



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

Yes, following the dissolution of parliament, a MOP(S) Act staff member of a current parliamentarian, including a parliamentarian seeking re-election at the upcoming federal election, may undertake travel at Commonwealth expense if the following is met:

- you can only be directed to travel by your employing parliamentarian or an authorised person on their behalf
- you can only be directed to travel to undertake official business to support your employing parliamentarian to conduct their parliamentary business
- your travel must be in accordance with *Staff Travel and Relief Staff Arrangements Determination 2023/10*. This determination is available at [www.ipea.gov.au/legislation](http://www.ipea.gov.au/legislation).

Please note, staff are strongly encouraged to seek advice from IPEA before booking travel or claiming expenses for election day and beyond.

### MOP(S) Act staff considerations

- The *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2024-27* guidelines state that travel at Commonwealth expense must be economical, effective, efficient and ethical.
- Staff can be directed to travel on official business, including to support their employing parliamentarian in seeking re-election.
- Travel can be to work at the primary party or group location if my employing parliamentarian determines this will assist or facilitate in the conduct of their parliamentary business (or other duties).
- It is a staff member's responsibility to get themselves to and from work each day even when they are travelling for official purposes.

Further information is available on IPEA's website ([www.ipea.gov.au](http://www.ipea.gov.au)).

IPEA provides advice to parliamentarians and staff nominated to receive advice on travel on 02 6215 3000 or [enquiries@ipea.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@ipea.gov.au)

