



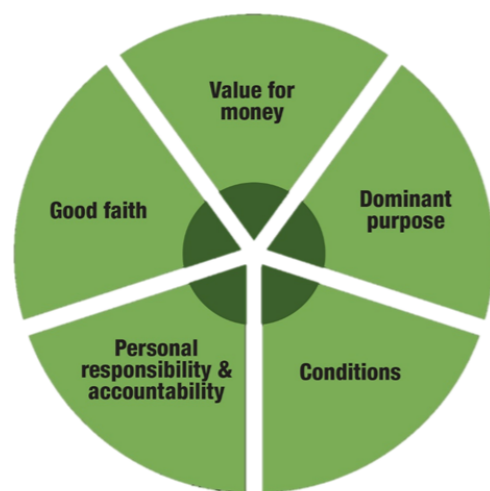
## Am I able to undertake travel during an election period at Commonwealth expense?

Yes, following the dissolution of parliament, a current parliamentarian, including a parliamentarian seeking re-election at the upcoming federal election, may travel if it meets the following principles. The travel must:

- be for the **dominant purpose** of parliamentary business (refer *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025*); that is
  - would I travel **'but for'** this parliamentary business?
  - is the parliamentary business the **'ruling', 'prevailing'** or **'most influential'** purpose of the travel?
- achieve **value for money** as a key consideration
- be **publicly justifiable**
- have been undertaken in **good faith**.

Please note, members of the House of Representatives and territory senators who are not re-elected for the new parliamentary term can only claim for travel up until the day before the election. Other senators who are not re-elected can continue to travel until 30 June.

The *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act) is available on the IPEA website ([www.ipea.gov.au/legislation](http://www.ipea.gov.au/legislation)).



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Following the dissolution of parliament, as a current parliamentarian seeking re-election at the upcoming federal election, can I undertake travel at Commonwealth expense?

Are **all** of the obligations and principles of the PBR Act met?

- I am travelling for **parliamentary business**
- The travel meets the **dominant purpose** test
- The travel represents **value for money**
- I am prepared to **publicly justify** the travel expenses and I am acting in **good faith**.

Yes

Travel may be undertaken at Commonwealth expense.

No

Travel **must not** be undertaken at Commonwealth expense.