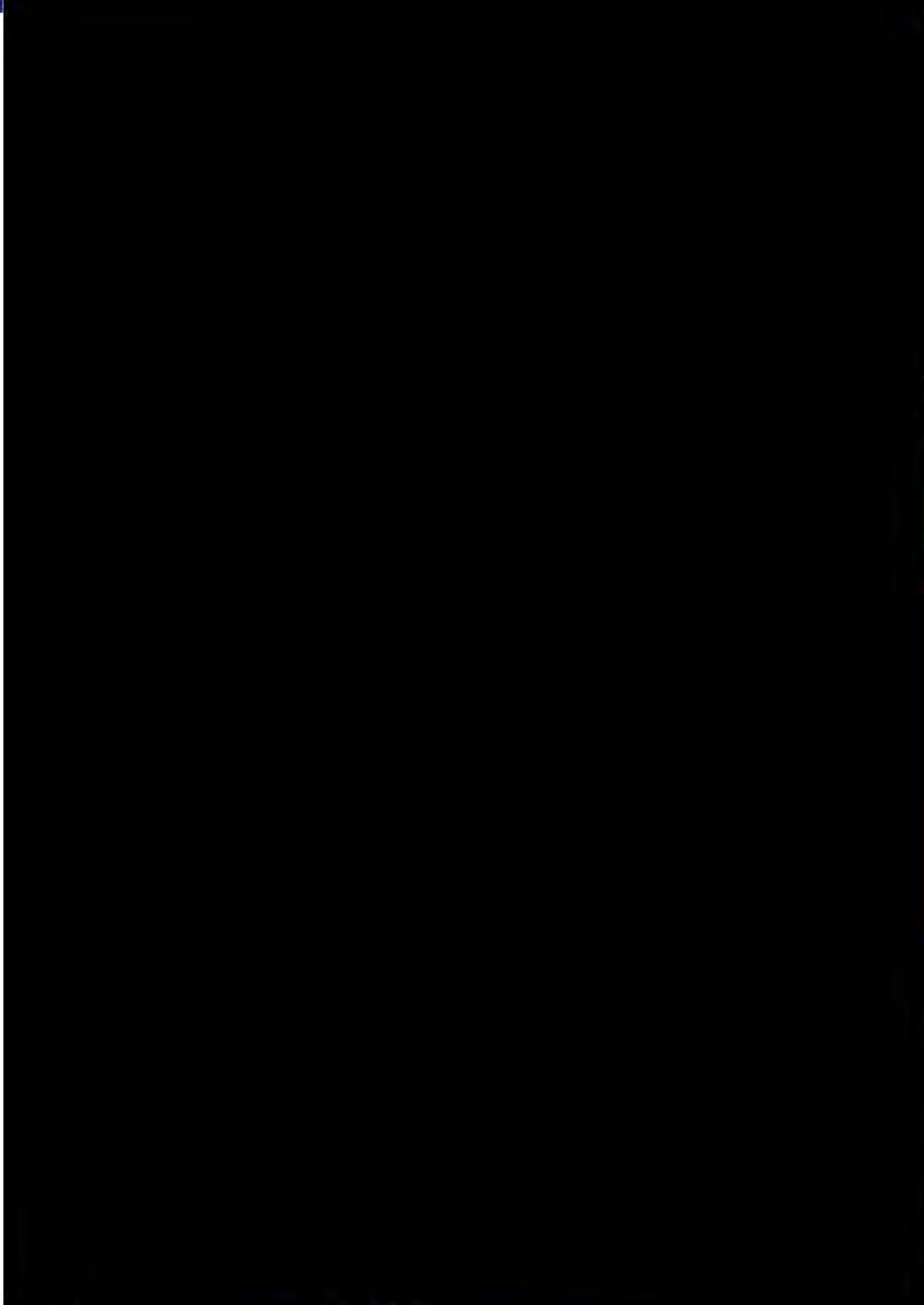


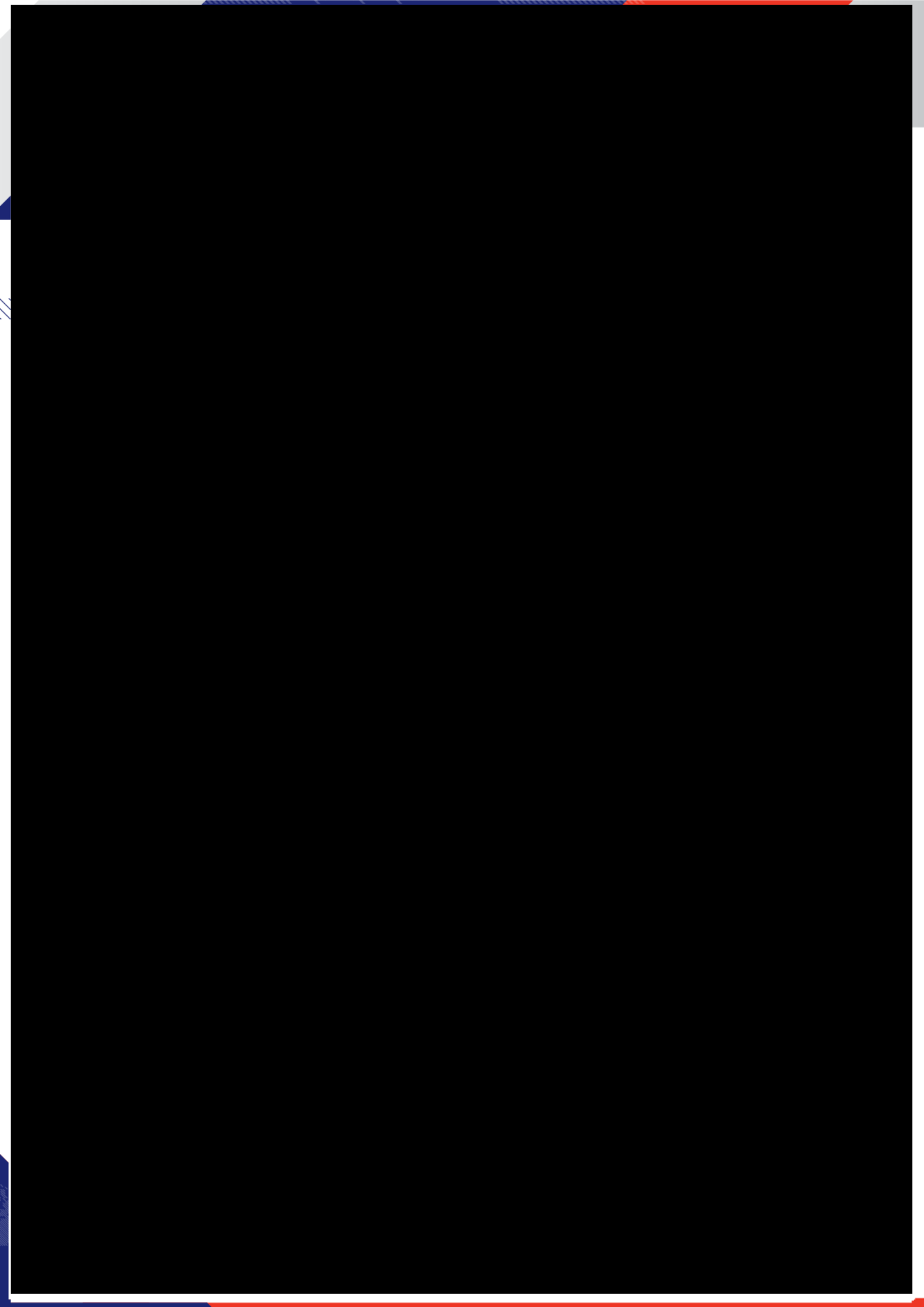


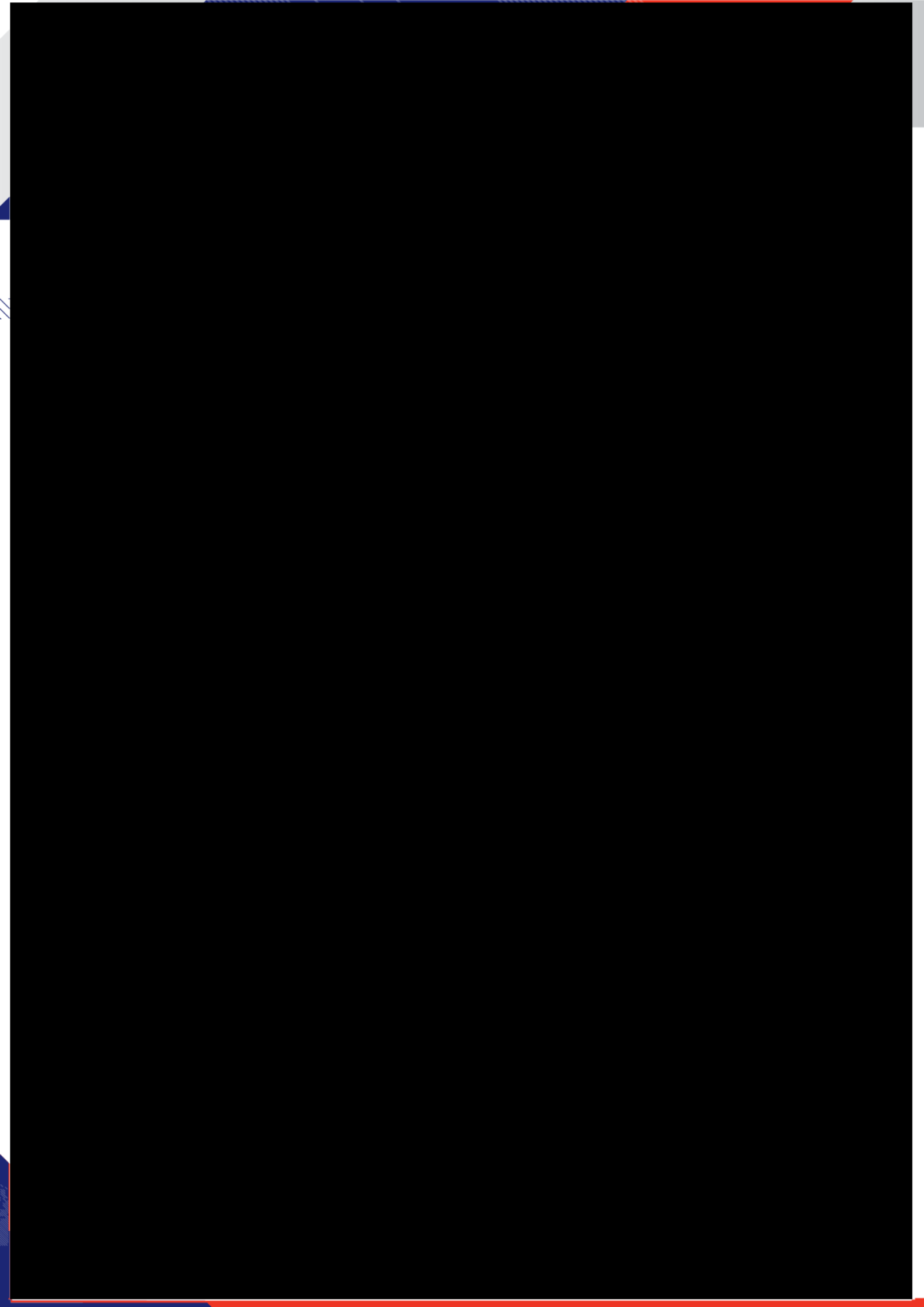


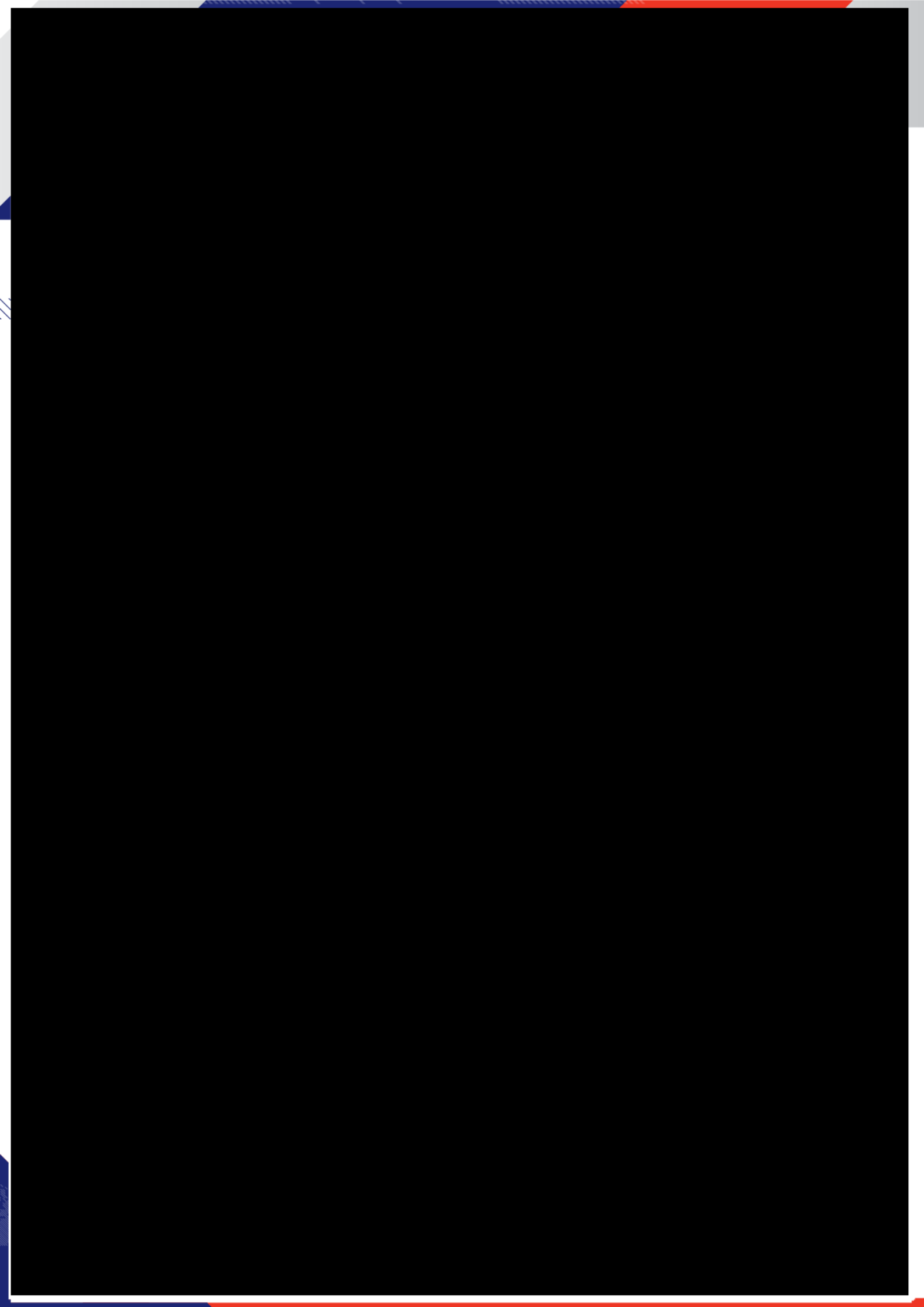


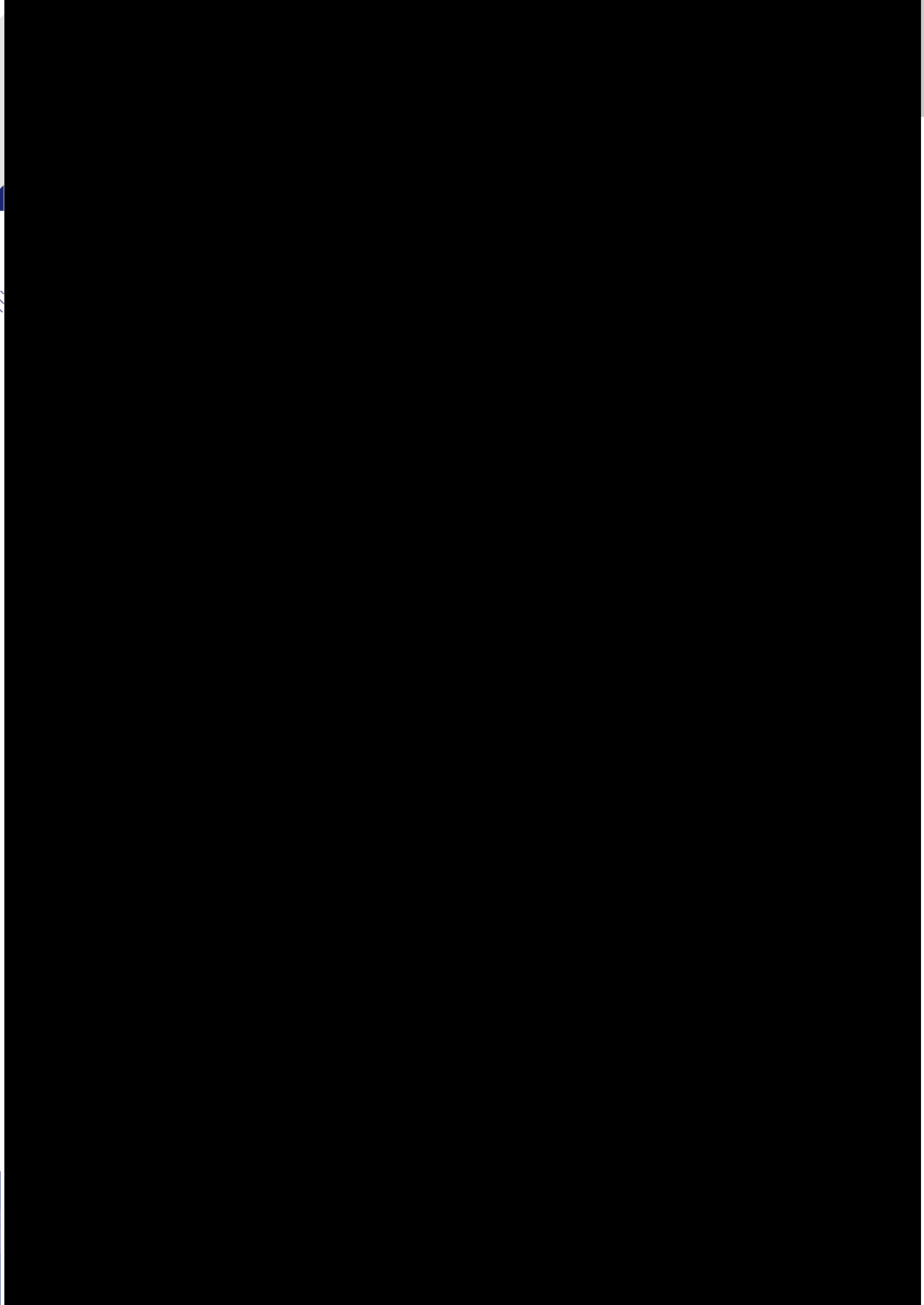


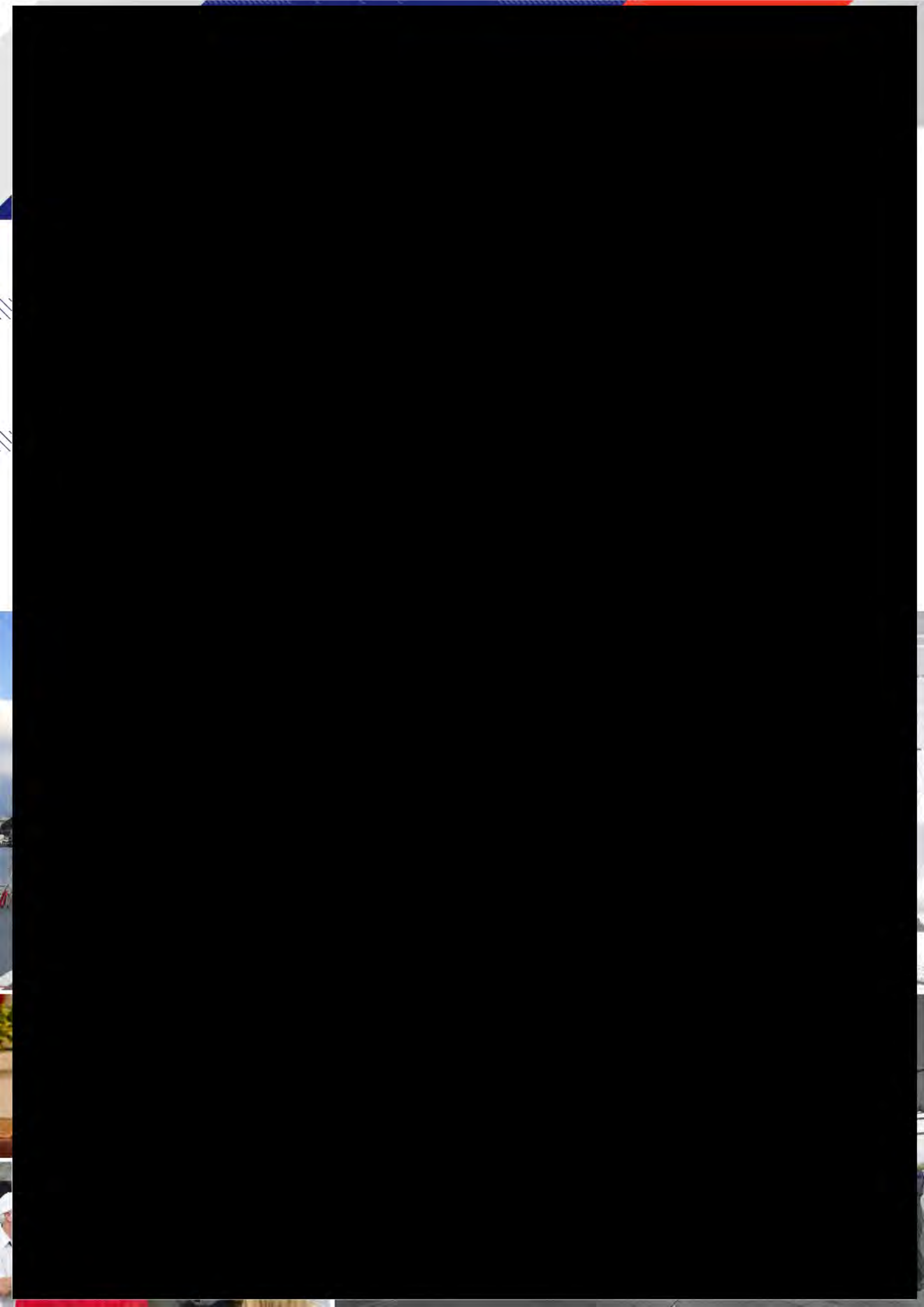


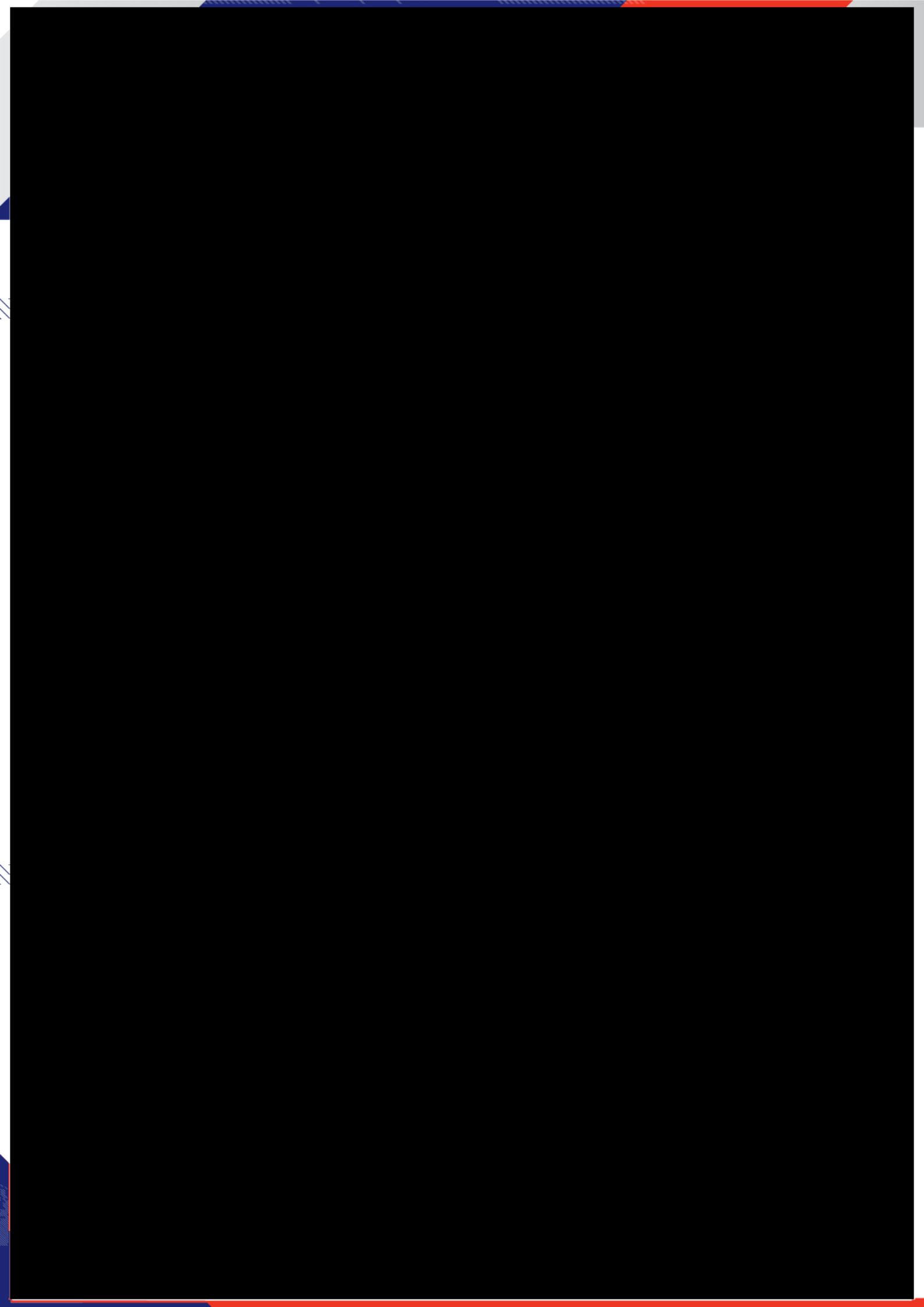


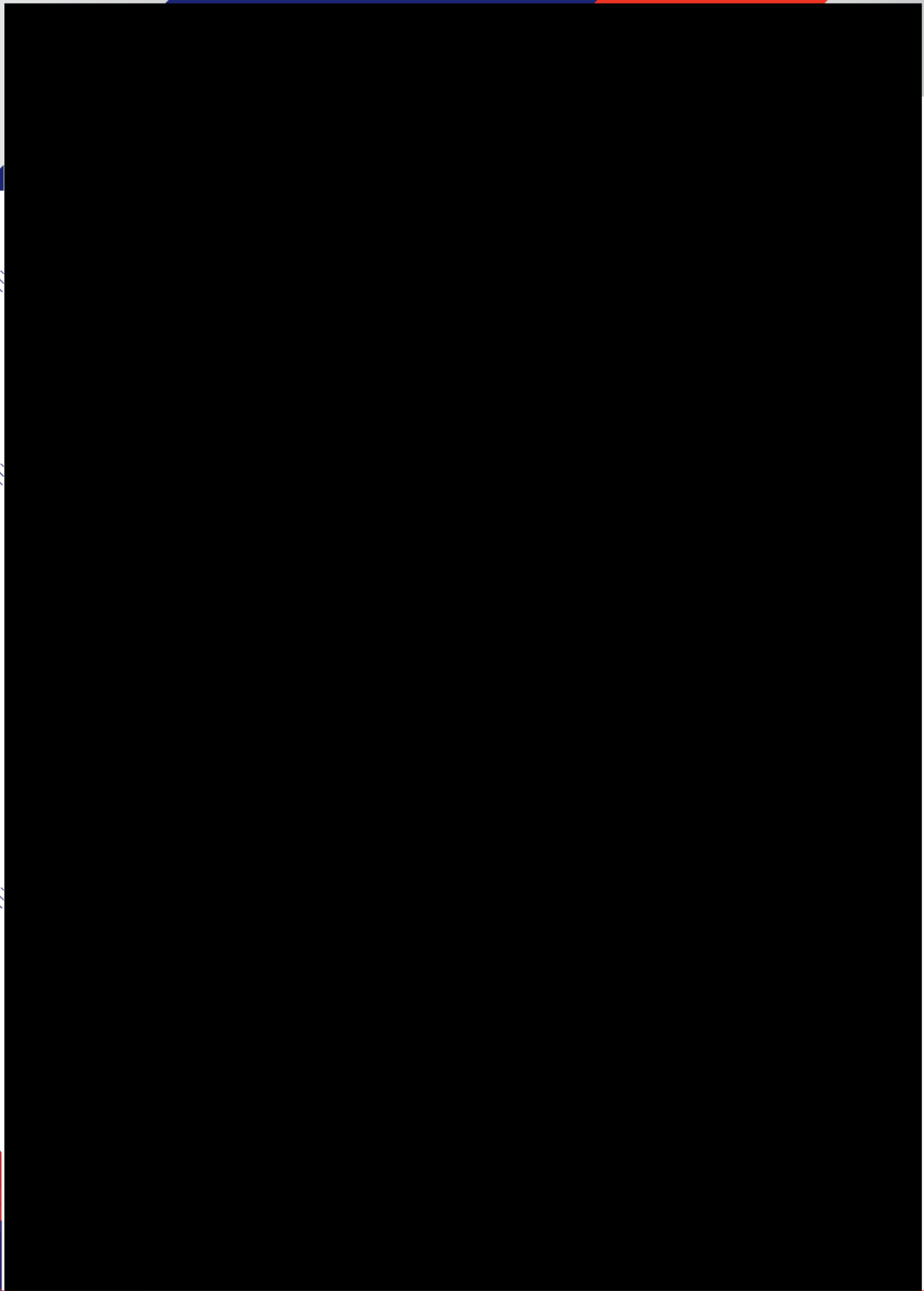


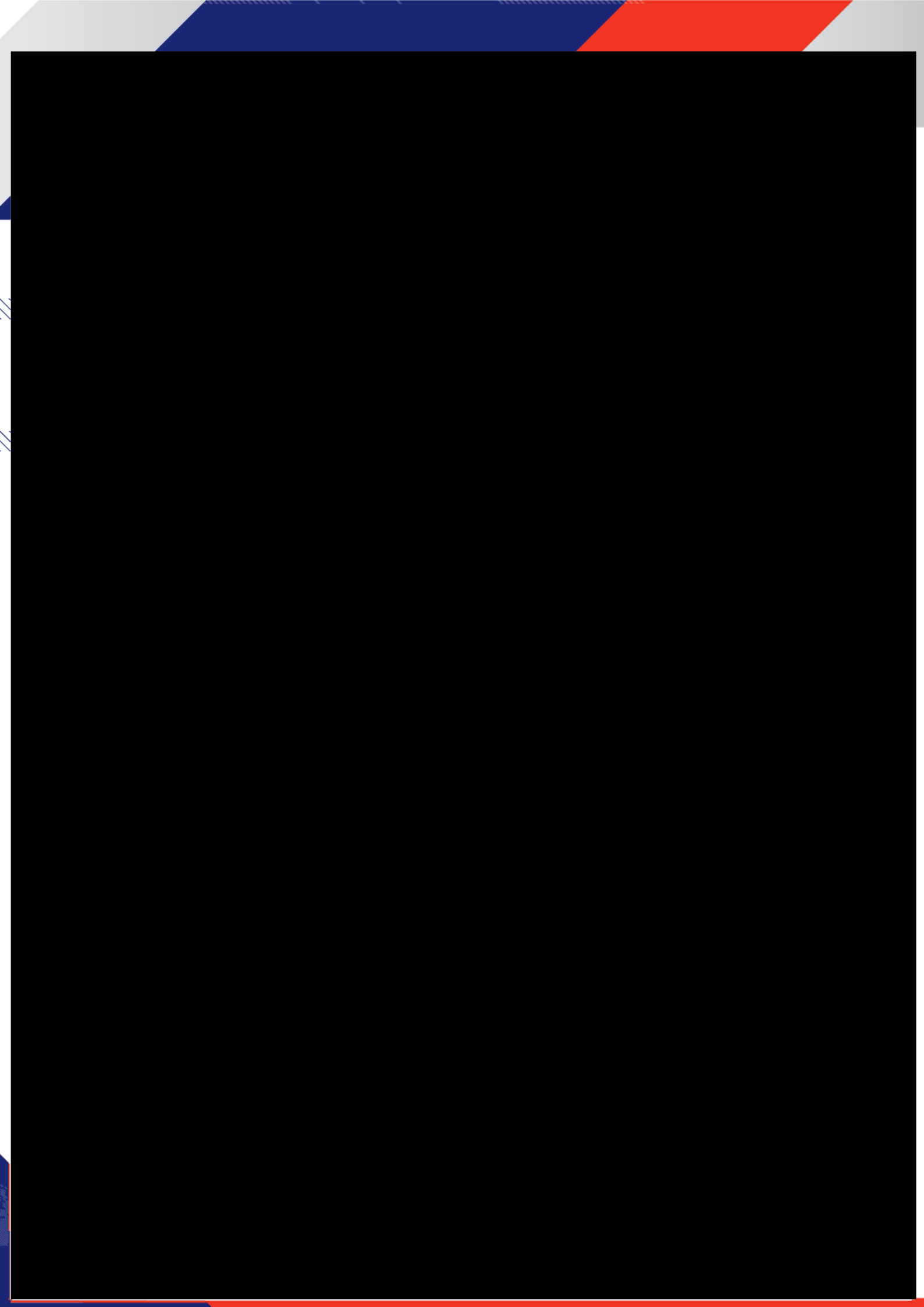


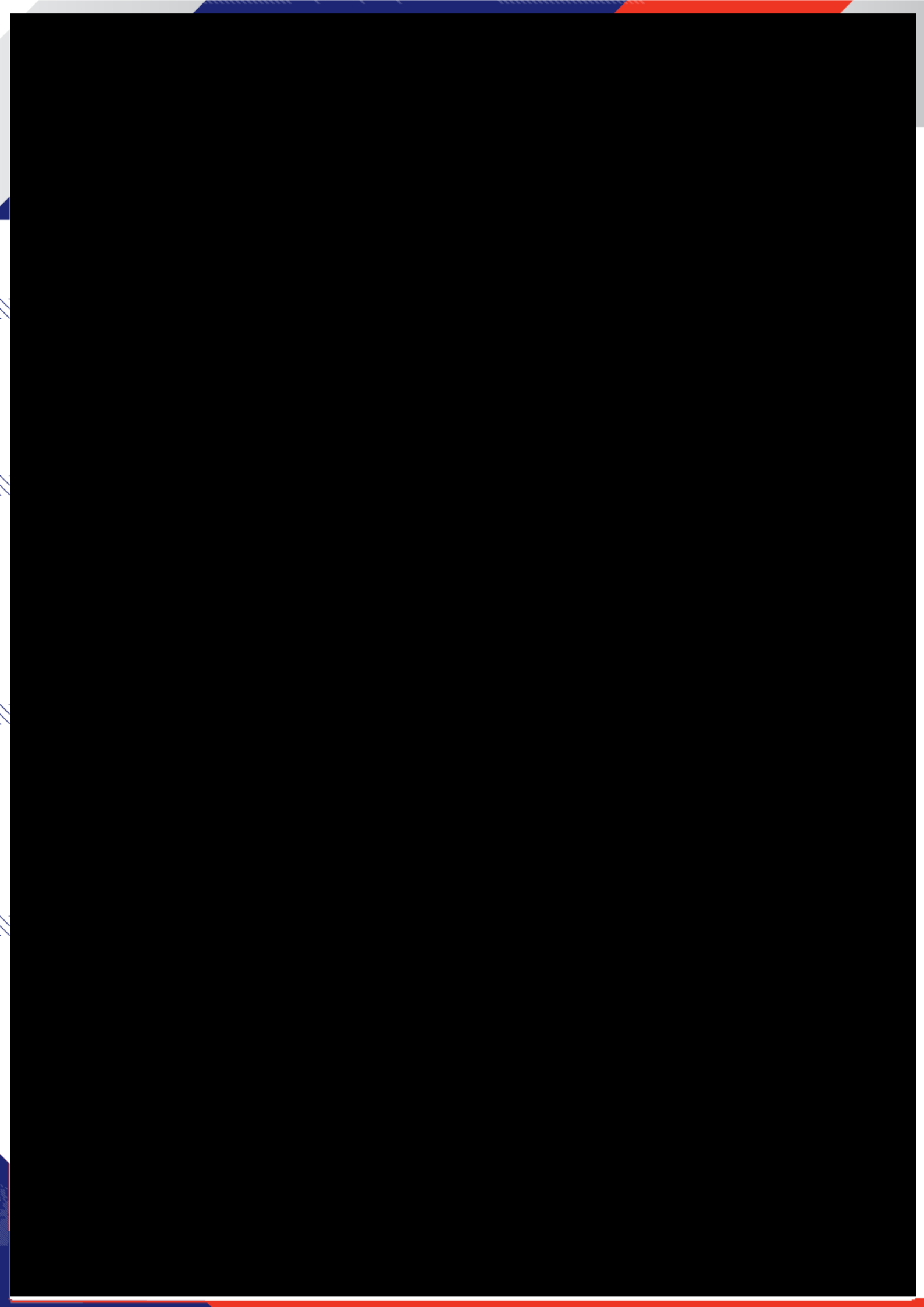


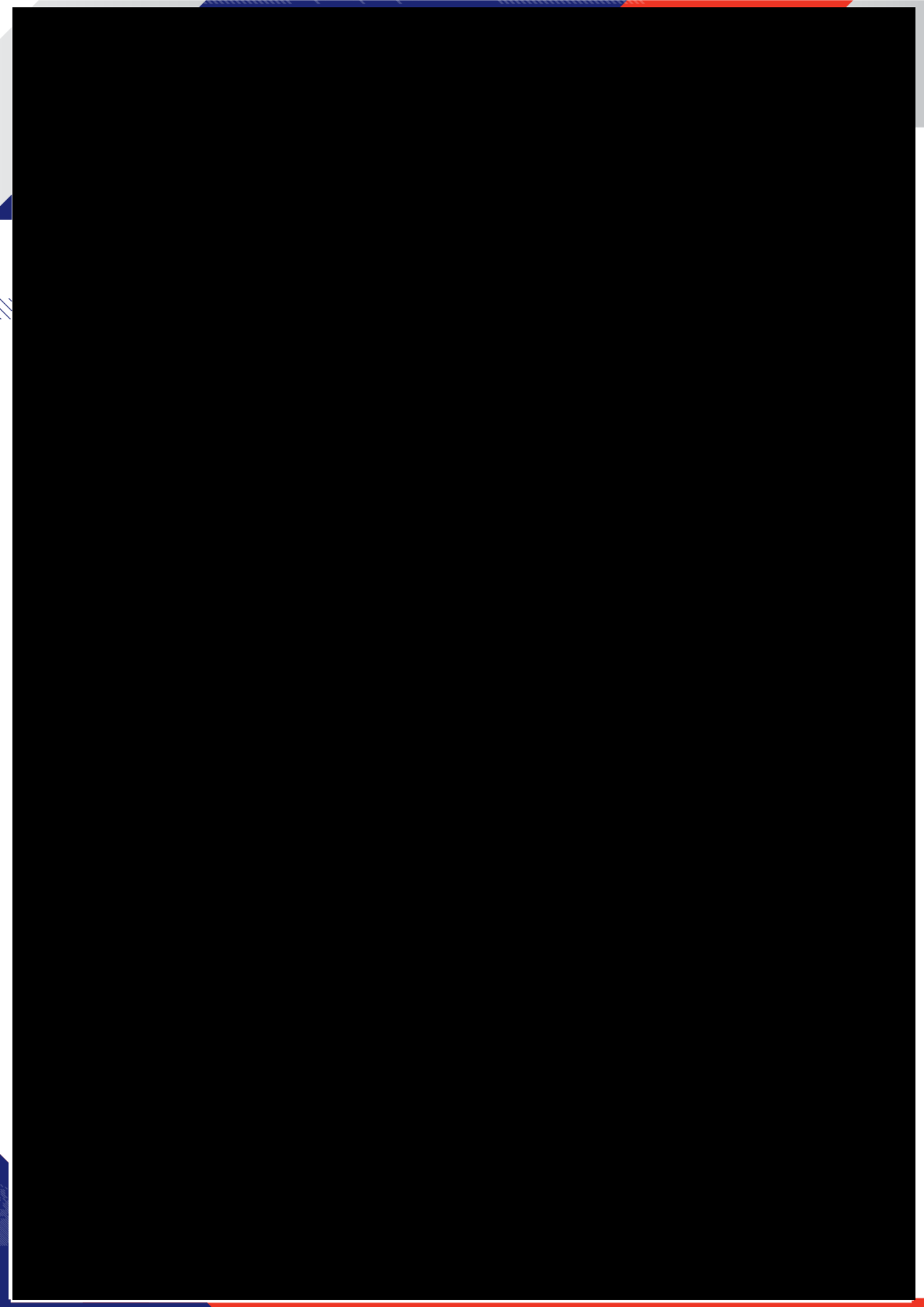


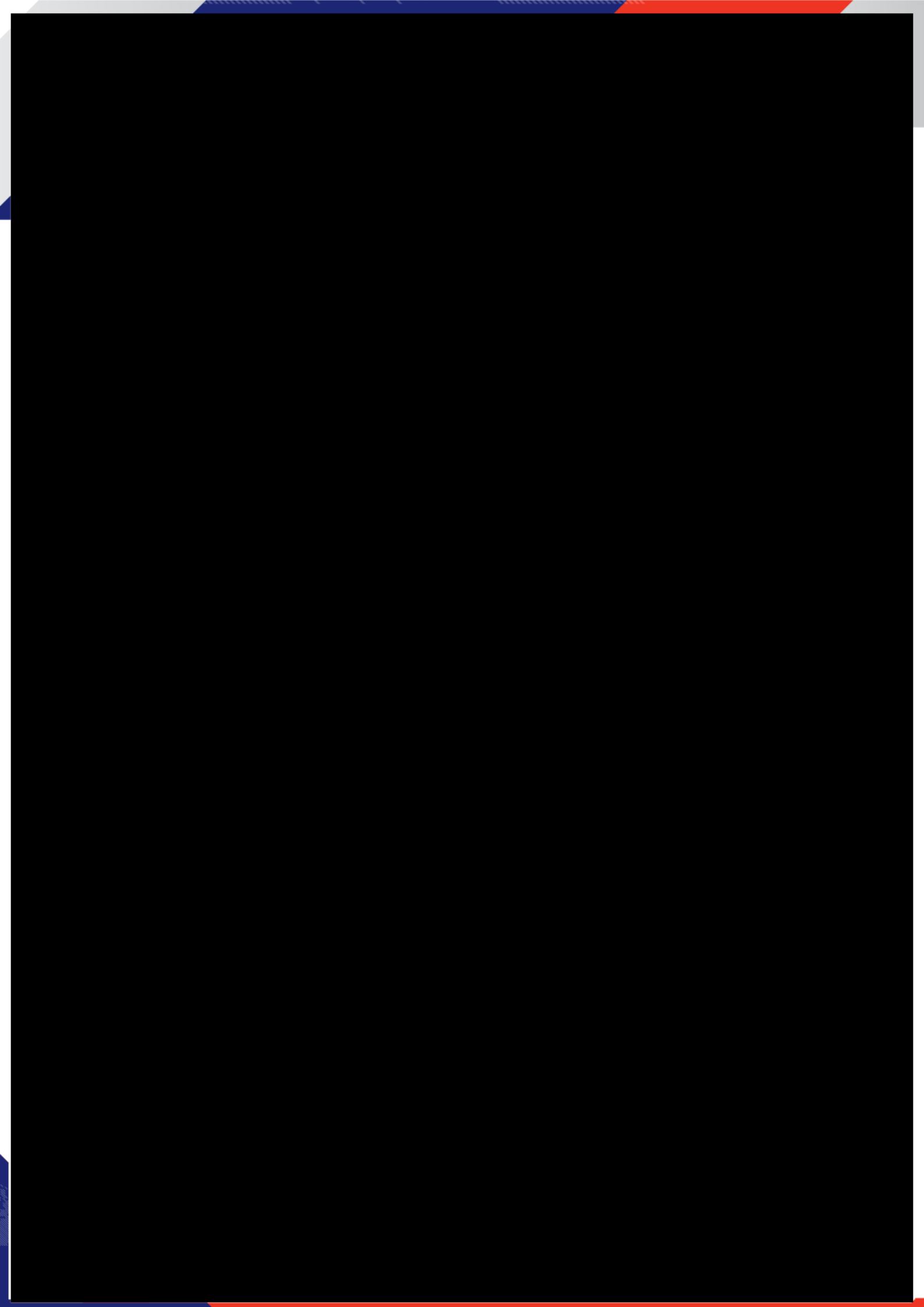


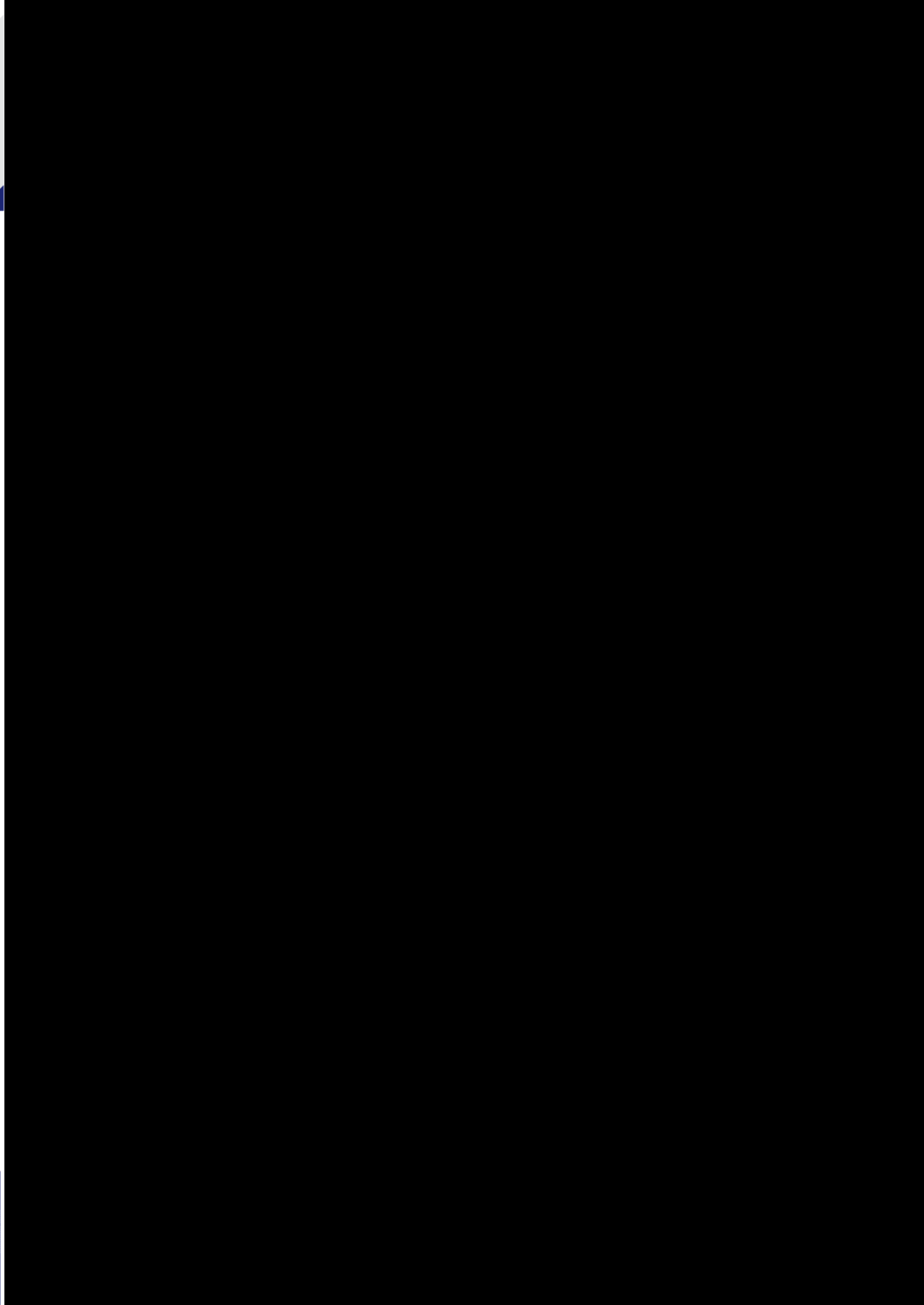




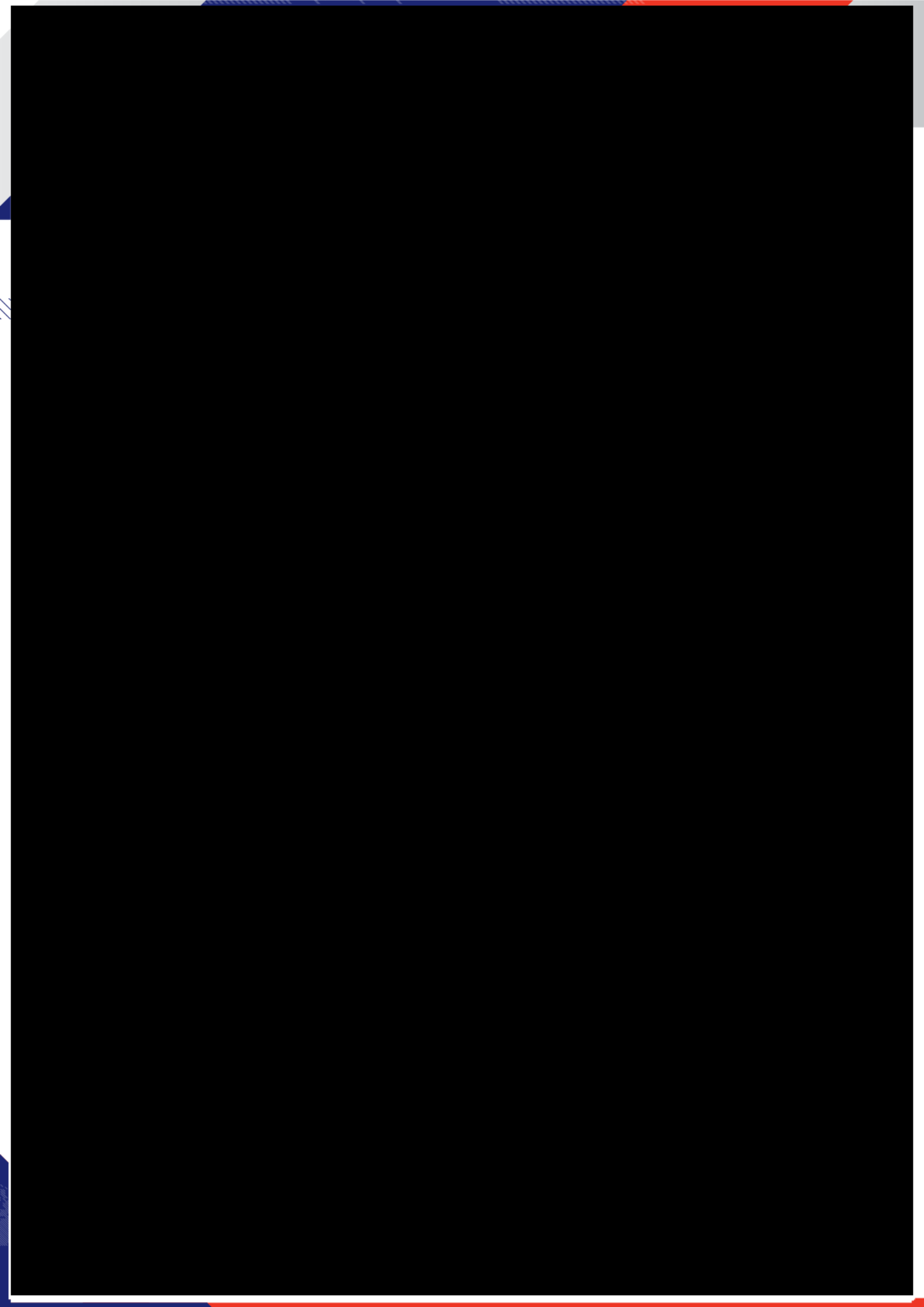


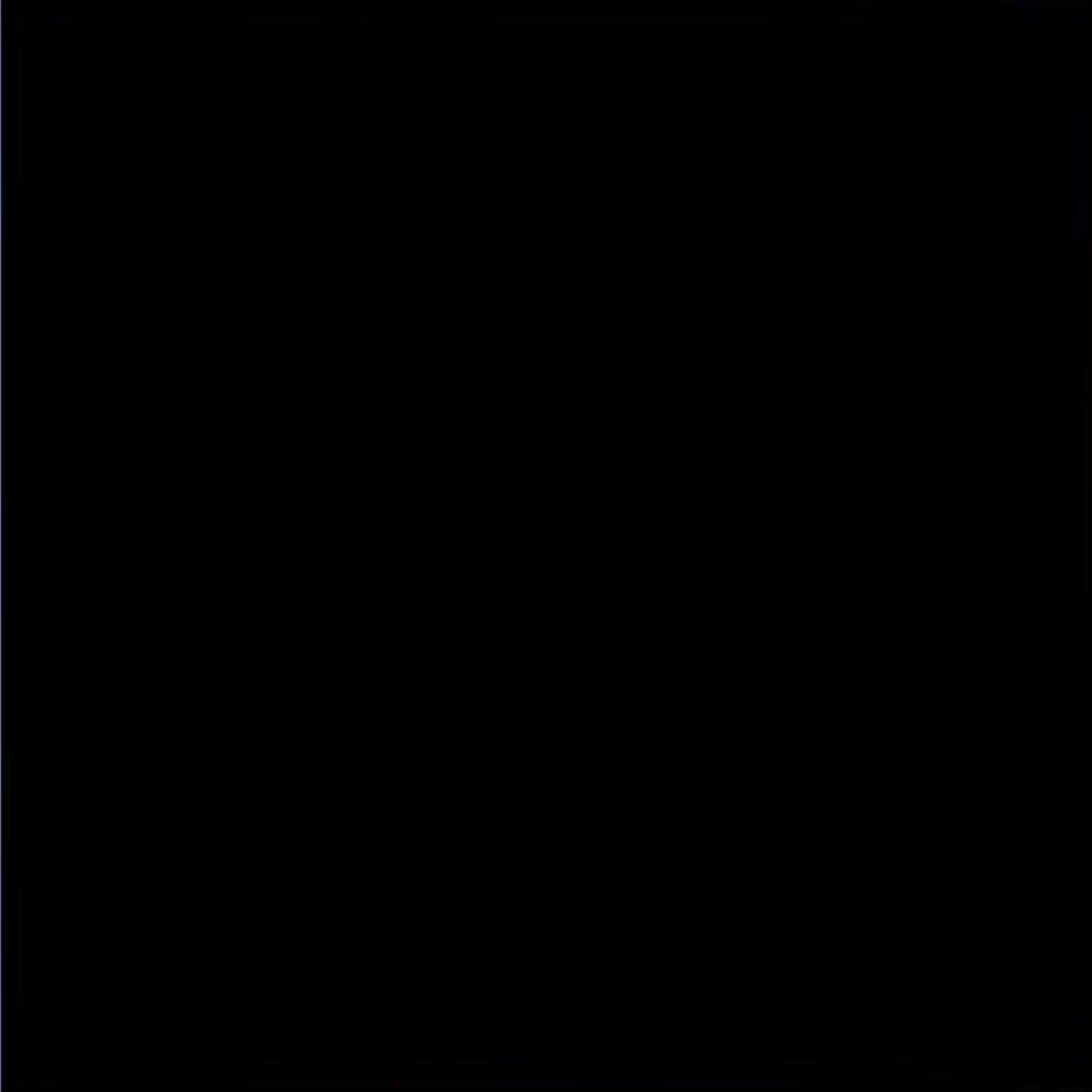


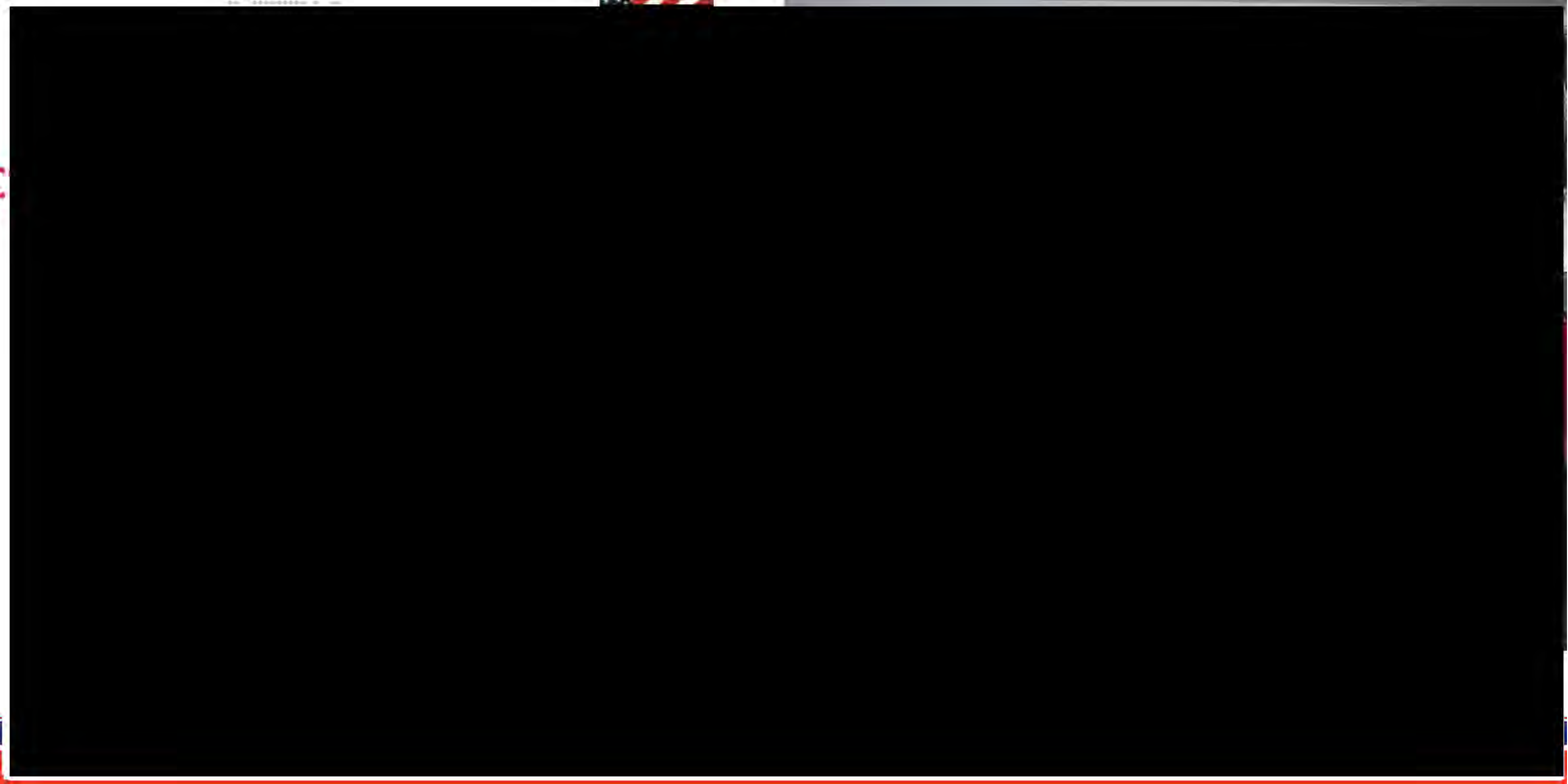


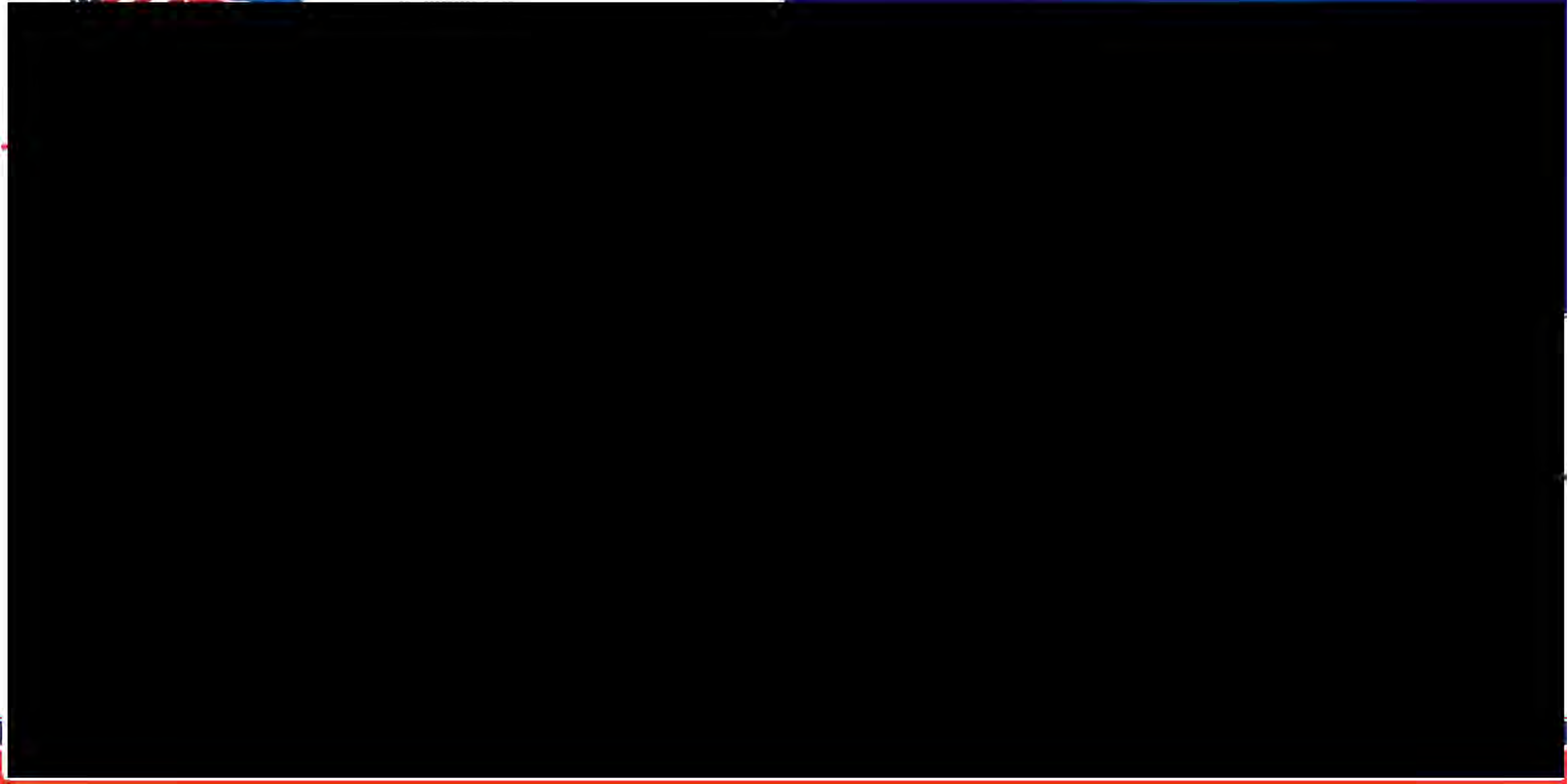


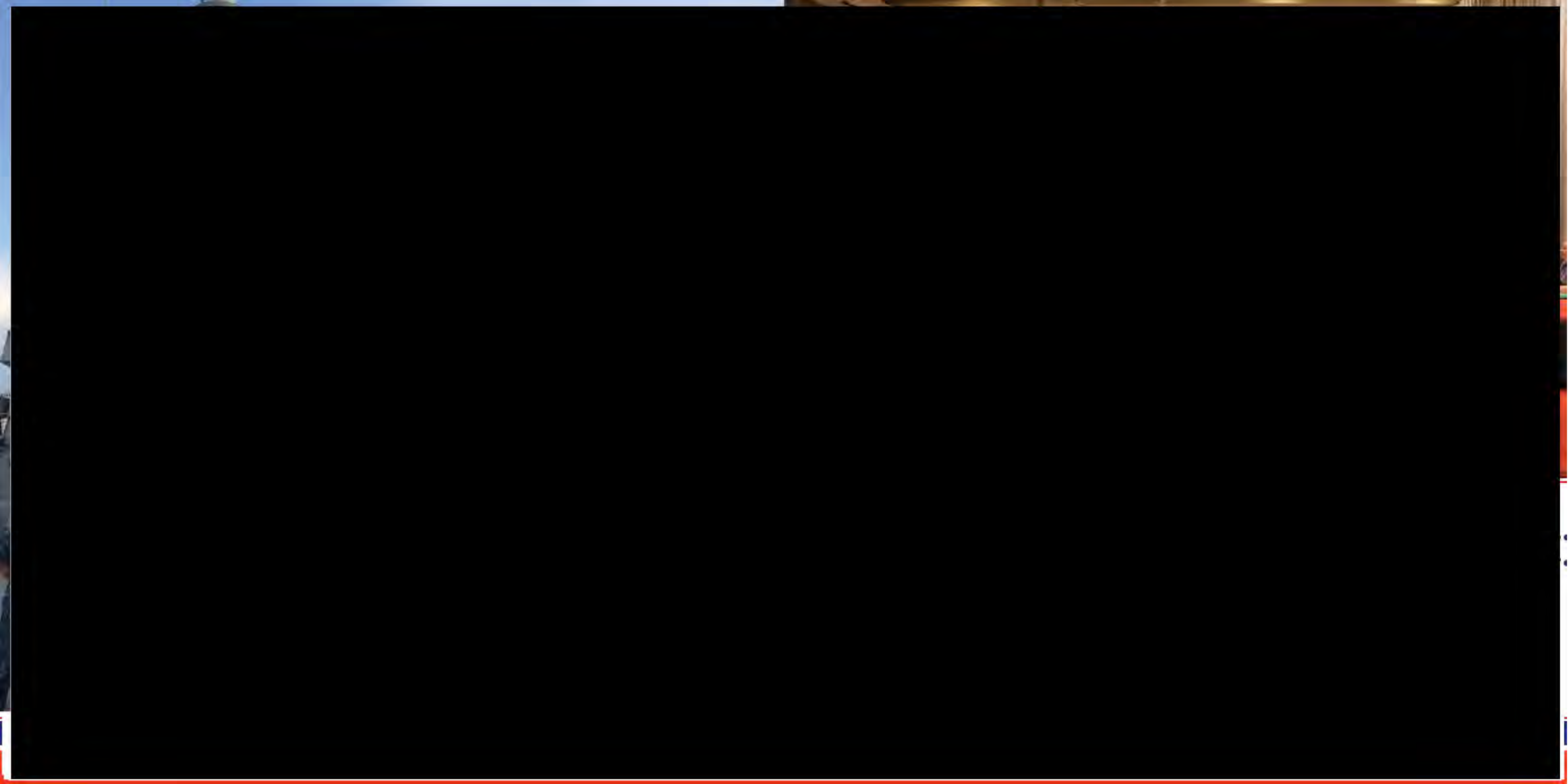


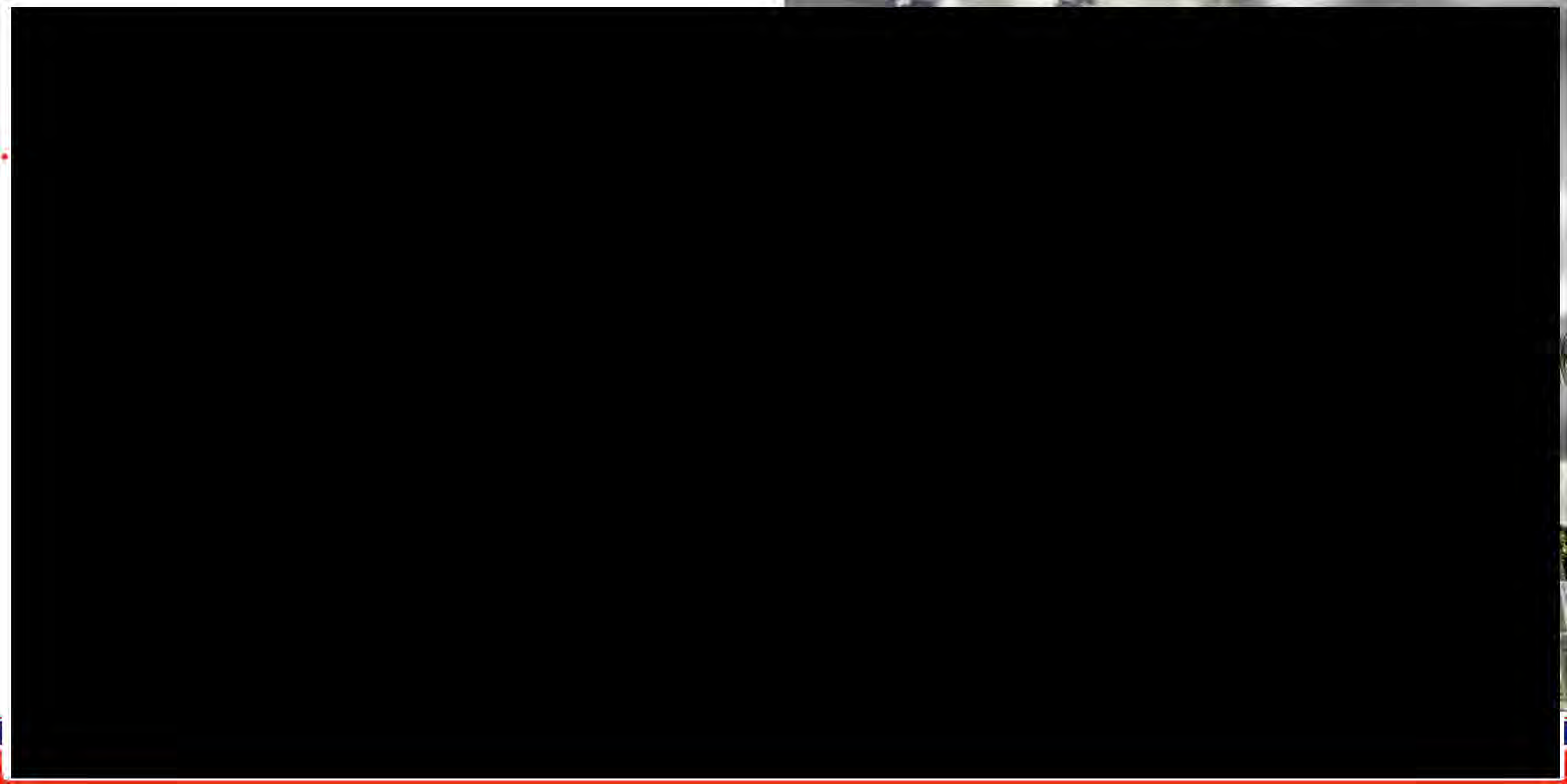


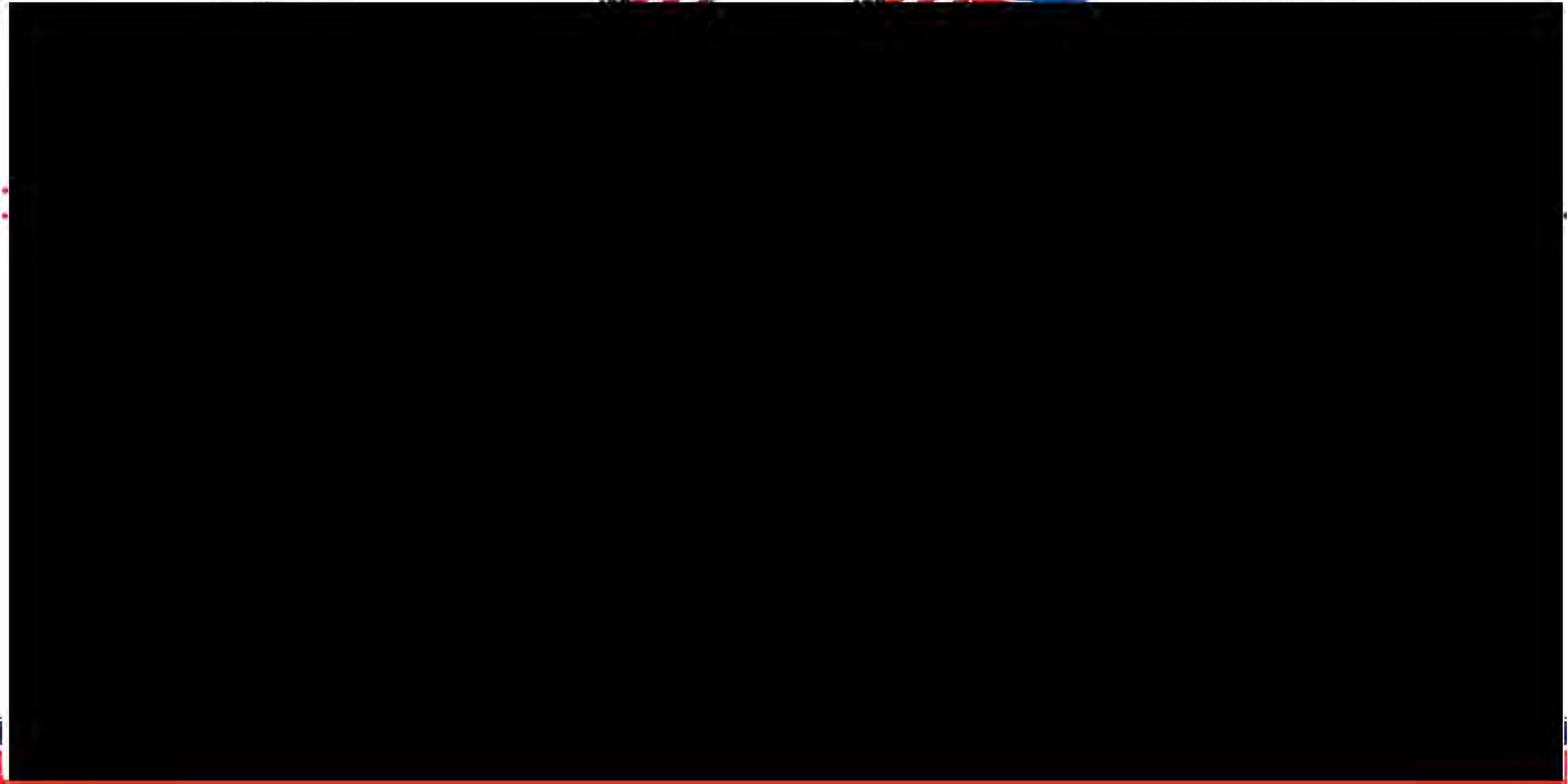


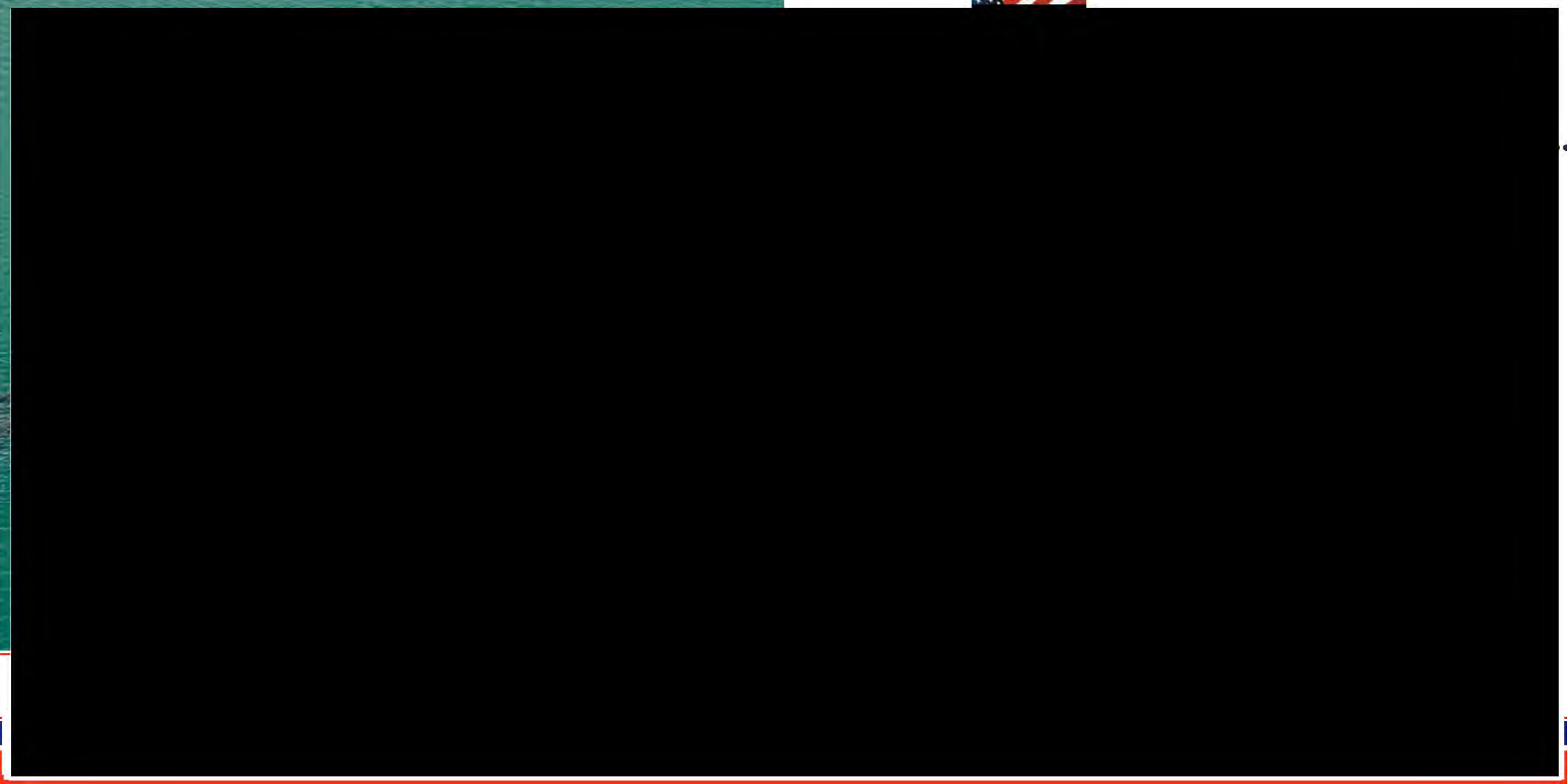


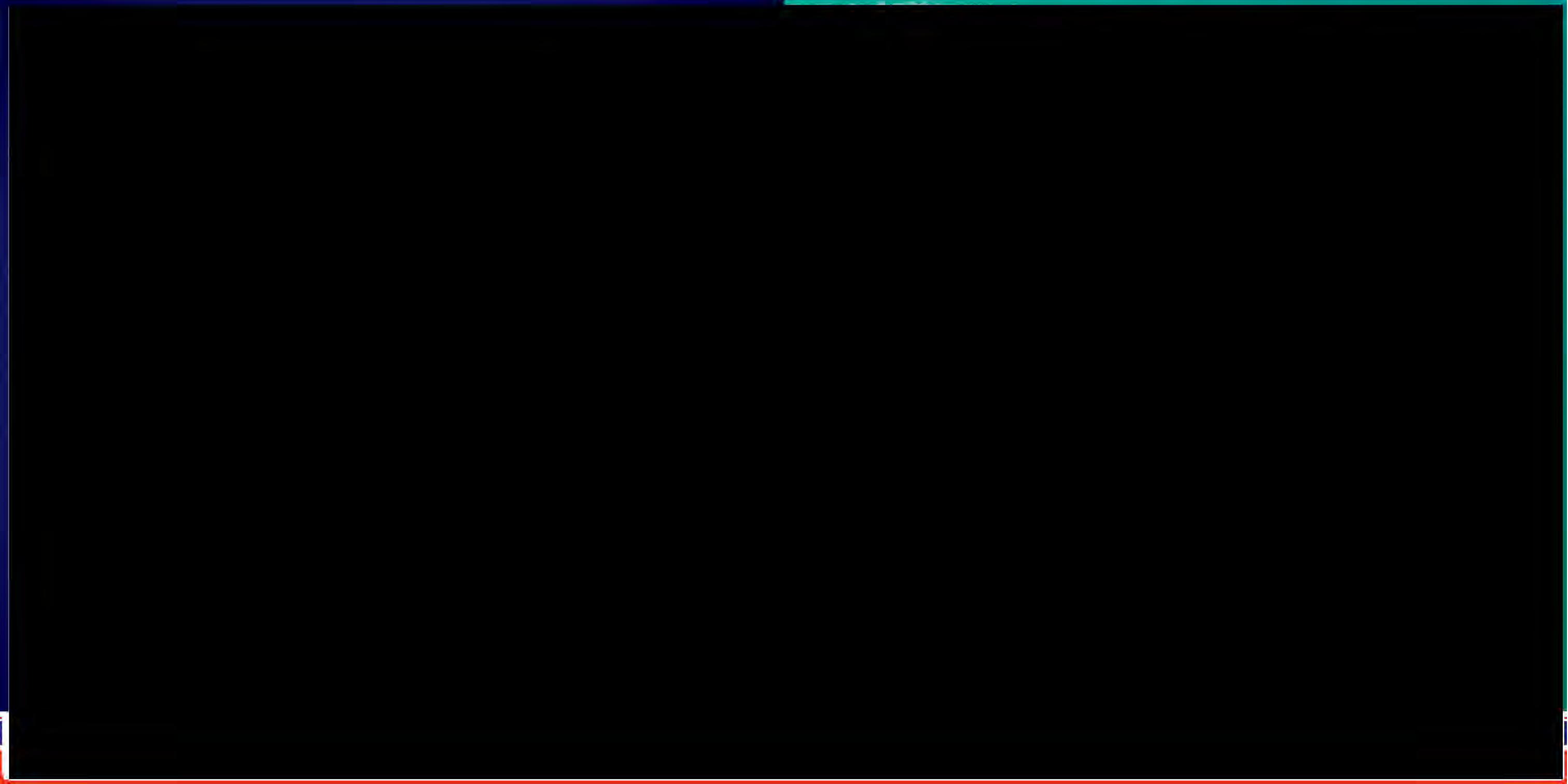


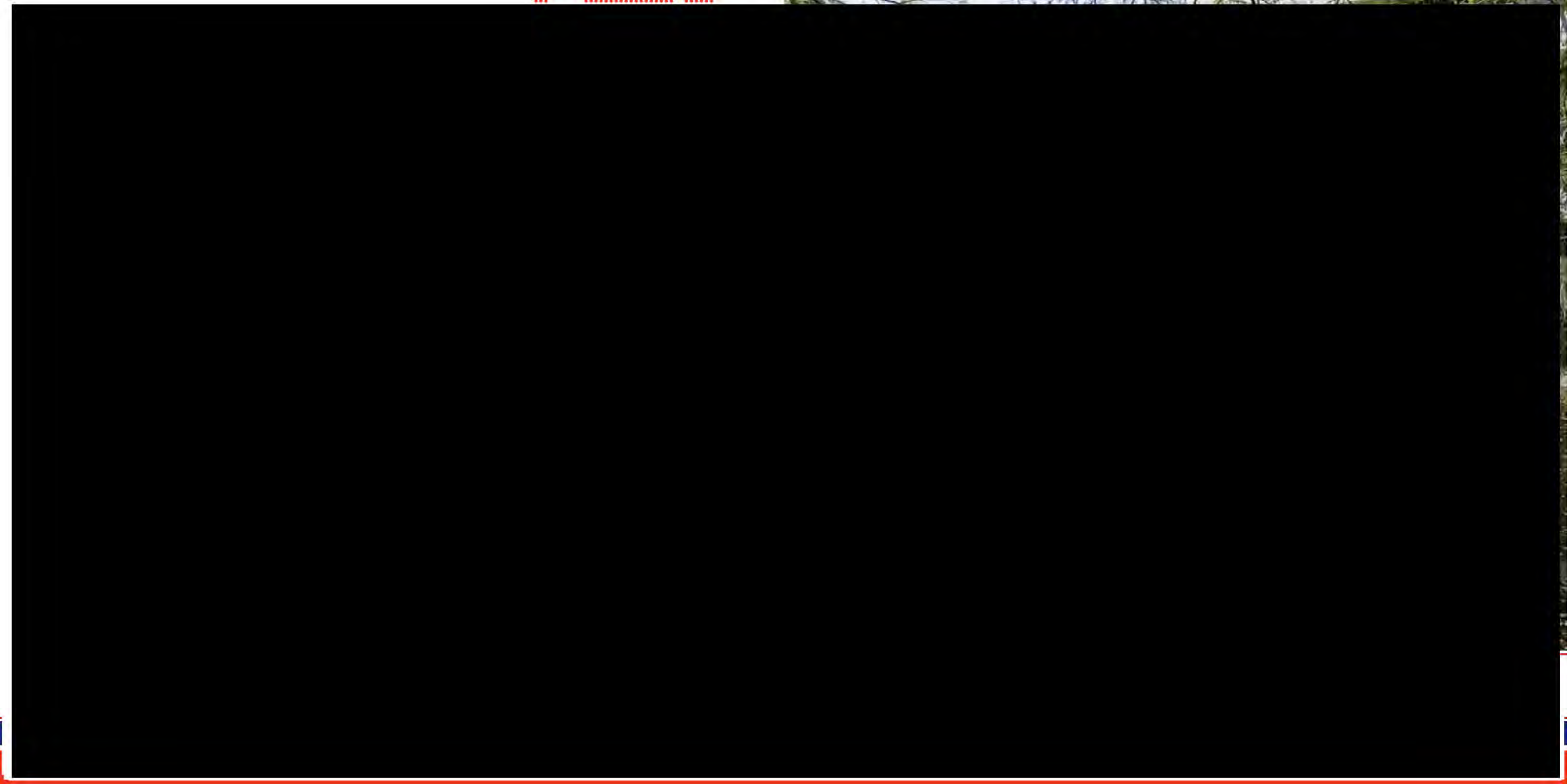


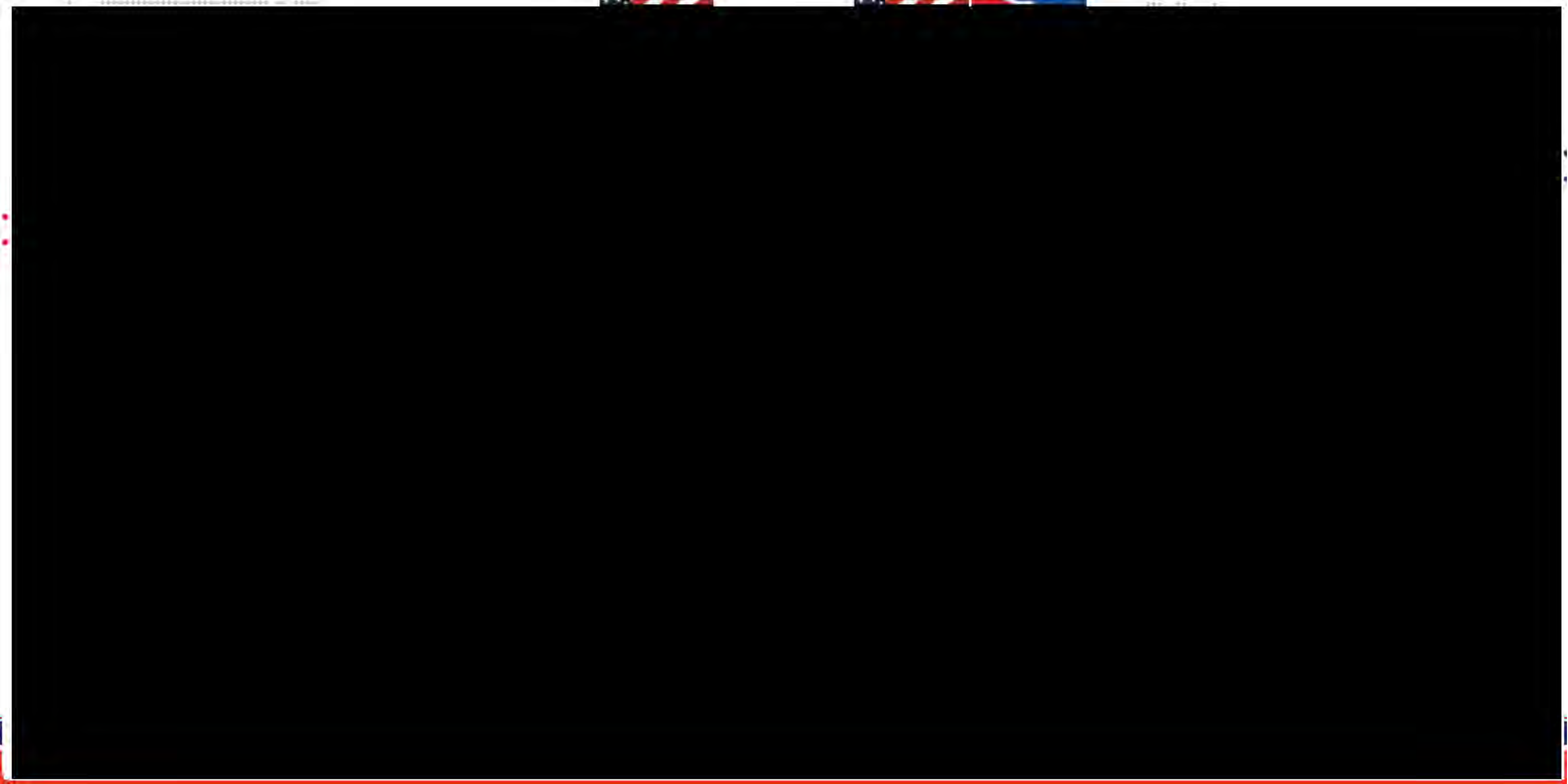


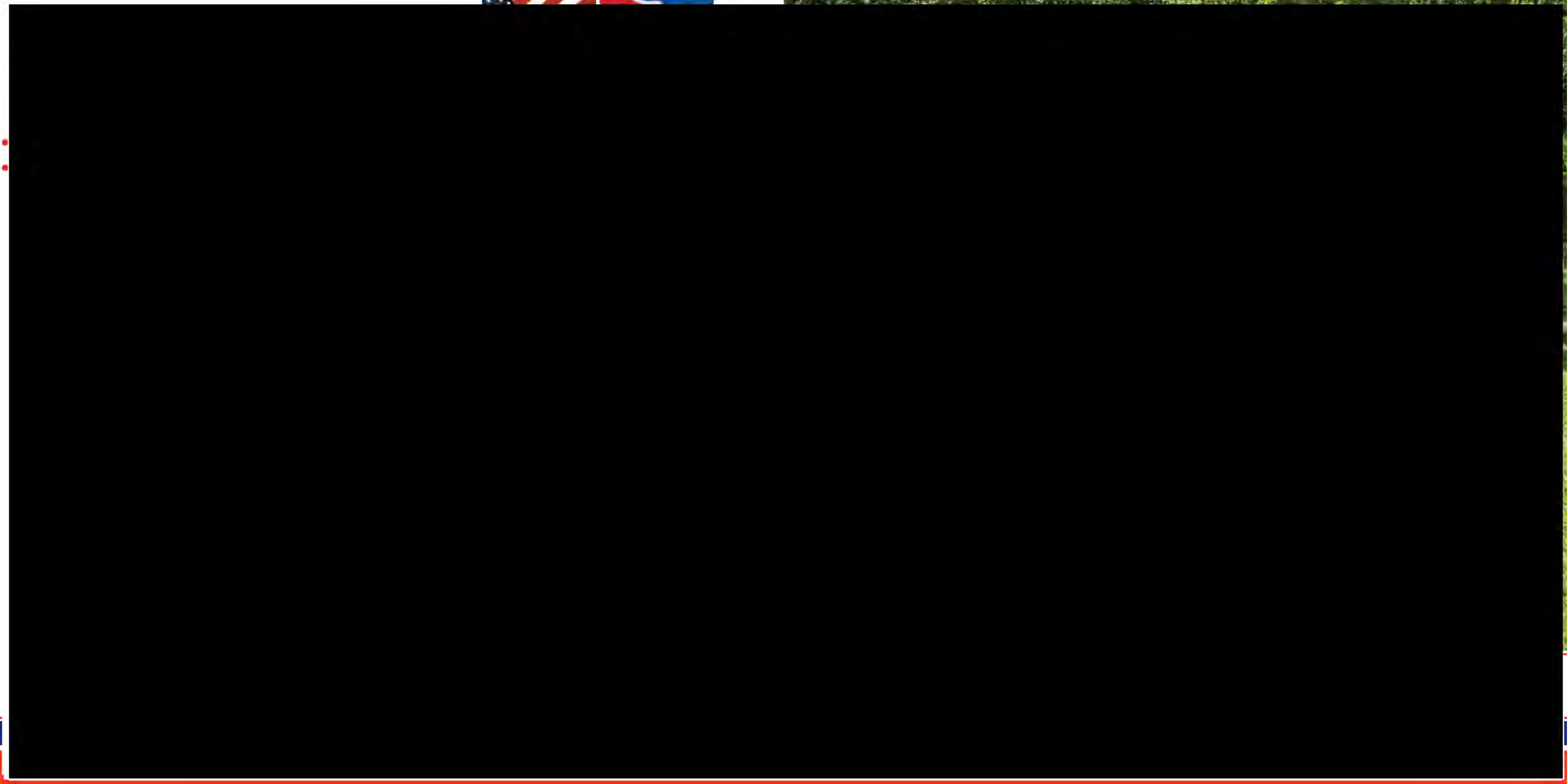


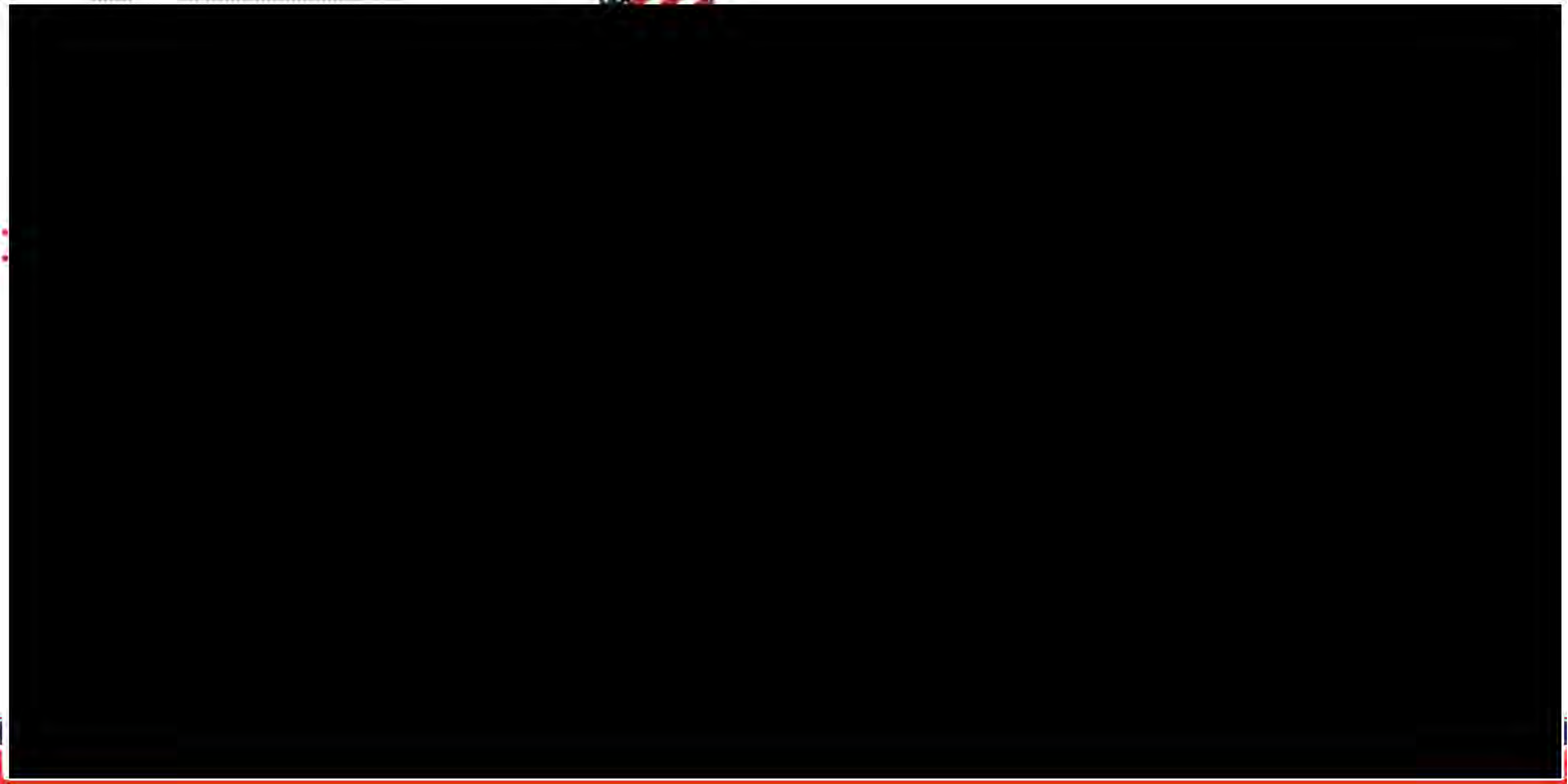


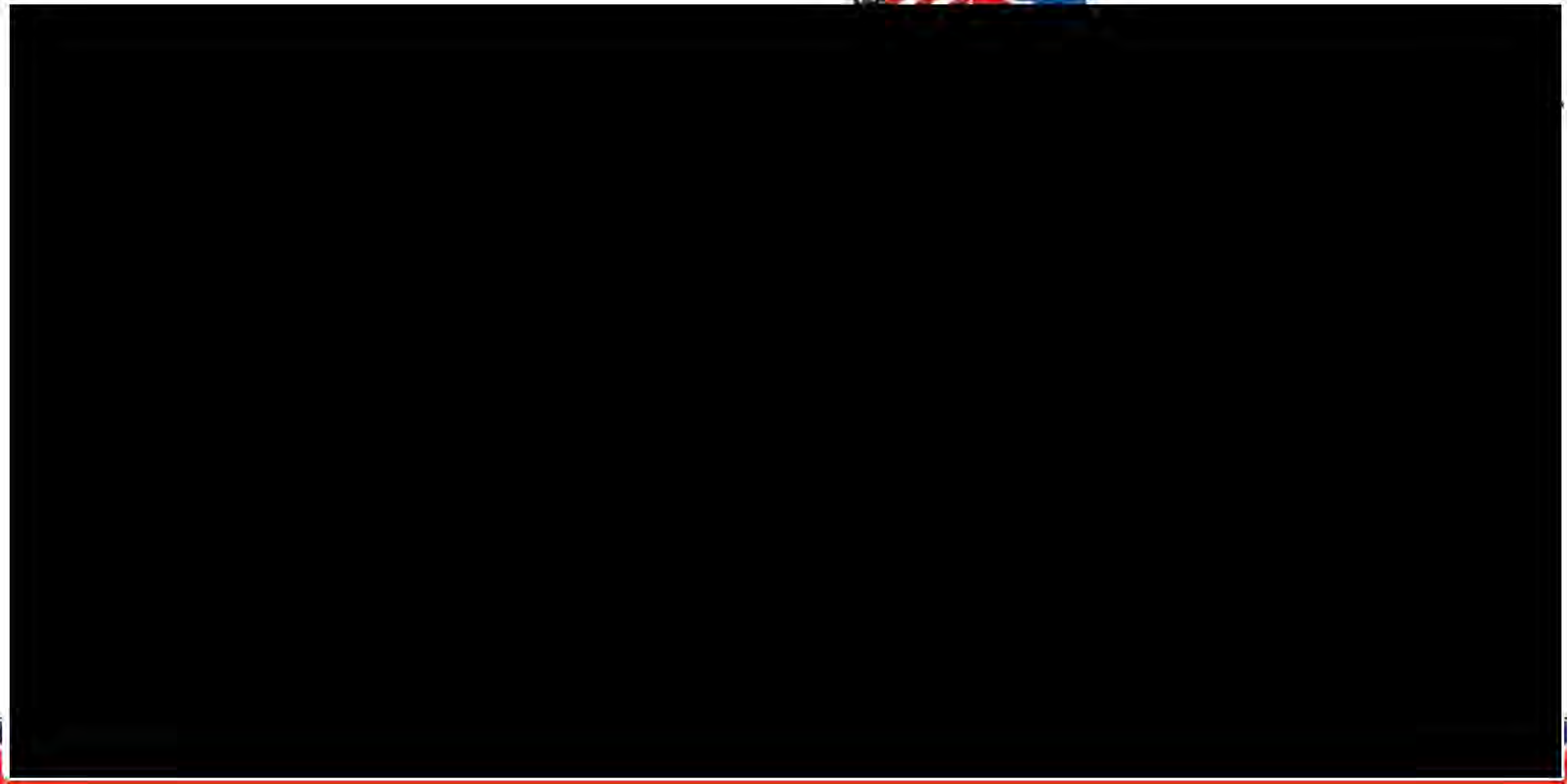


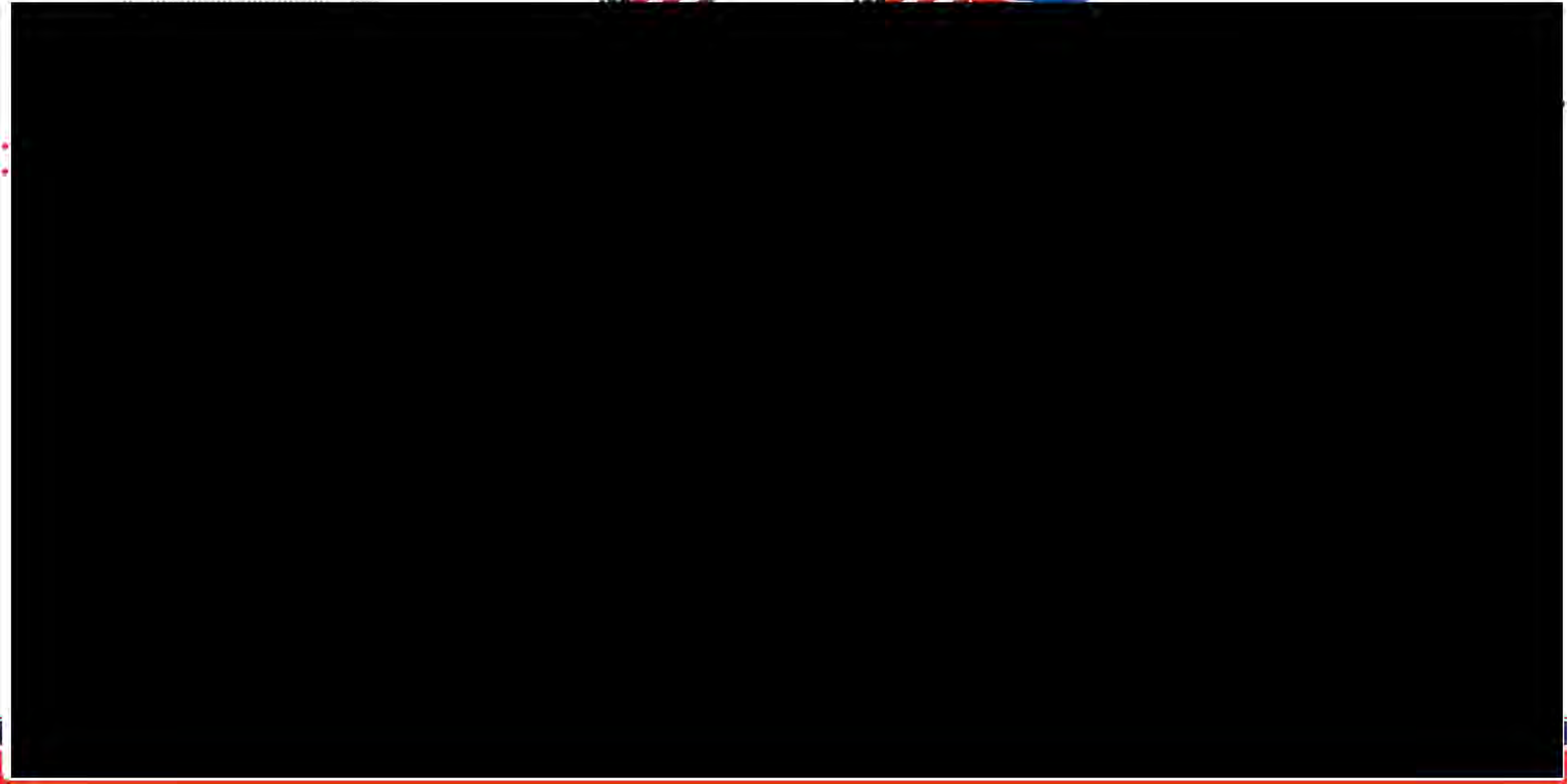


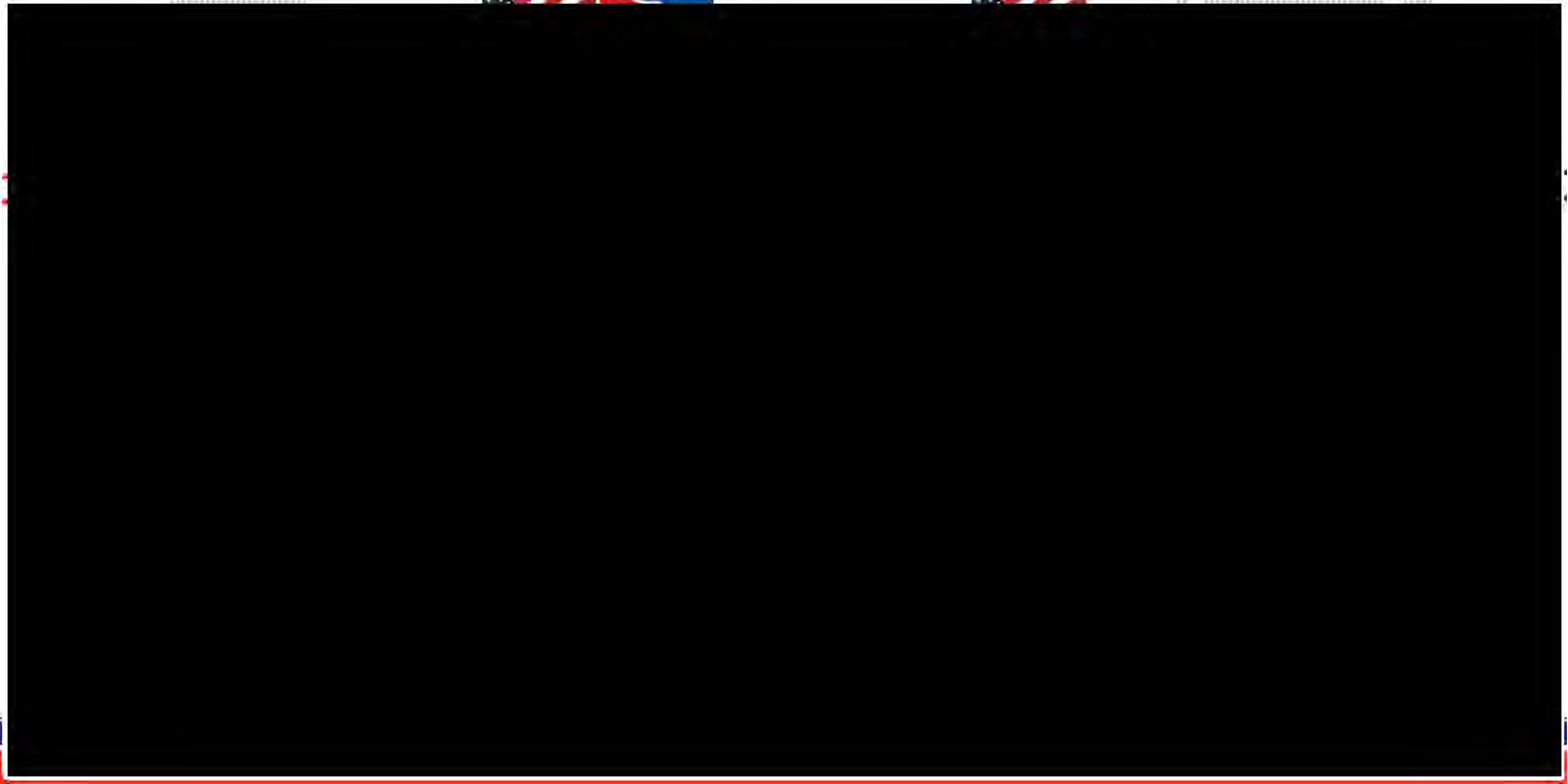


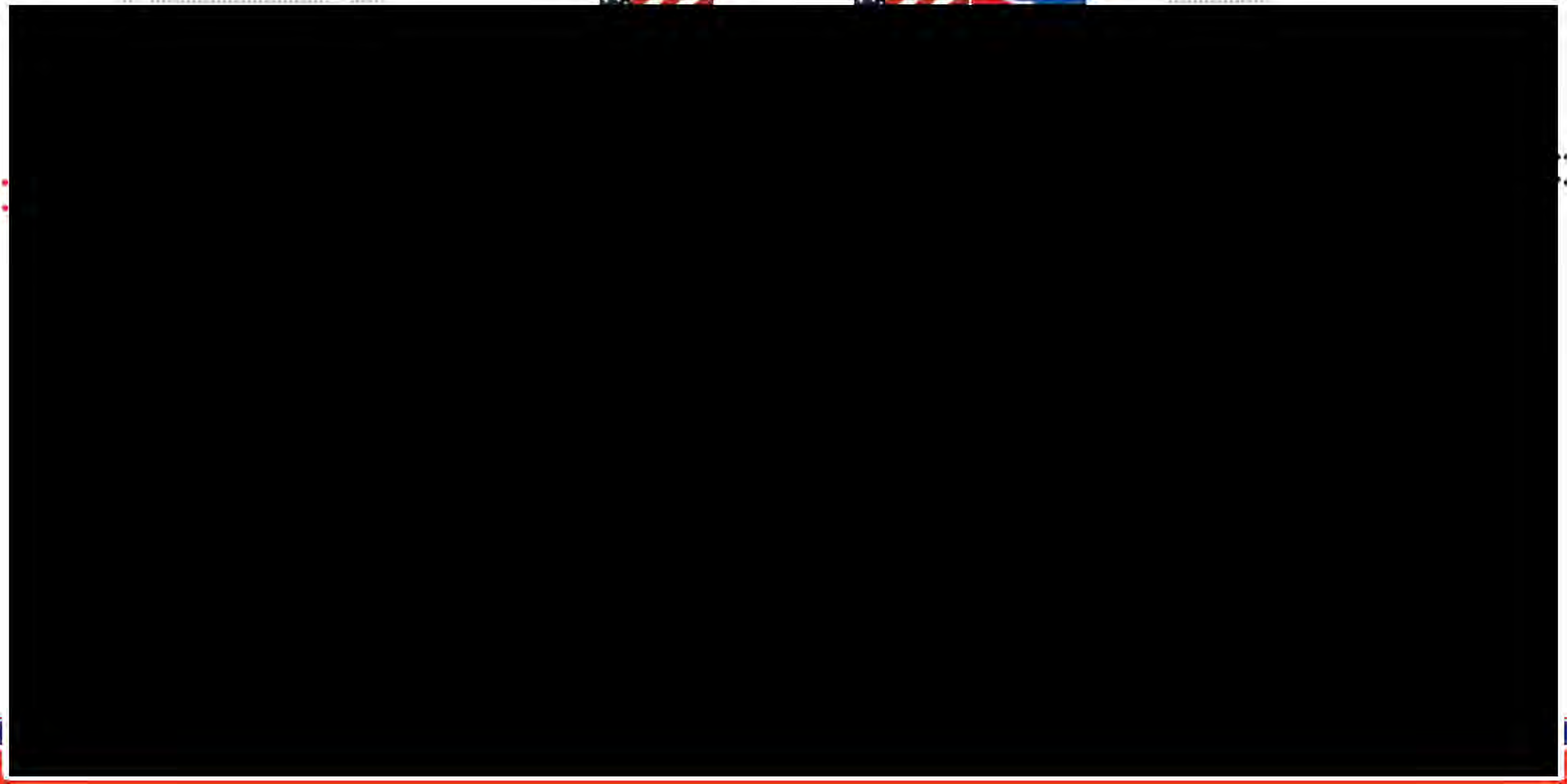




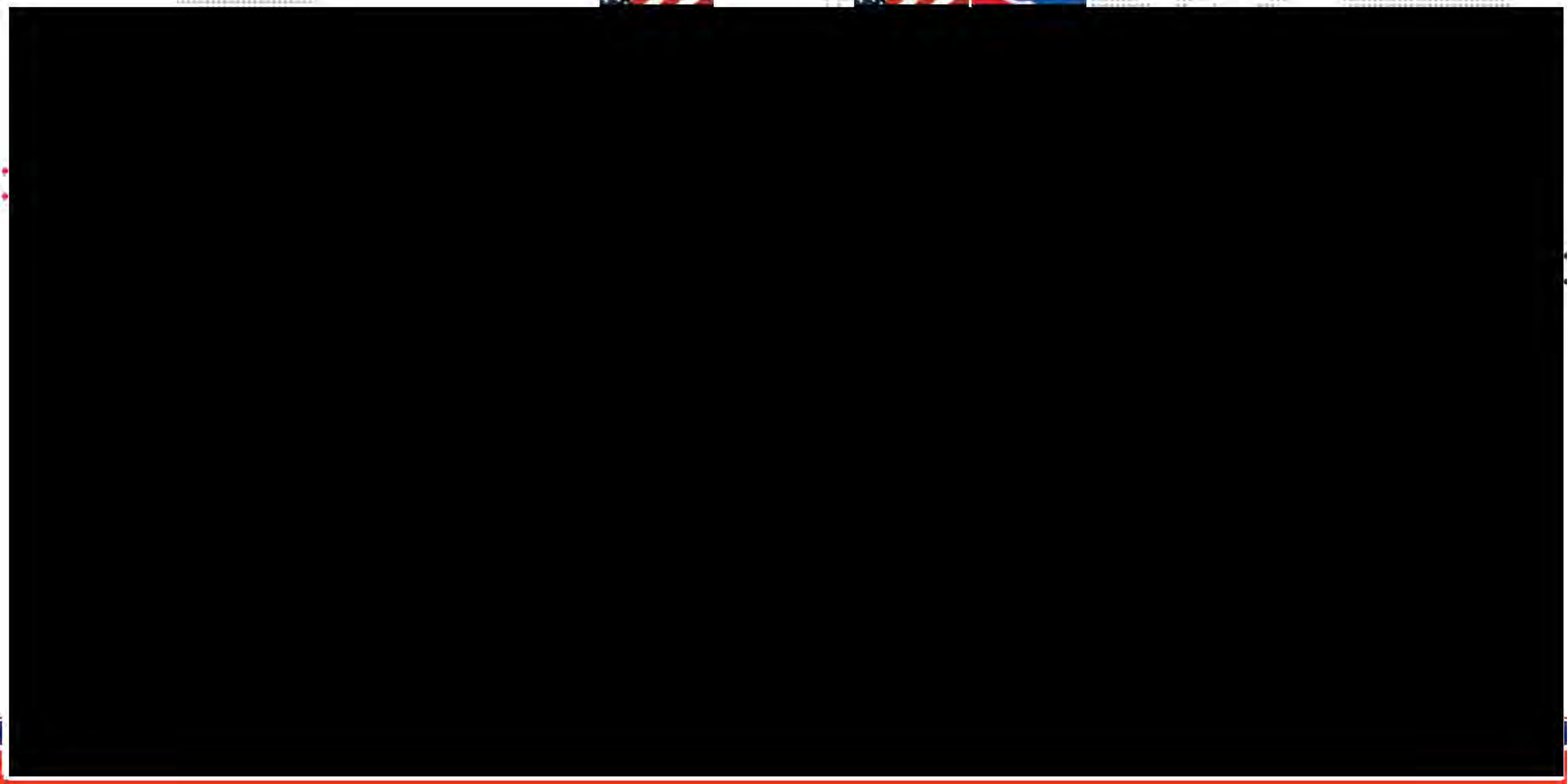


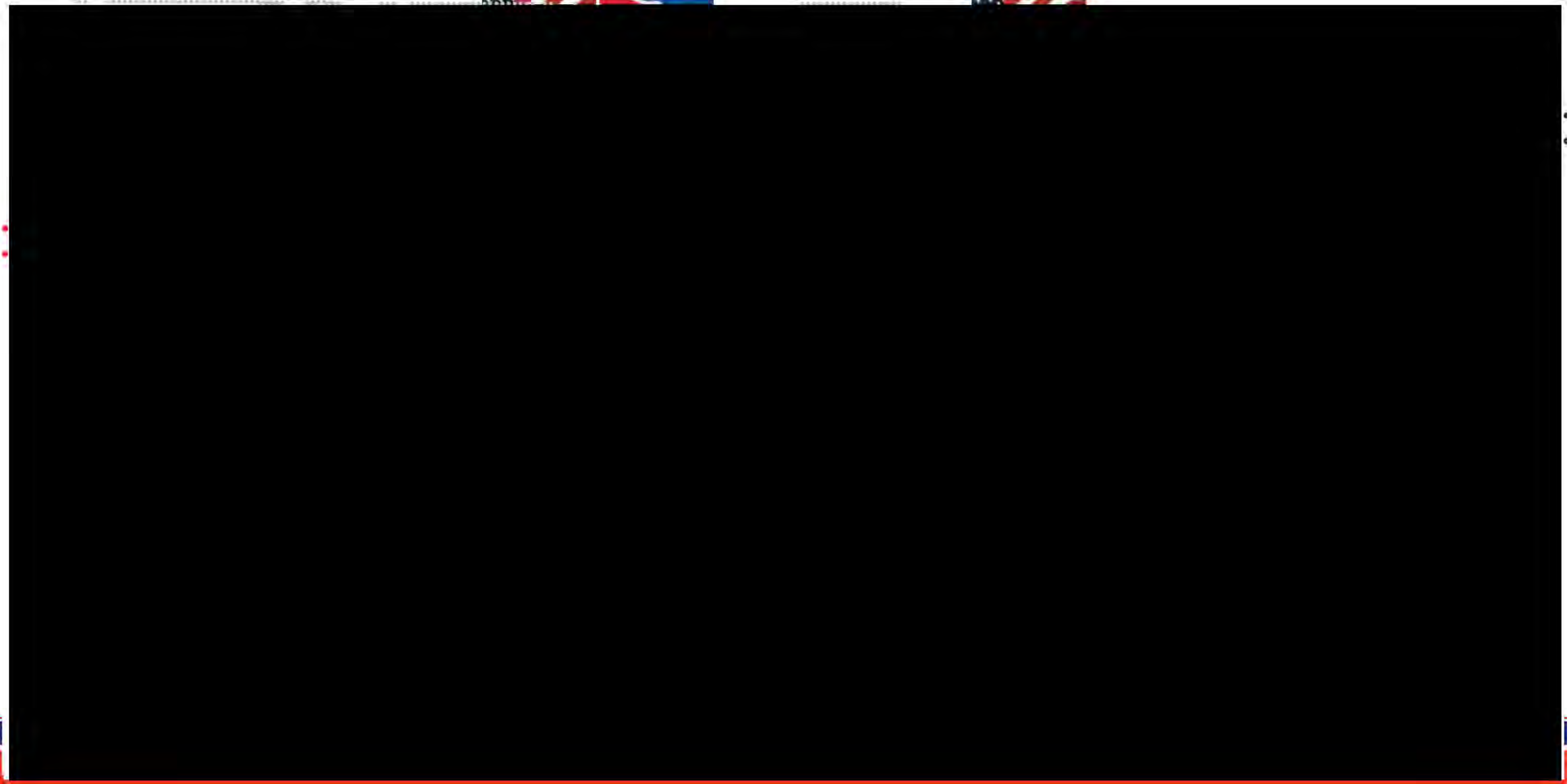


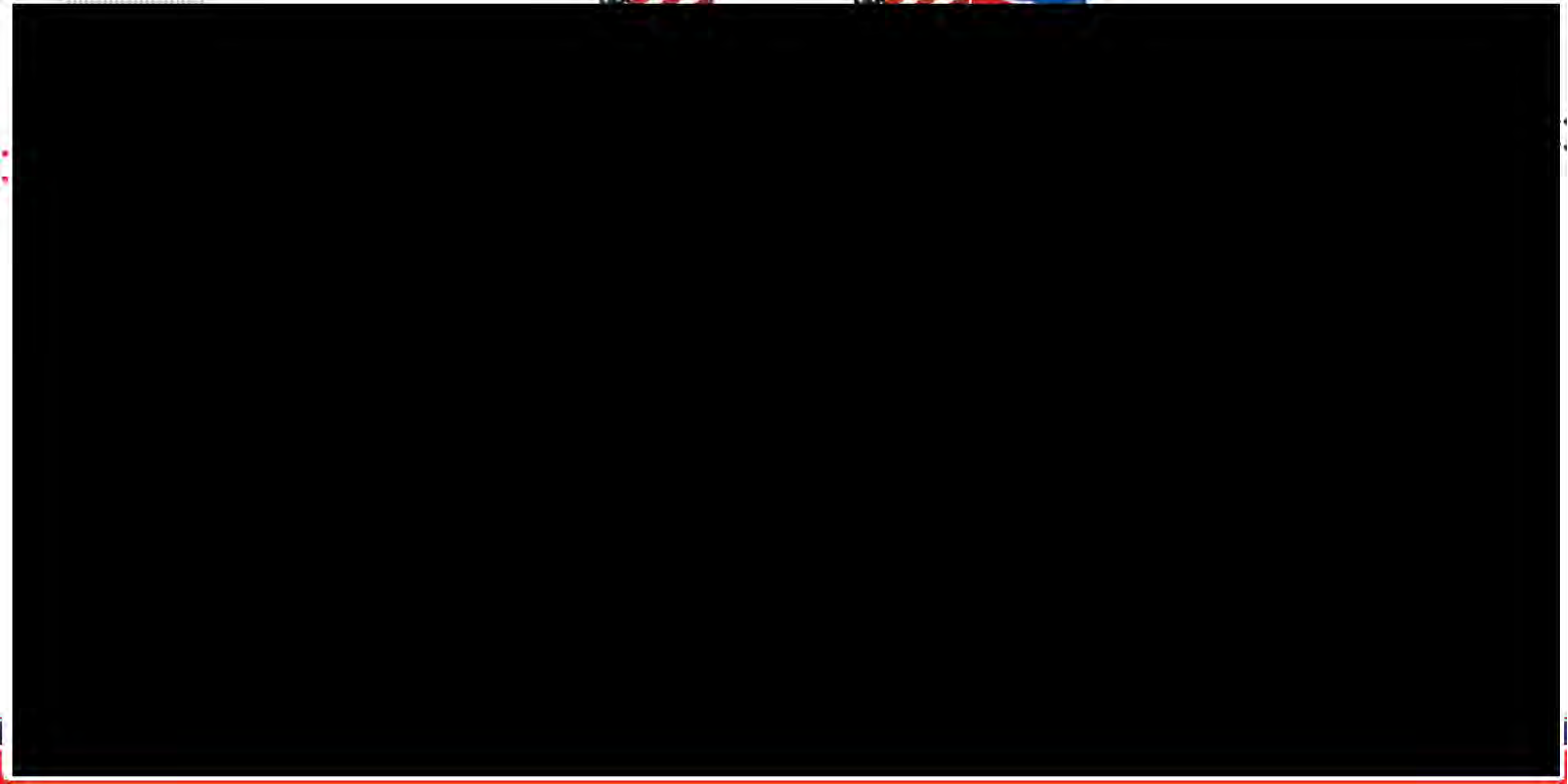


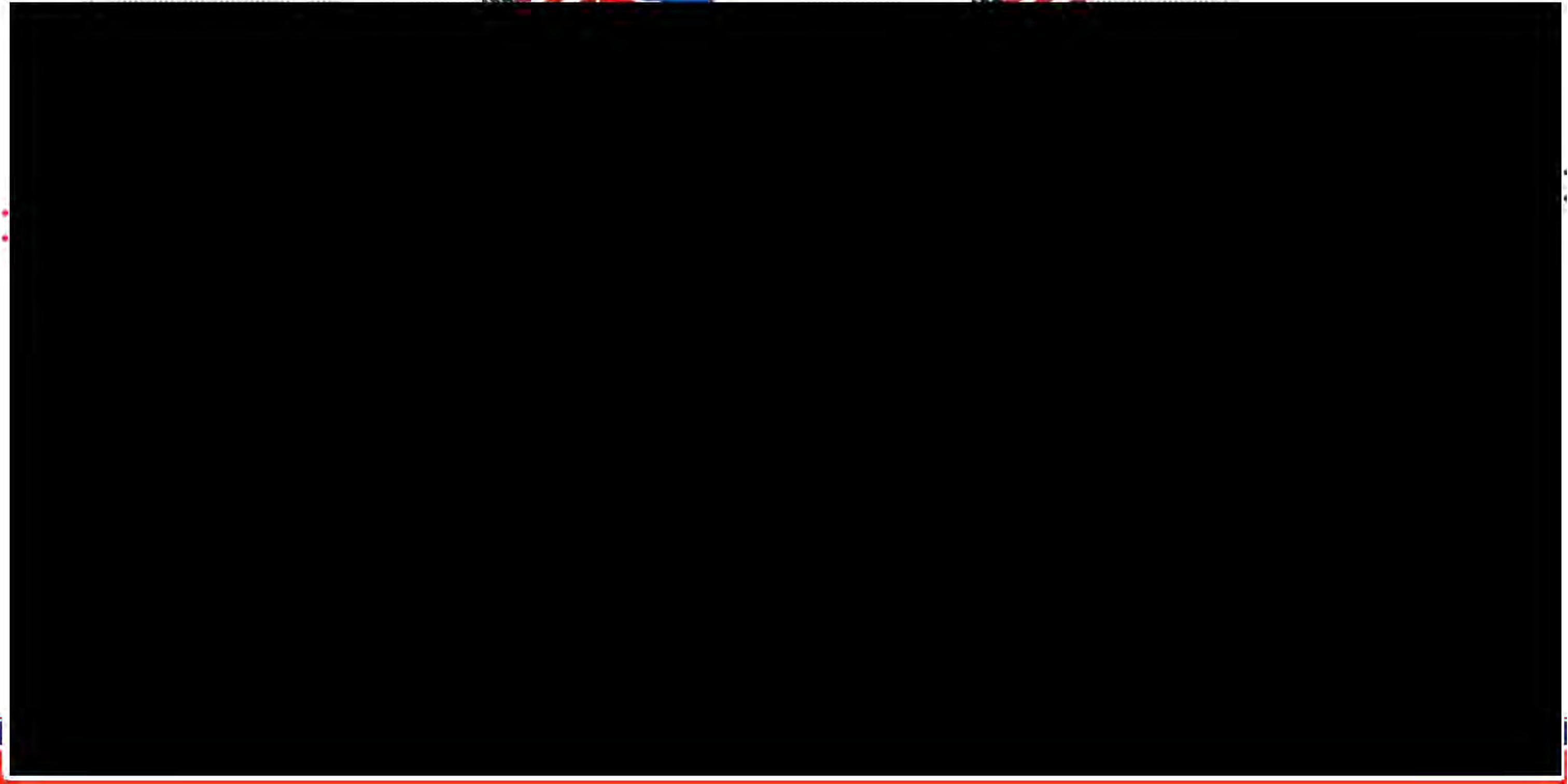






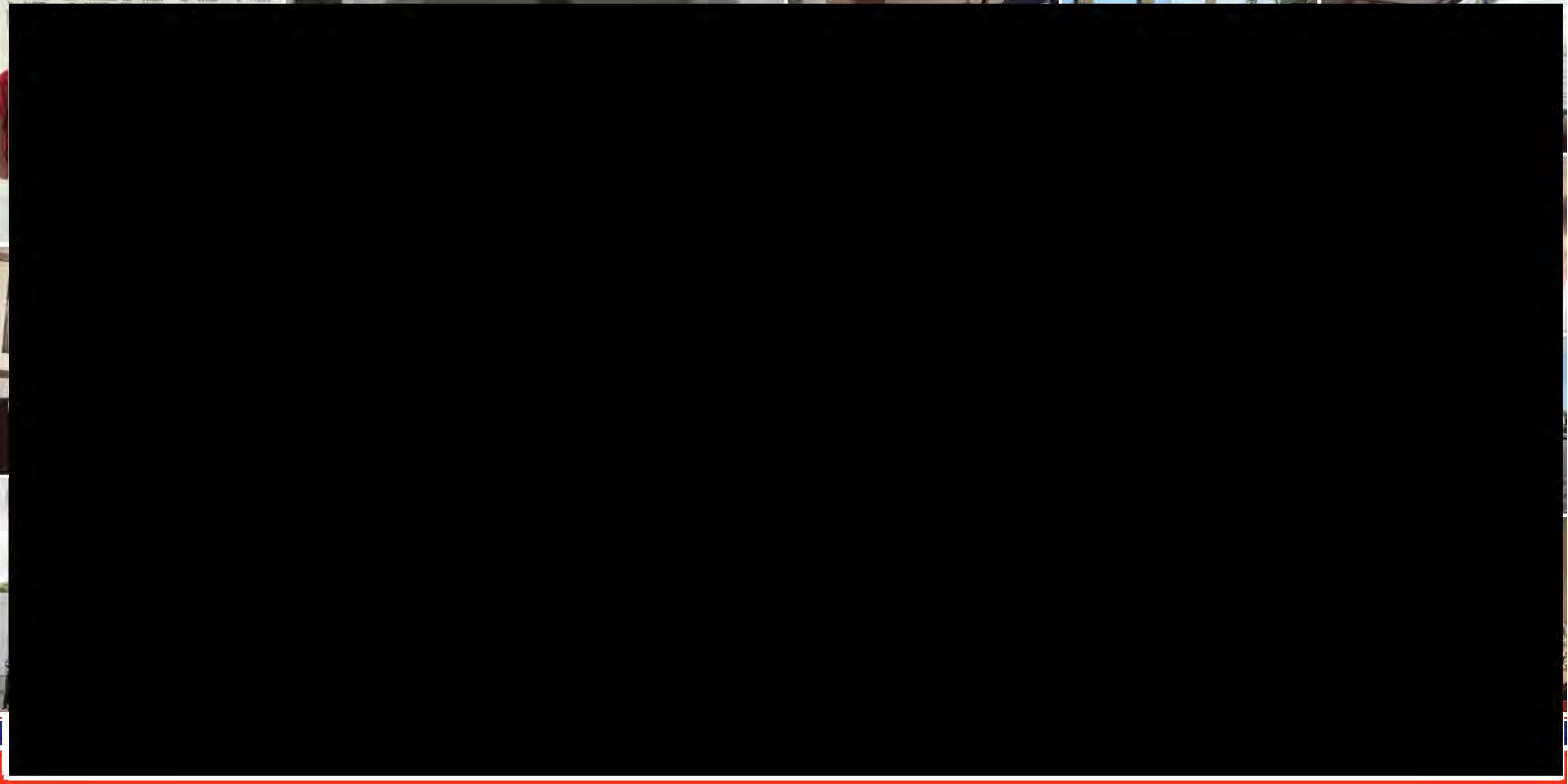


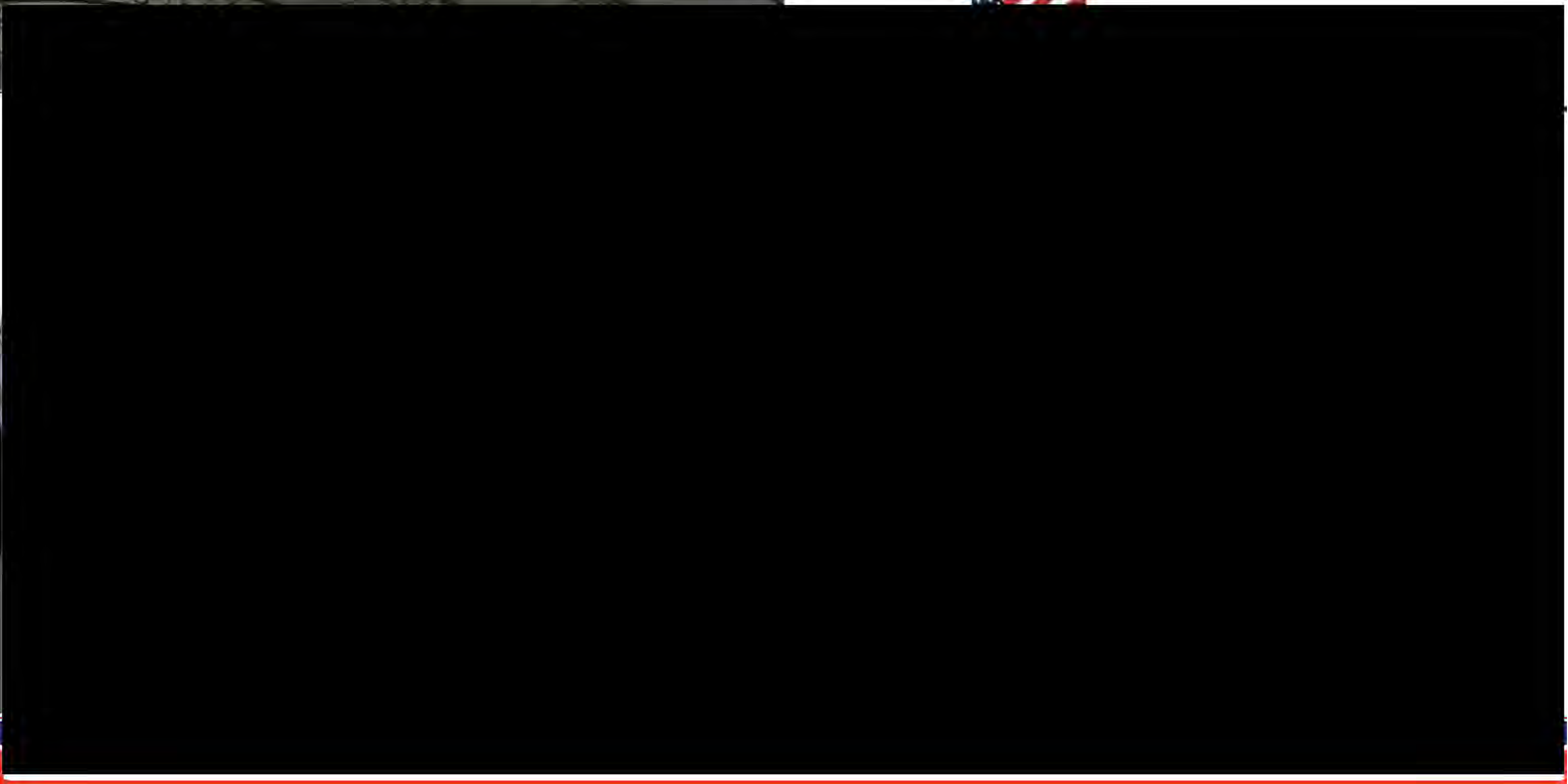




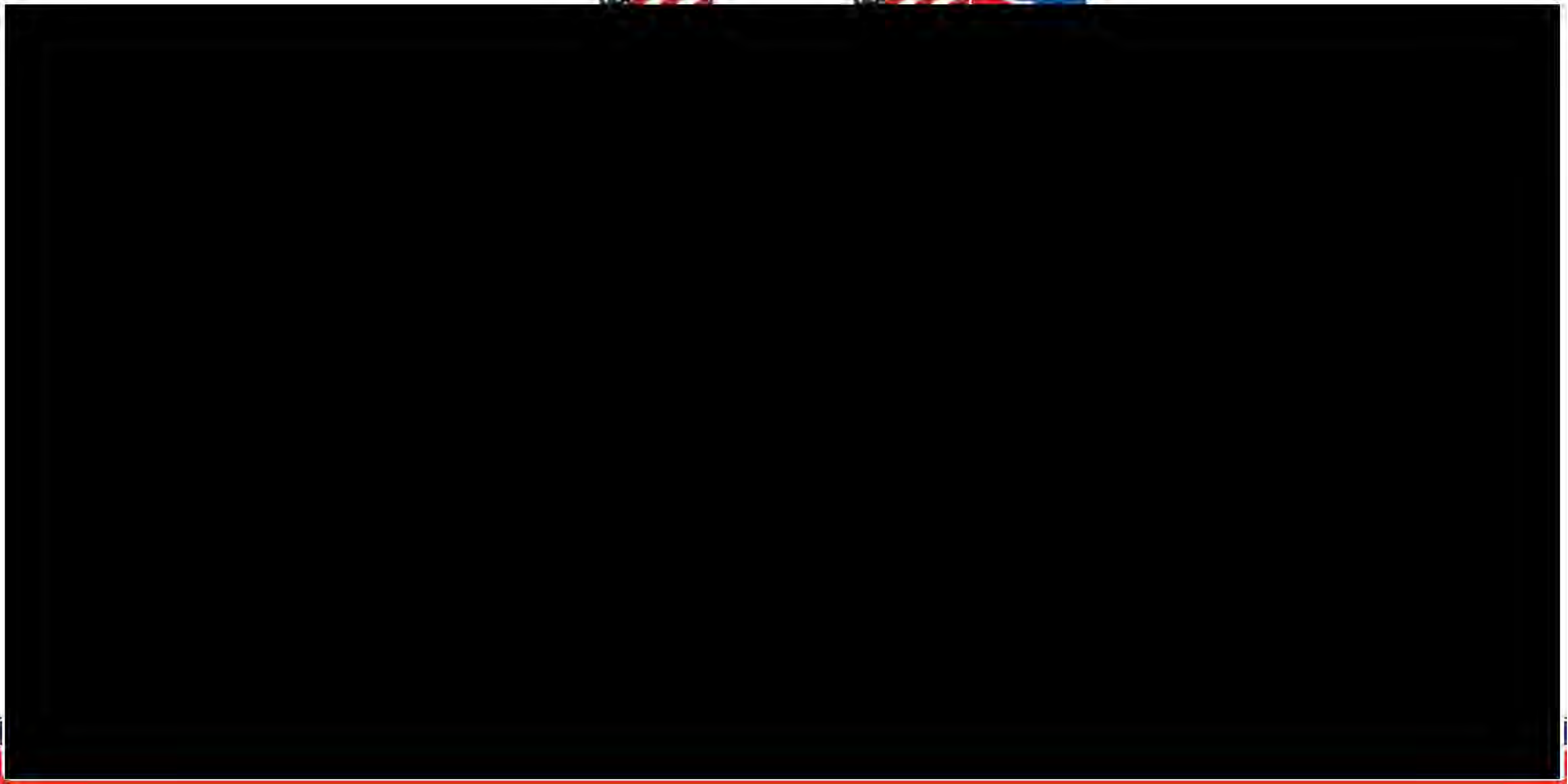


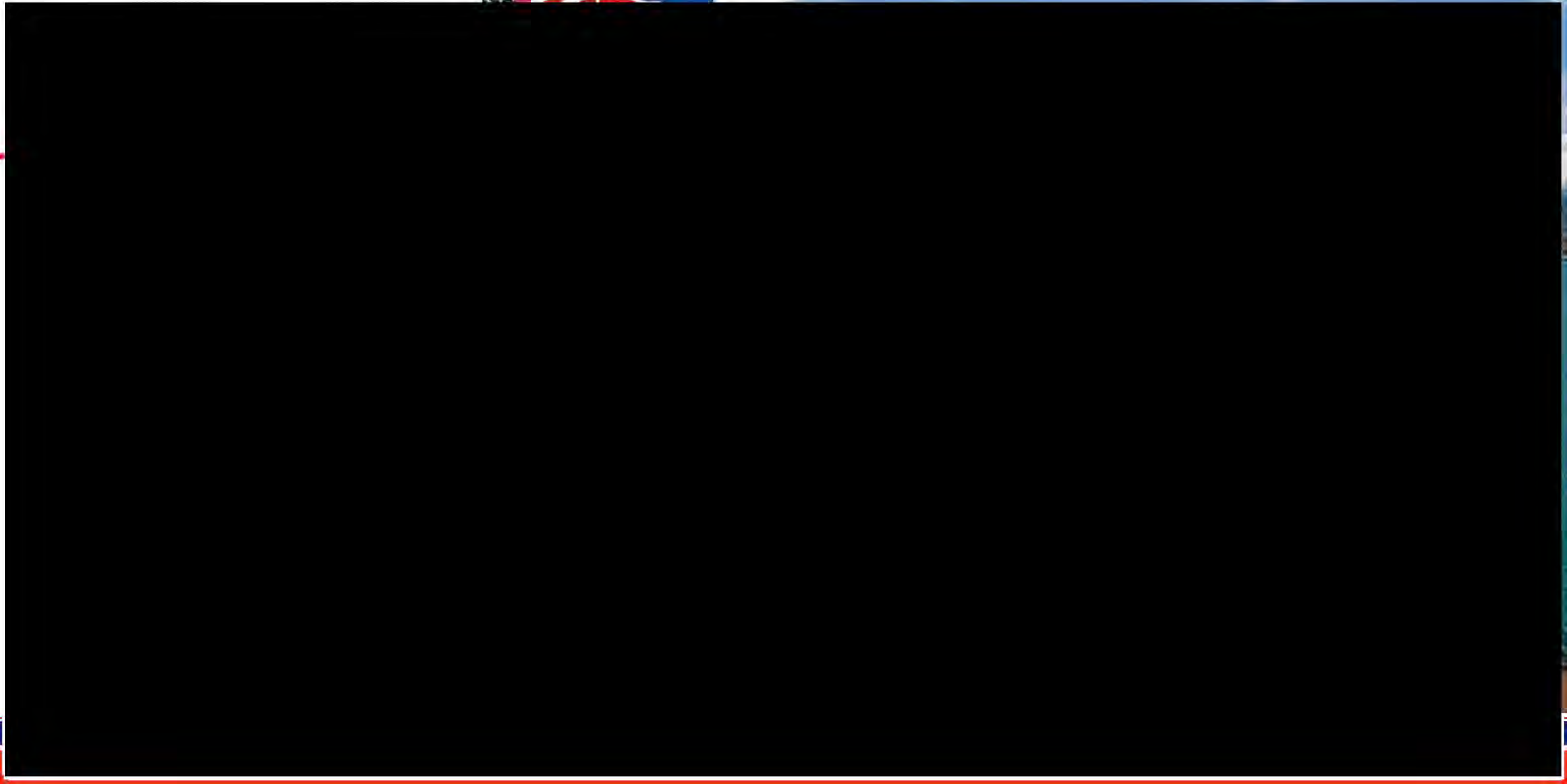


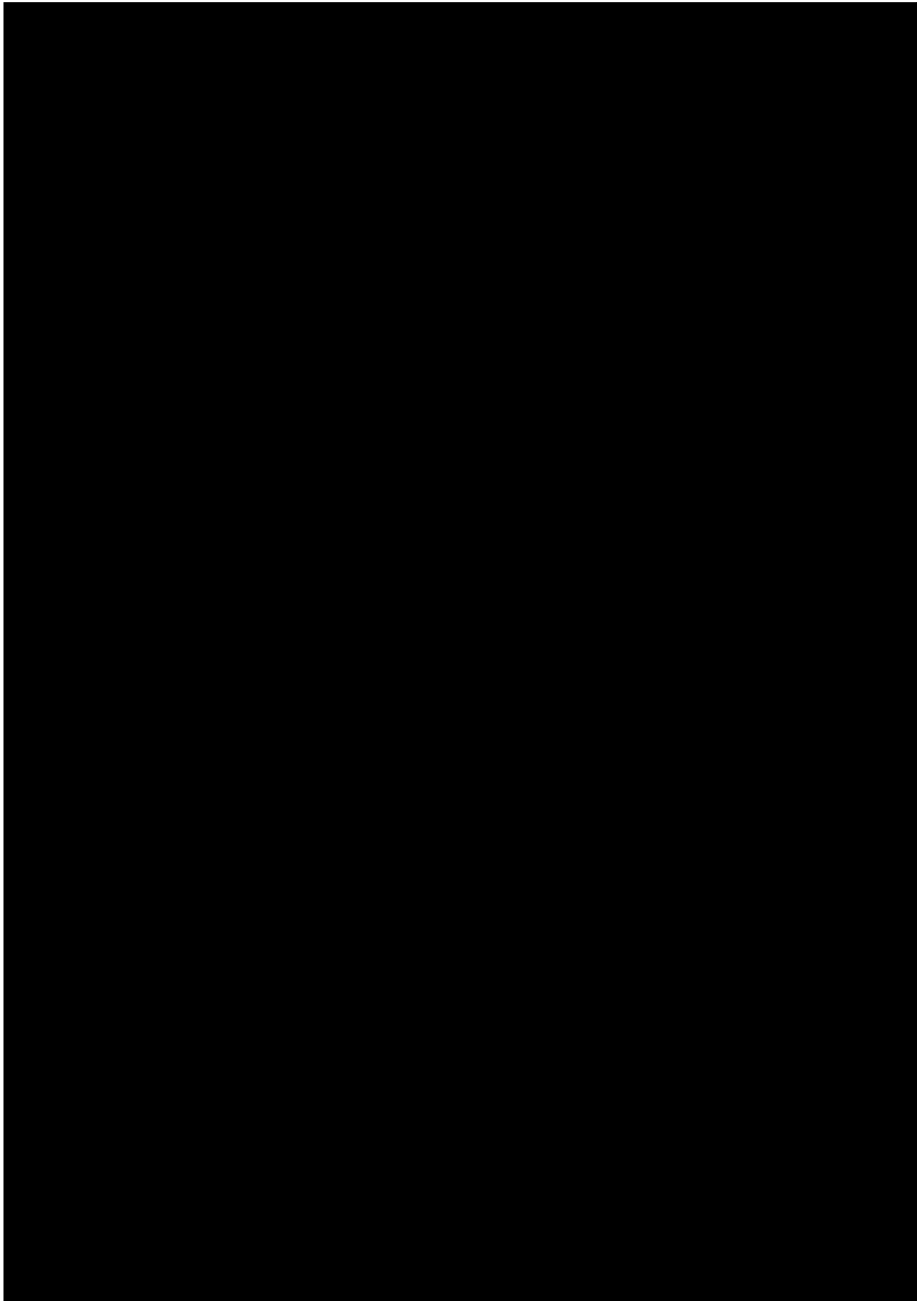


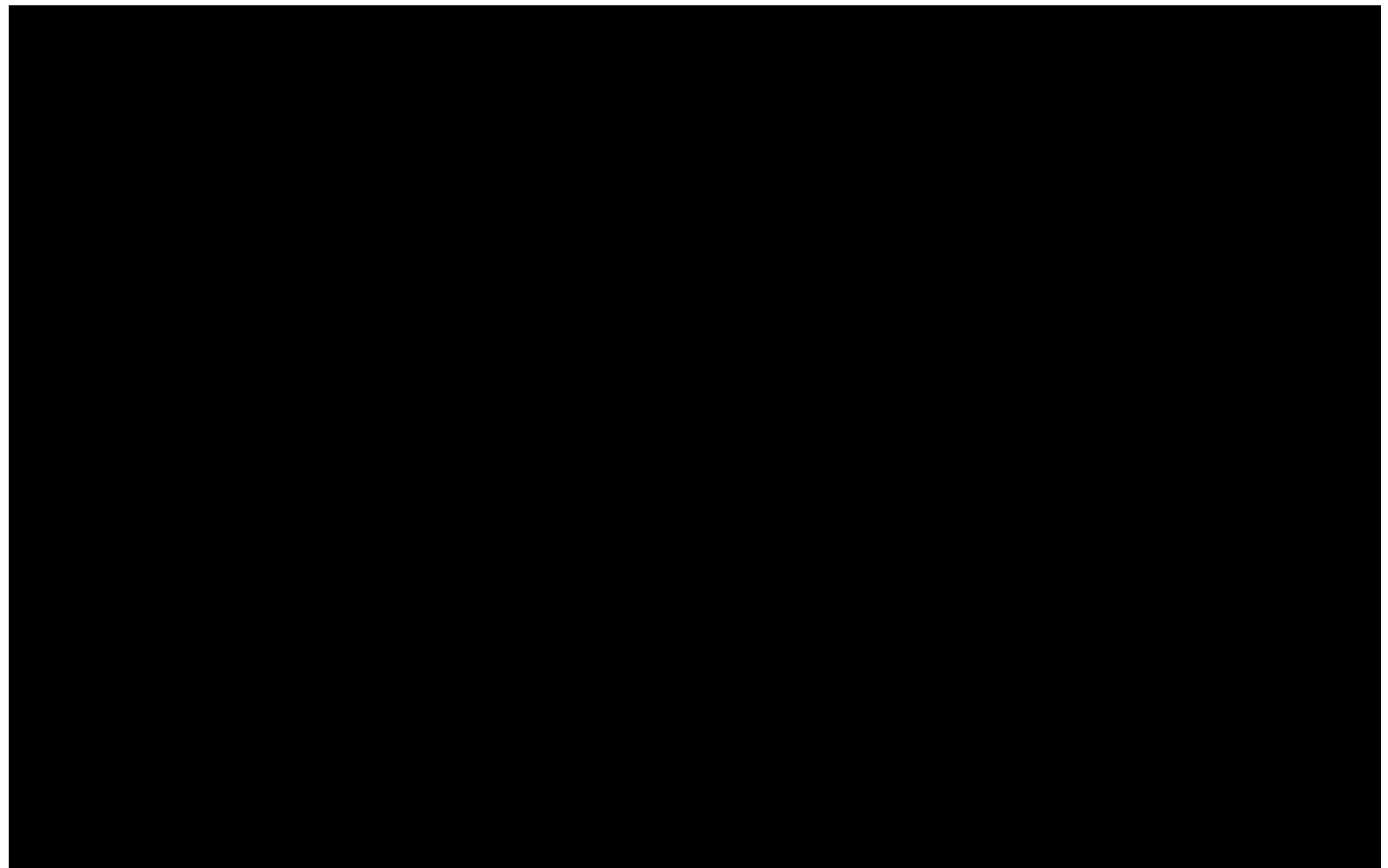












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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Mr Dan Repacholi MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Mr Dan Repacholi MP.pdf

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Dear Mr Repacholi

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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7 September 2023

Mr Dan Repacholi MP
Member for Hunter
PO Box 526
CESSNOCK, NSW, 2325

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Repacholi

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne and Sydney during the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 (between 15 October and 12 November 2022 inclusive). Please note that IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website at www.ipea.gov.au.


The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

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Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Mr Dan Repacholi MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Newcastle	29/10/2022	6:00 AM	Melbourne	29/10/2022	7:40 AM	\$606.23
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Melbourne	29/10/2022		\$402.00
Car Hire	Melbourne	29/10/2022	7:00AM	Melbourne	30/10/2022	4:25 PM	\$334.00
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	30/10/2022	4:25 PM	Newcastle	30/10/2022	5:55 PM	\$369.66

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 29 to 30 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 29 and 30 October 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

[REDACTED]

From: Repacholi, Dan (MP Office) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 September 2023 7:16 AM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (D. Repacholi, MP)
Subject: Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022
Attachments: Melton Pistol Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.; REF 1718051 - Parliamentarian Personal Advice - Travel Advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: [REDACTED]



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A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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FORREST ACT 2603

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter regarding the Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses.

On 29 October I travelled to Victoria to attend the Melton Pistol Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

I received the attached invitation to attend the Club to be the guest speaker on the night in my capacity as the Federal Member for Hunter, Co-Convenor of the Parliamentary Friends of Shooting and as a former Olympian and Commonwealth Games gold medallist and as a former member of the Club.

I was unsure if I was able to travel to the event as an MP, so my office sought advice from IPEA, see attached. It was determined these were official parliamentary duties as an MP.

This was the only event that I attended while in Victoria and I didn't attend the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Following the event on the Saturday night, I joined some old friends from the Club and had a few beers at the local pub.

On the Sunday morning I had breakfast with some friends and lunch with my family who attended the Melton Pistol Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations as well.

I returned to the airport and flew back home.

If any further information is required, please let me know.

Kind regards



Dan Repacholi MP
Federal Member for Hunter



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From: Secretary - Melton Pistol Club [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 15 September 2022 8:45 PM
To: Repacholi, Dan (MP Office)
Subject: Melton Pistol Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
Attachments: Melton Pistol Club 50th Anniversary Celebration BBQ Free.docx

Hi Dan,

As a former Member of Melton Pistol Club Inc, a Federal Member of Parliament and an Olympic shooter, the Committee of Management of Melton Pistol Club Inc would like to invite you to our 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Celebrations will be held on Saturday 29th October 2022, and details are attached.

If you could address the gathering about your early days growing up at Melton Pistol Club Inc, your Olympic experience and your current life as a Federal Member of Parliament it would be greatly appreciated. Alex and the girls are also welcome to attend if they can make it.

If you could R.S.V.P. by Friday 14th October it would be appreciated.

[REDACTED]
Secretary
Melton Pistol Club Inc
[REDACTED]



www.meltonpistolclub.com.au

Melton Pistol Club is turning 50!

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Melton Pistol Club.

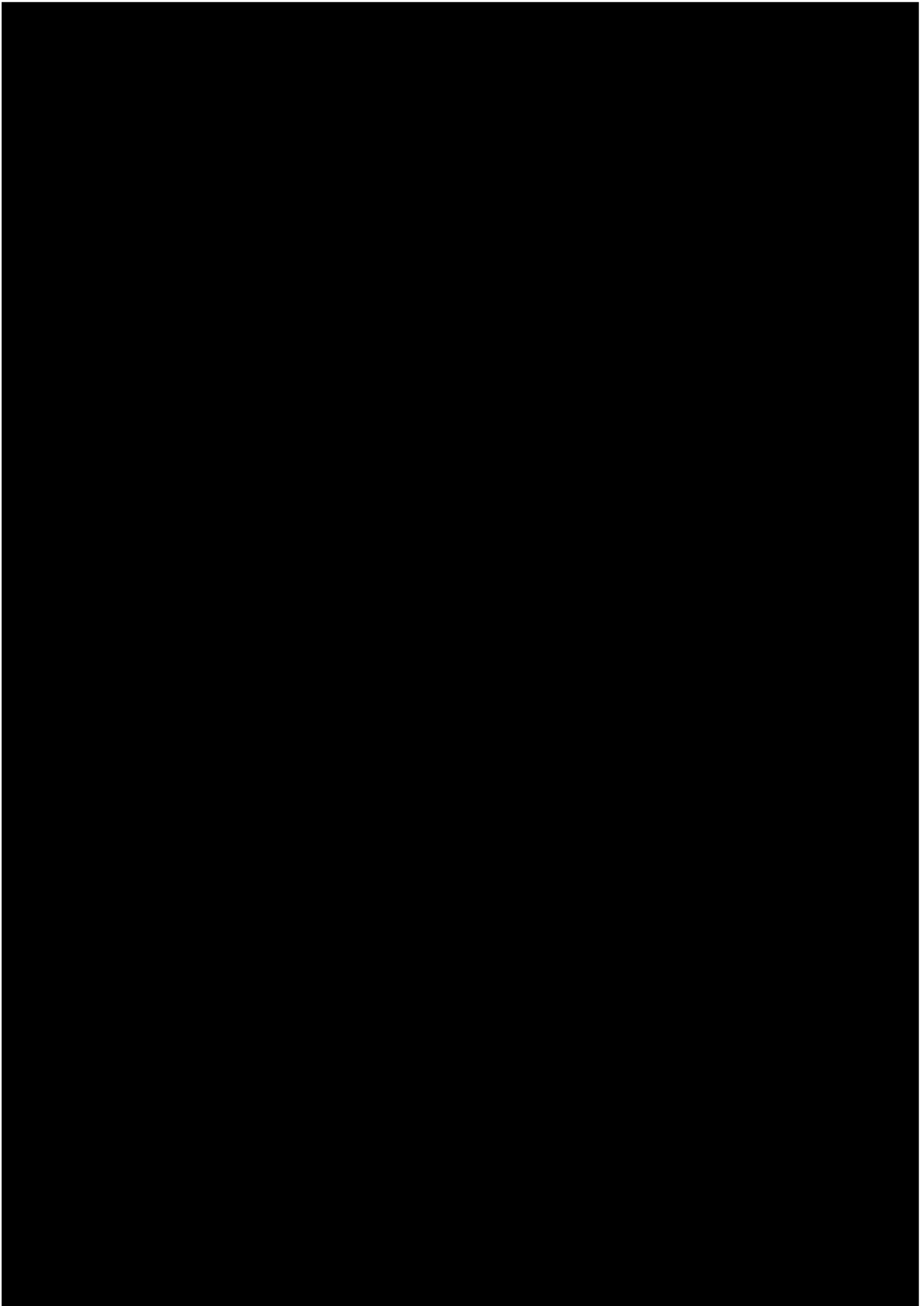
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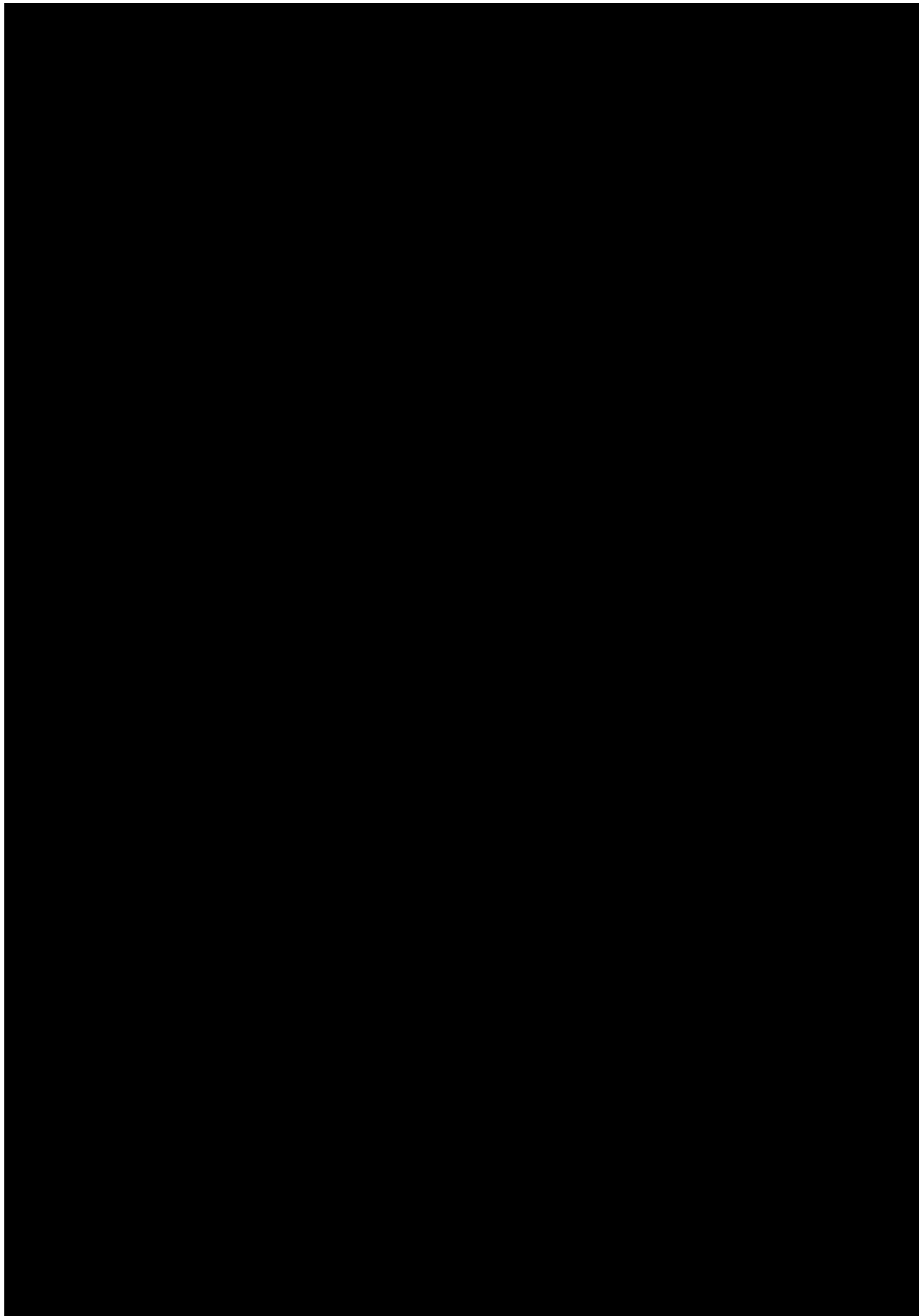
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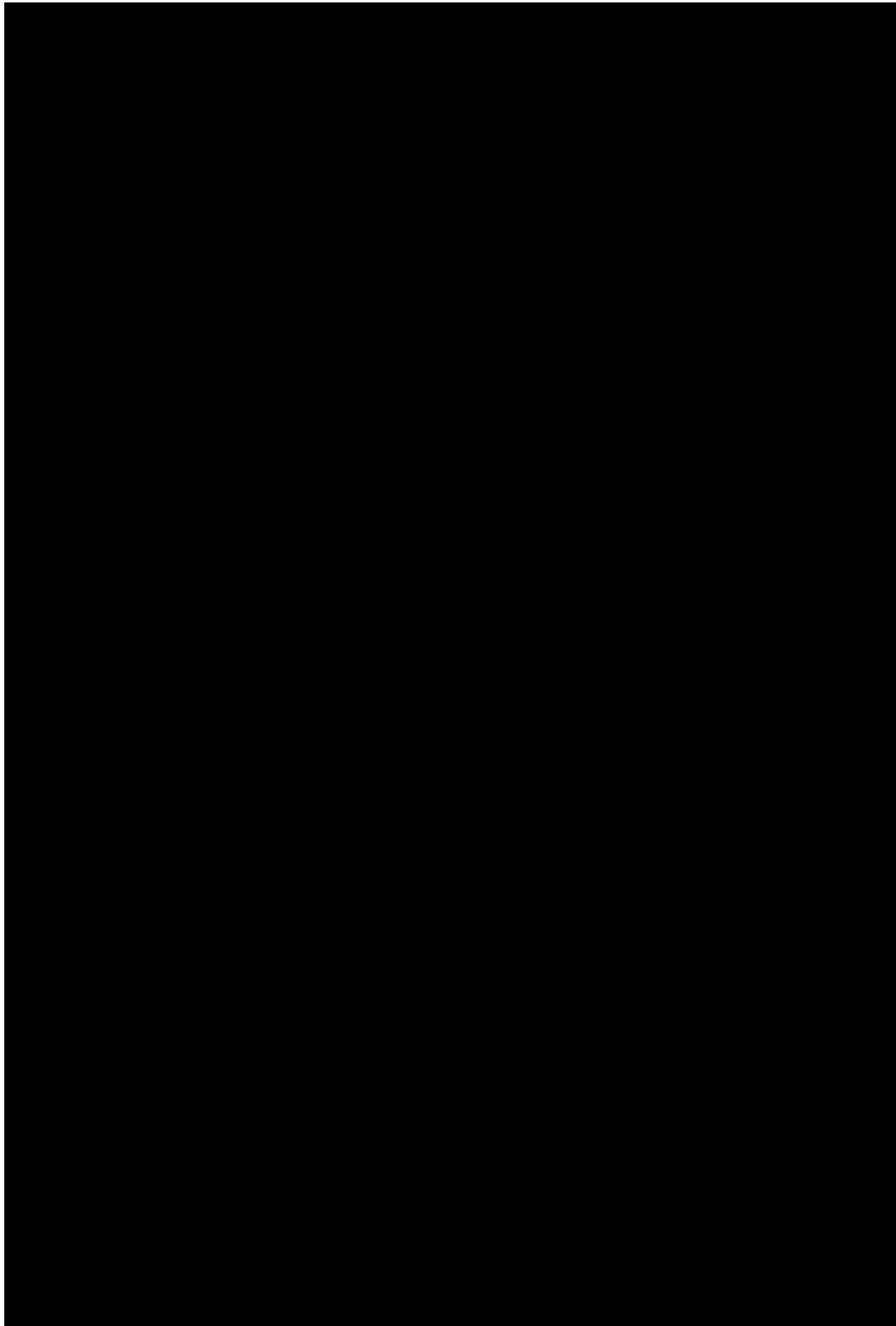
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From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 2:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Stuart Robert - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Stuart Robert.pdf

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Yours sincerely

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Australian Government
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7 September 2023

Hon Stuart Robert
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Dear Mr Robert

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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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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Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

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Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
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Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B
Hon Stuart Robert
Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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COMCAR	Mascot	4/11/2022	10:50 AM	Sydney	4/11/2022	11:19 AM	\$88.92
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Sydney	4/11/2022		\$438.00
COMCAR	Sydney	5/11/2022	4:45 PM	Mascot	5/11/2022	5:03 PM	\$122.40
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Sydney	5/11/2022	6:20 PM	Gold Coast	5/11/2022	6:40 PM	\$311.19
COMCAR	Bilinga	5/11/2022	6:40 PM	Nerang	5/11/2022	7:50 PM	\$90.00

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

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From: Stuart Robert [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 2:47 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Re: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks for your email,

I no longer have access to my APH diary so I can only rely on my personal diary. Please note that I did not attend any Spring Racing Carnival or any public event / fund raiser or the like.

On Friday 4th I flew to Sydney:

- met with Professor Kristy Muir - the CEO of the Paul Ramsay Foundation to discuss their taxation strategy, not for profit status, how they are partnering and what the tax law on charitable trusts means for their ongoing management.
- met with bridging finance lenders on the proposed changes to responsible lending (impending Levy report)
- met with Alspec on their challenges with the Alspec Business Park development in Western Sydney and the tax implications of their approach.

I also thought I was with one of the Industry Super Fund CEOs discussing unlisted assets and quarterly valuations, notably repricing of their Canva assets. However without my APH diary I cannot confirm that.

Thanks

Hon Stuart Robert

On 8 Sep 2023, at 14:14, Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

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7 September 2023

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston
Senator for South Australia
PO Box 1671
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
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Attachment B

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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Travel Fares – QANTAS	Adelaide	22/10/2022	8:35 AM	Melbourne	22/10/2022	10:25 AM	\$698.34
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	22/10/2022	10:20 AM	Moonee Ponds	22/10/2022	11:13 AM	\$129.93
COMCAR	Moonee Ponds	22/10/2022	5:25 PM	Melbourne Airport	22/10/2022	5:46 PM	\$122.40
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Melbourne	22/10/2022	6:25 PM	Canberra	22/10/2022	7:30 PM	\$386.73
COMCAR	Sydney	31/10/2022	2:00 PM	Mascot	31/10/2022	2:54 PM	\$110.16
Travel Fares – QANTAS	Sydney	31/10/2022	4:00 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	5:35 PM	\$1,102.34
COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	5:35 PM	Hawthorn	31/10/2022	6:30 PM	\$105.57
Travel Allowance – Non-Commercial (2 nights)				Melbourne	31/10/2022		\$402.00
COMCAR	Hawthorn	2/11/2022	7:30 AM	Melbourne Airport	2/11/2022	8:11 AM	\$92.69
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Melbourne	2/11/2022	8:45 AM	Canberra	2/11/2022	9:50AM	\$263.07

Attachment B

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne on 22 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne on 22 October 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.
3. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022?
4. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (Sen A. Ruston) [REDACTED] on behalf of Ruston, Anne (Senator)
Sent: Friday, 22 September 2023 5:13 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Senator the Hon Anne Ruston - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Senator the Hon Anne Ruston.pdf; 22 October 2022.pdf; 01 November 2022.pdf
Categories: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon

I write responding to questions raised from the Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 outlined in Attachment B.

Question 1

The dominant purpose of my travel to Melbourne on 22 October 2022 was Official duties.

Question 2

With reference to the *Parliamentary Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* I attended an event in my official capacity as Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care and Shadow Minister for Sport and I attach the invitation as requested. Please note there was no overnight stay in Melbourne.

Question 3

The dominant purpose of my travel to Melbourne between 31 October 2022 and 2 November 2022 was Official duties.

Question 4

With reference to the *Parliamentary Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* I attended an event in my official capacity as Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care and Shadow Minister for Sport and I attach the invitation as requested.

Kind regards

SENATOR THE HON ANNE RUSTON
Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care
Shadow Minister for Sport
Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate
Senator for South Australia

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:59 PM
To: Ruston, Anne (Senator) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Senator

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 31 August 2022 10:42 AM
To: Ruston, Anne (Senator) [REDACTED]
Subject: Invitation

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston
Liberal Senator for South Victoria
Shadow Minister for Health and Aged Care, Shadow Minister for Sport

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Ruston,

On behalf of Entain Australia, I extend a warm invitation to you and a guest, to join us for one of two very special upcoming occasions at the Moonee Valley Race Club.

Friday 21st October marks the 55th running of the Ladbrokes Manikato Stakes. It will be a great night of racing with Australia's top line sprinters seeking to take out the country's richest racing under lights.

The following day on Saturday 22nd October, the \$5 million W.S. Cox Plate will be held. The Group 1 classic, regarded as the premier weight for age horse race in Australia, draws some of Australia's best racehorses, as well as an international field of stars.

As guests of Entain, you will be seated in the prestigious Committee Room which commands panoramic city and racecourse views. Throughout the event you will be treated to superb food and drinks and enjoy a wonderful racing atmosphere.

The occasions also present a unique opportunity to engage with us regarding your shadow portfolio responsibilities, which directly impact our industry.

Further details of these special events are detailed below;

The 2022 Manikato Stakes

Date: Friday 21st October 2022

Commences: 6 pm

Location: The Committee Room, Moonee Valley Racecourse, Feehan Avenue, Moonee Ponds

The 2022 W.S. Cox Plate

Date: Saturday 22nd October 2022

Commences: 12 pm

Location: The Committee Room, Moonee Valley Racecourse, Feehan Avenue, Moonee Ponds

Could you please advise of your availability to join us at one of these special occasions. In the event that you are not able to attend, we would be happy to welcome a representative from your office, and their guest. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Regards
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[REDACTED] (Sen A. Ruston)

From: [REDACTED] (Sen A. Ruston)
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To: [REDACTED] (Sen A. Ruston)
Subject: FW: Invitation | G.H. Mumm | Melbourne Cup Day | Tuesday 1 November

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 3:39 PM
To: Ruston, Anne (Senator) [REDACTED]
Subject: Invitation | G.H. Mumm | Melbourne Cup Day | Tuesday 1 November

Dear Anne

It is with great pleasure that Pernod Ricard Winemakers invites you to the G.H. Mumm marquee at Flemington on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 1 November.

This year's iteration of the G.H. Mumm marquee promises to be the biggest and most luxurious to date, with views of the racetrack for the very first time.

We would be delighted if you could join us again for what promises to be a most enjoyable and relaxing afternoon.

Further details can be found in the invitation below.

MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL

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**MUMM
MARQUEE**

The Birdcage Flemington

**TUESDAY 1ST
NOVEMBER 2022**

11:30am - 6:00pm

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More details to follow



An RSVP to this email address at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated.

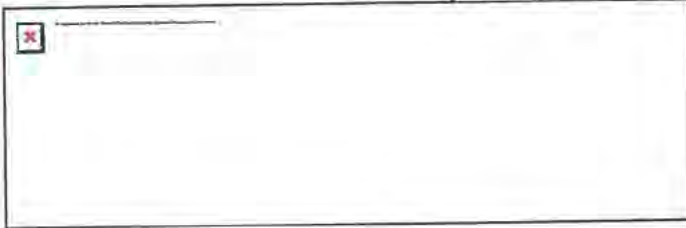
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Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Ms Susan Templeman MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Ms Susan Templeman MP.pdf

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Dear Ms Templeman

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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7 September 2023

Ms Susan Templeman MP
Member for Macquarie
PO Box 855
WINDSOR, NSW, 2756

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Templeman

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 in relation to travel to, from and within Melbourne and Sydney during the Spring Racing Carnival 2022 (between 15 October and 12 November 2022 inclusive). Please note that IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website at www.ipea.gov.au.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in Part 3 - Division 2 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). 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. Further, parliamentarians are only able to claim public resources, including the work expenses prescribed in the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations, if their travel is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within the four streams.

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Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition and consider the examples as outlined in the Determination, and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act, the *parliamentary duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 1 for that member.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act, the *electorate duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 2 for that member.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act, the *party political duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 3 for that member.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act, the *official duties* of a member are the activities specified in Schedule 4 for that member.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Party political duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In respect of the political party to which the member belongs, participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives: a) a formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); b) a national, state or territory conference.

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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Attachment B

Ms Susan Templeman MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR	Stanmore	29/10/2022	5:00 PM	Sydney	29/10/2022	5:30 PM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Sydney	29/10/2022	10:21 PM	Stanmore	29/10/2022	10:37 PM	\$122.40

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney on 29 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Sydney on 29 October 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

From: Templeman, Susan (MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 11 September 2023 1:57 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (S. Templeman, MP)
Subject: RE: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ACRA's Presenter Briefing Sheet - Susan Templeman & Ford Ennals.docx; 29 Oct 2022.pdf
Categories: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks you for your letter dated 7 September concerning my travel on 29 October 2022.

In answer to your questions:

1. The dominant purpose of my travel was Parliamentary Business.
2. I was representing the Minister for Communications and presenting awards at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards. See attached.

Regards,

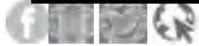
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Special Envoy for the Arts

Federal Member for Macquarie

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SUSAN TEMPLEMAN MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE

We acknowledge the Darug, Gundungurra and Darkinung peoples who are the traditional owners of the lands and waters upon which we work. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, thank them for their custodianship of country, and commit to meaningful reconciliation with our nation's First Peoples.

Electoral communications authorised by Susan Templeman, Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch), Sydney. Other communications are not authorised by Susan Templeman and do not necessarily reflect her views or positions.

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

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Yours sincerely

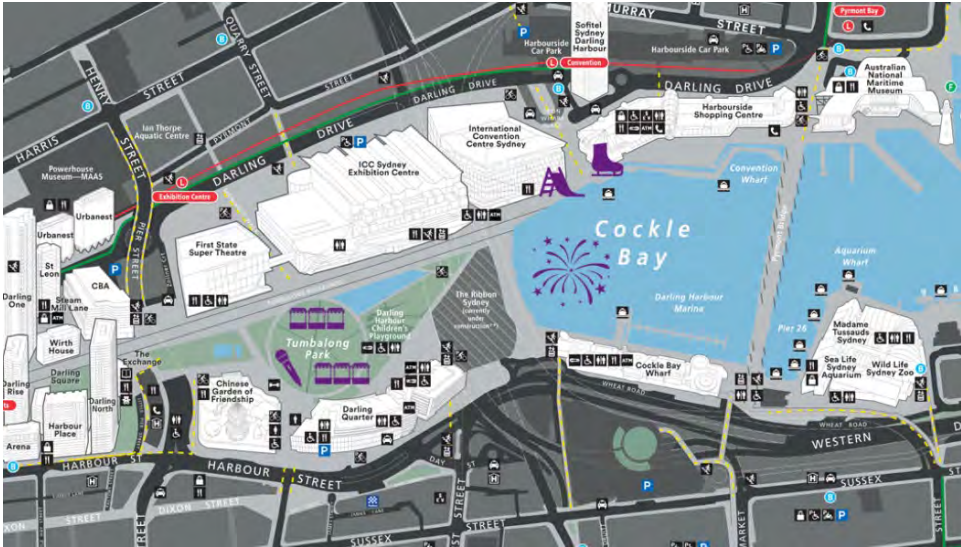
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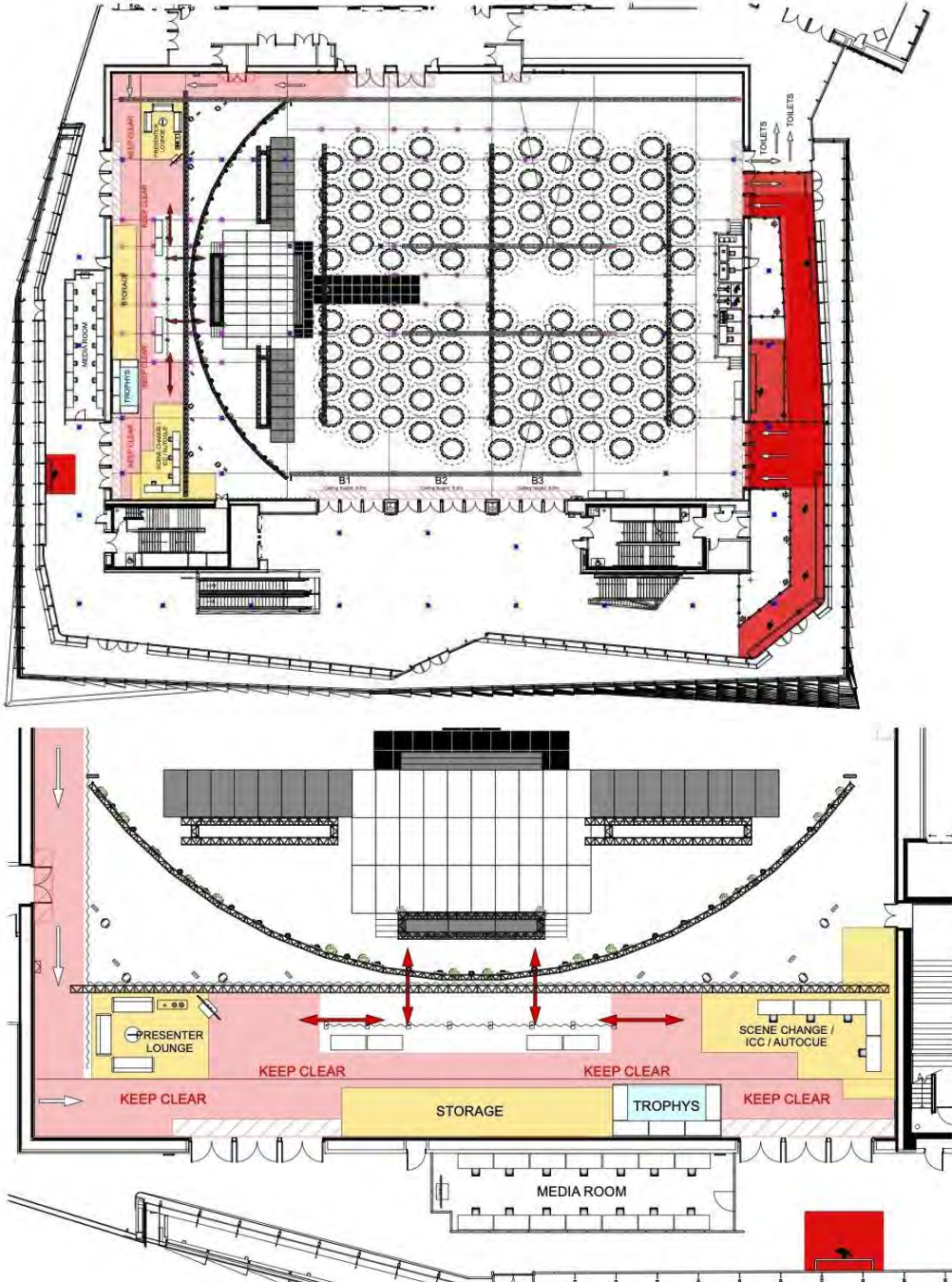
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PRESENTER BRIEFING SHEET

EVENT NAME	2022 Australian Commercial Radio Awards
EVENT DATE	Saturday, 29th October 2022
EVENT LOCATION	The Grand Ballroom, International Convention Centre, Sydney
VENUE ACCESS	<p>The main entrance to the Convention Centre can be found at the northern end of ICC Sydney, closest to Cockle Bay (Darling Harbour) and Harbourside Shopping Centre. It is DIRECTLY opposite the entrance to The Sofitel Hotel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closest drop-off and taxi zone address are Iron Wharf Place. • The closest light rail stop is the Convention stop, and the closest train station is Town Hall.
MAP	<p>14 Darling Drive, Sydney NSW 2000</p> 
ABOUT EVENT	<p>The Australian Commercial Radio Awards (ACRAs) are held annually by Commercial Radio Australia. The ACRAs celebrate the wealth of talent that drives the Australian Commercial Radio industry. The awards are designed to recognise excellence in all areas of radio broadcasting including news, talk, sport, music and entertainment.</p>
AUDIENCE	900 guests
CONTACT ONSITE	<p>Fourth Wall [REDACTED]</p> <p>Fourth Wall [REDACTED]</p>
REHEARSAL TIME	Not necessary to attend rehearsals but they will be held at:

	<p>9am-10am OR 1pm to 2pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You do not need to book the rehearsal, just show up. We will rehearse autocue AND trophy handling Please make your way to the ballroom on Level 5. 										
CALL TIME	<p>5:00 pm: Red Carpet 5:30 pm: Seated in Ballroom (pre-show briefing may be required)</p>										
KEY TIMINGS	<p>6:00 pm Show commences / Performance 6:06 pm Awards presentation commence 6:17 pm Entree Service 7:21 pm BREAK 7:36 pm Performance / Dinner Service 9:12 pm BREAK 9:27 pm Dessert Service 10:35 pm Awards presentation conclude 10:37 pm Performance 10:42 pm DJ 11:59 pm Conclusion</p>										
AWARDS FLOW	<p>Category 1: Community Category 2: News & Current Affairs Category 3: Sport Category 4: Programming & Syndication Category 5: Music Category 6: Promotions & Marketing Category 7: Sales Category 8: Production & Engineering Category 9: Newcomer Category 10: Podcast Category 11: Entertainment & Personality</p>										
YOUR AWARD	<p>You will be presenting Category COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS</p> <p>Approx time: 18:08 to 18:19</p> <p>A talent runner will collect you from your seat ahead of time.</p>										
TRANSPORT & ACCESS OPTIONS	<p>Parking ICC Sydney has two car park facilities located within the Exhibition Centre and Aware Super Theatre, comprising 826 car spaces. Additionally, there are secure car parks located in and around Darling Harbour, including Wilson Harbourside Car Park and Wilson Darling Square Car Park.</p> <p>Operating hours: 7 Days - 24 hours</p> <p>Standard parking rates (will apply for all vehicles entering the car parks):</p> <table> <tr> <td>0 - 1 hour</td> <td>\$18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 - 2 hours</td> <td>\$30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 - 3 hours</td> <td>\$38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 - 4 hours</td> <td>\$44.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4+ hours (to 4 am only)</td> <td>\$49.00</td> </tr> </table>	0 - 1 hour	\$18.00	1 - 2 hours	\$30.00	2 - 3 hours	\$38.00	3 - 4 hours	\$44.00	4+ hours (to 4 am only)	\$49.00
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	<p>Taxi and Uber The best taxi and Uber drop-off and pick-up locations include the new Iron Wharf Place next to Harbourside Shopping Centre and Zollner Circuit on the Southern end of Aware Super Theatre, both accessed via Darling Drive.</p>
<p>ROOM LAYOUT</p>	 <p>The floor plan is divided into two main sections. The upper section shows the overall layout of the venue, including a large circular auditorium with tiered seating, a stage area, and various support rooms. Key areas are color-coded: red for 'KEEP CLEAR' zones, yellow for 'STORAGE', blue for 'Trophies', and green for 'Presenter Lounge'. The lower section provides a detailed view of the stage and front-of-house area, highlighting the 'KEEP CLEAR' zones with red arrows and labels. Other labeled areas include 'SCENE CHANGE / ICC / AUTOcue', 'STORAGE', 'Trophies', and 'MEDIA ROOM'. A red square on the right side of the lower section indicates an entrance or exit point.</p>
<p>COVID PLAN</p>	<p>If you feel unwell, please advise your liaison as soon as possible so we may assist you with a care plan.</p>

[REDACTED] (S. Templeman, MP)

Subject: 6pm sharp/Present award at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards
Location: ICC Sydney
Start: Sat 29/10/2022 6:00 PM
End: Sat 29/10/2022 8:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Meeting organizer
Organizer: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Optional Attendees [REDACTED] (S. Templeman, MP)
Categories: ARTS

[REDACTED]

Dear Susan

Thanks for joining us for the Australian Commercial Radio Awards. Below and attached are some details for the event.

Date: Saturday, October 29.
Venue: ICC Darling Harbour, Grand Ballroom, Level 5
Time: Arrivals at 5pm. Show starts at 6pm.
On arrival: Meet with CRA CEO [REDACTED]
Dress: Black tie/formal

There will be a VIP red carpet area where you may wish to have a photo taken.

You are presenting the Community Service Awards with Ford, which are the first awards of the night and are handed out in three categories covering Country, Provincial and Metro stations. A talent runner will collect you both from your table when it's time, so please make sure you are seated by 5.45pm.

The presenter briefing and suggested script are attached, and the script will be on autocue. Let us know if you'd like any changes. We're looking forward to a great night.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
1)

Dear Susan ,

We are delighted to hear that you will be able to join us at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards on Saturday 29 October .

We have already signaled your involvement in the ACRA's to the media in the press release **below**

This is the big night for Commercial Radio with 1000 representatives from stations across Australia gathering to celebrate radio excellence .

The awards ceremony is being held at the ICC in Darling Harbor Sydney with ceremonies starting at 600pm sharp . Commercial Radio has a unique bond with local communities, and we have asked that you present the first awards of the evening for ' Community Projects ' .

You will not be required to make a speech but present the awards to the deserving winners .

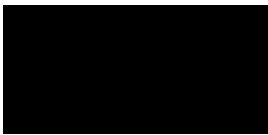
The evening is a formal black tie affair and we would be delighted if you could join us at my table for dinner and the rest of the awards

If your schedule is busy that evening and you have to leave after you present the Community Awards we will of course understand .

Please let us know if you will be staying for the dinner and whether you wish to bring [REDACTED] or any other members of your team

Please let us know if you or your colleagues have any questions at all about the event

Kind regards



Jonesy & Amanda to host 33rd annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards

4 October 2022

Radio royalty Jonesy & Amanda will host the 33rd annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards (the ACRAS) when the event returns to Sydney this month after a three-year hiatus.

Radio personalities from around the country will be among 1,000 guests at radio's night of nights, which recognises outstanding achievement across entertainment, music, news, talk and sport. The event also acknowledges community service, with radio playing a key role during the pandemic and recent natural disasters.

This is the first time Jonesy & Amanda have hosted the ACRAS.

"We know they looked into getting a big international star to host, then they checked the budget. Next, they checked with the fellas from The Chaser but their backstage rider included Twisties ... so the accountant said no. We were already going – and Jonesy doesn't have to get his suit back to 'Kelly Country' until November. Bring it on!" the popular WSFM breakfast duo said.

The Chaser's Chris Taylor and Andrew Hansen hosted the event when it was last held in Brisbane in 2019. This year's ACRAS will be held at the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour on Saturday, October 29.

Jonesy & Amanda are finalists for the Best On Air Team award in the FM category, up against the Kyle & Jackie O Show (KIIS 106.5), Fitzy & Wippa (Nova 96.9), Kate, Tim & Joel (Nova Network) and The Christian O'Connell Show (Gold 104.3).

Twelve radio stations have been nominated for Best Community Service Project for outstanding efforts to raise support and awareness for community programs and charities. These include projects supporting mental health, road safety awareness, victims of the floods and children's health and welfare.

The community service awards will be presented by Susan Templeman MP, who was appointed by the Albanese Government as Special Envoy for the Arts in June.

Ford Ennals, the CEO of awards organiser and industry body Commercial Radio & Audio, said: "The ACRAS are back and we are very excited to roll out the red carpet and recognise the achievements of the industry which have seen radio audiences climb to record highs."

"Commercial radio stations support more than 200 community service organisations each year through air-time and promotions. The ACRA finalists exemplify the authentic connection radio stations have with their listeners and the many ways they use this to serve their communities, whether that is providing entertainment, information, disaster relief, supporting those in need, raising funds for health research or getting the conversation started on difficult issues."

The finalists for Best Community Service Project include Nova 91.9's breakfast hosts Ben Harvey and Liam Stapleton, who broadcast live while locked inside a glass cage in Adelaide's Rundle Mall for five days to help raise awareness for mental health. The initiative, which aimed to draw parallels to the feeling of being trapped in your own head, achieved massive community engagement while also raising donations that funded the specialist training program for 30 new Lifeline crisis supporters.

Another finalist is Mix 106.3's "Pack the Bus" which saw the Canberra station take Santa and his helpers on a two-week journey around the region to collect items for those in need. The charity partner Communities at Work said the frequent on-air promotions helped them collect over 6,000 donations – a 120% increase over the previous year - and the number of online financial donations doubled.

Also in the running for an award are entries from 106.3 Triple M in Coffs Harbour, for shining a light on road safety; 90.9 SeaFM Gold Coast's Bianca, Dan & Ben's Flood Watch supporting the victims of flooding; Nova 106.9's "Nova's Bids for Sick Kids", which raised money for the Children's Hospital Foundation; i98's long-running Illawarra Convoy; and the Christian O'Connell Show's "We've Got Your Back" project, which charity Backpacks 4 Vic Kids described as their most successful campaign of all time.

Entries for the ACRAS were received from 260 metropolitan and regional radio stations across Australia. Winners are peer judged by industry members. A highlight is the Hall of Fame inductee, acknowledging a lifelong commitment to the Australian radio industry.

The ACRAS red carpet will start at 5pm AEDT on Saturday, October 29, with the awards ceremony at 6pm AEDT.

The list of finalists is available [here](#). Tickets are on sale at www.acras.com.au.

#ACRAS

Media contacts:

[REDACTED]

About Commercial Radio & Audio

CRA is the peak industry body representing the interests of commercial radio broadcasters throughout Australia. CRA promotes the effectiveness of radio and audio to advertisers, manages audio research and insights, metropolitan and regional audience measurement surveys, revenue reporting, industry innovation including RadioApp, the Australian Podcast Ranker, industry codes and standards, and regulatory and legislative matters. CRA also hosts the Australian Commercial Radio Awards and the Siren Creative Awards.

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Thanks [REDACTED]. Susan would be delighted to represent the Minister.
Have CRA follow up with [REDACTED] about time, place and requirements.
I'll keep in touch with [REDACTED] too.
Regards

[REDACTED]
Chief of Staff

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Member for Macquarie
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 September 2022 11:43 AM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Templeman, MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: INVITE : to present award at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards : 29 October 2022
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Hi [REDACTED]
Out of a discussion between [REDACTED] and Susan came an understanding that as Ambassador for the Arts, Susan would be willing to take on more repping duties.


Unfortunately the Minister will be interstate and not able to attend the Australian Commercial Radio Awards. The invitation included an opportunity to present the award for Best Radio Community Service Project. As you can see, there are options for attending if Susan was pressed for time. I understand from Arley this is a “red carpet” event.

Would appreciate it if this invitation could be put to Susan for consideration.

Kind regards,

 | **Diary Manager**
Office of the Hon Michelle Rowland MP
Minister for Communications
Federal Member for Greenway

Suite M1.41 Parliament House, Canberra

P: 6277 7480 M: 

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The Hon Michelle Rowland MP | Minister for Communications

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live.
I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities.
I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 8 September 2023 2:29 PM
To: 'Tyrrell, Tammy [REDACTED]'
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Yours sincerely

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7 September 2023

Senator Tammy Tyrrell
Senator for Tasmania
PO Box 1087
LAUNCESTON, TAS, 7250

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

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Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 22 September 2023**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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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*.

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- (b) *member*;
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- (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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Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Electorate duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as their constituent's elected representative: a) Facilitating and participating in debate, discussion, a meeting, event or function, or undertaking research or administrative functions relating to matters of importance or interest to constituents (including matters that do not relate exclusively to constituents, such as matters of national importance); b) Otherwise communicating with constituents; c) Representing the views and interests of constituents.

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(Act s 6(4)(c))

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Member (or class)	Official duties
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Attachment B

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	30/10/2022	11:50 AM	Melbourne	30/10/2022	12:45 PM	\$117.42
Cabcharge	South Wharf	30/10/2022		South Wharf	30/10/2022	2:55 PM	\$13.76
Cabcharge	South Wharf	30/10/2022		Melbourne CBD	30/10/2022	5:47 PM	\$14.89
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)				Melbourne	30/10/2022		\$402.00
Cabcharge	Melbourne CBD	31/10/2022		Melbourne CBD	31/10/2022	9:35 AM	\$14.74
Cabcharge	Melbourne CBD	31/10/2022		Melbourne CBD	31/10/2022	11:10 AM	\$16.01
Cabcharge	Melbourne CBD	1/11/2022		Docklands	1/11/2022	10:31 AM	\$18.10
Cabcharge	Docklands	1/11/2022		Melbourne CBD	1/11/2022	7:02 PM	\$26.70
COMCAR	Melbourne	2/11/2022	6:56 AM	Melbourne Airport	2/11/2022	7:30 AM	\$73.62

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 30 October 2022 to 2 November 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination (at **Attachment A**), what was the nature of any parliamentary business in Melbourne between 30 October 2022 and 2 November 2022? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

From: Tyrrell, Tammy (Senator) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 September 2023 1:53 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: [REDACTED]

Afternoon Assurance Team,

I would like to lodge my response in regard to the Spring Racing Carnival Audit.

I was invited by the Australian Hoteliers Association National Board Luncheon (Details listed below) event on the 31st of October in Melbourne where I utilised a Virgin flight (on the 30th Oct) and a COMCAR from the airport to get to my accommodation plus a couple of cab charge fairs to have a meeting with a local member in Melbourne on Sunday the 31st Oct.

I only requested one night of accommodation for the 30th Oct as the Monday event was for parliamentary duties and covered the cost of the 31st of October and 1st November accommodation personally.

On Monday the 31st I went into the city and utilised my cab charge for a breakfast meeting these fairs were to get to and from the venue and to return to the hotelier's event where networking and industry conversations with the hoteliers in regards to their industry nationally and locally in Tasmania where I was invited as a member of Parliament.

I was also invited to Melbourne Cup with LION but chose not to claim accommodation for 2 nights as I took my partner and we enjoyed the day out technically I was invited in my capacity as Senator for Tasmania which would be covered by Parliamentary duties but I also had a lovely day with my partner and chose to cover these expenses myself, in saying that I did utilise my Cabcharge to get to the shared transport to Melbourne Cup and to return to my accommodation after the day.

The Comcar charge on the 2 November was to catch a flight home to Tasmania so I could attend meetings in my Electorate.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions in regards to the Spring Carnival Audit

Kind regards,



Senator Tammy Tyrrell
Office of Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Electorate Phone: 03 9070 1910

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Extract of invitation:

Dear Senator Tammy Tyrrell,

On behalf of AHA National President [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Treasury Wine Estates, we cordially invite you to join us for the 2022 AHA National Board Luncheon - Presented by Treasury Wine Estates.

The AHA National Board Luncheon has fast become a key industry event not to be missed. This special luncheon brings about the opportunity for hoteliers, stakeholders and parliamentarians to convene in an idyllic setting, where important industry messages and connections are shared.

Date: Monday 31st October, 2022

Venue: Dogs Flat Lawn, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Time: 12:15 pm 4:30 pm

Dress code: Business attire

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:29 PM

To: Tyrrell, Tammy (Senator) [REDACTED]

Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Attachment B

Hon Anika Wells MP

Assurance Review of the Spring Racing Carnival 2022

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COMCAR	Melbourne Airport	31/10/2022	6:15 PM	Melbourne	31/10/2022	7:15 PM	\$91.98
Travel Allowance – Commercial (2 nights)				Melbourne	31/10/2022		\$928.00
COMCAR	Melbourne	1/11/2022	10:15 AM	Docklands	1/11/2022	10:37 AM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Docklands	1/11/2022	6:53 PM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	7:09 PM	\$122.40
COMCAR	Melbourne	2/11/2022	9:00 AM	East Melbourne	2/11/2022	9:11 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Melbourne	2/11/2022	4:35 PM	Melbourne Airport	2/11/2022	5:24 PM	\$101.22
Travel Fares – Virgin Australia	Melbourne	2/11/2022	6:10 PM	Brisbane	2/11/2022	7:20 PM	\$611.82
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 26 September 2023 8:24 AM
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: HPE CM: FW: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon Anika Wells MP - 8 September 2023.pdf; Attachment A - PBR Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon Anika Wells MP.pdf; Melbourne Cup 2022.pdf; The Australian Conference_1 Nov 2022.pdf

Categories: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

In answer to the query in the attached letter:

1. Dominant purpose of travel on those dates was Official Duties as Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Sport
 - a. Invited as Minister for Sport to attend 2023 Melbourne Cup Day
 - b. Invited as Minister for Aged Care to address The Australian & Melbourne Institute Conference
2. Invitations with details attached.

Please advise if further information is required.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Executive Assistant / Diary Manager to the Minister

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Member for Lilley
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Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

The Department of Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continued connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to all Elders past and present.

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Wells, Anika (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Spring Racing Carnival 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Minister

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review on the Spring Racing Carnival 2022.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 12 September 2022 4:10 PM
To: Wells, Anika (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Melbourne Cup Day Invitation

Melbourne Cup Carnival 2022

with



Lexus Melbourne Cup Day

Dear Minister Wells and Guest,

Lion is proud to be part of the Melbourne Cup Carnival 2022 with our Victorian born brand, Furphy as the official beer and partner of the Carnival.

We are delighted to invite you to Lexus Melbourne Cup Day, with an exclusive hospitality experience in the Furphy Marquee within the Birdcage enclosure. Watch the races from floor to ceiling glass windows overlooking the track, while soaking up the atmosphere in the Birdcage precinct. Enjoy refreshing pints of icy cold Furphy, gastro-pub inspired all-day grazing menu, live entertainment and other fantastic Lion refreshments including Four Pillars gin and wine.

Race Day

Lexus Melbourne Cup Day

Date

Tuesday 1 November 2022

Venue

Furphy Marquee in The Birdcage enclosure at Flemington Racecourse, Melbourne

Dress

Members dress regulations apply for all guests in The Birdcage enclosure, which is lounge suit and tie for the men and race wear for the ladies. Melbourne Cup Day is all about having fun with your outfit, so opt for bold and bright colours and a statement headpiece.

Transport to the track - HMAS Furphy

The Furphy Boat will ferry you from the Melbourne City Marina to Flemington Racecourse, with boarding to commence at 9:30am. The boat will then depart Flemington Racecourse at 5pm, arriving at the Melbourne City Marina at 6pm. All guests must have proof of identification on them to board the boat.

Please RSVP by reply to this email.

From all of us here at Lion, we hope you can join us at Lexus Melbourne Cup Day.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Government and Industry Affairs Director
Lion

[REDACTED]
Policy and Industry Manager
Lion

Please note this invitation is strictly non-transferable. All guests attending must be over the age of 18 years. We thank you for your understanding.



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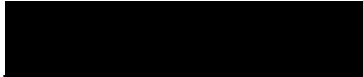




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From: Outlook Conference 2022
Sent: Monday, 19 September 2022 11:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Event information for The Aus Mel Institute

Good morning [REDACTED],

My name is [REDACTED] and I am assisting in the coordination of the Economic and Social Outlook Conference, in which Minister Wells has been invited to speak at on **Wednesday 2 November**.

We are hoping Minister Wells will be able to join us on a panel session on **Aged Care 3:45pm – 4:45pm**.

The session will look at the increase of required aged care services and the growing concerns about quality of care and ability to attract aged care workers. It will also look at what the roles of the state and federal governments are and who is responsible for funding and service provision. Other questions to discuss are should aged care recipients be expected to contribute more to the financial cost, is the structure of the sector fit for purpose and how do we ensure high quality yet affordable care.

Speakers appearing alongside Minister Wells will be:

[REDACTED] (Founder and CEO, Mable)

[REDACTED] (Principal Research Fellow, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic & Social Research)

Each speaker will speak/present for roughly ten minutes (no more than 15) and then the moderator will take questions from the audience. Once we have a moderator confirmed, they or myself will reach out to the speakers to organise a briefing for the session.

If you have any further questions that will help in Minister Wells reaching a decision, please let me know.

Warm regards,

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