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of the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP:  
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## Attachments

Attachment A	IPEA Protocol – <i>Dealing with Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses.</i>
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Attachment C	Nights of Travelling Allowance in Canberra during non-sitting periods Ministerial Responsibilities.
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## 1. Executive Summary

### Audit Findings

- 1.1 The audit by IPEA found that Mr Joyce's travel during the period 9 May 2016 to 31 December 2017 met the required legislative thresholds. That is, he:
- undertook official parliamentary business on each trip claimed; and
  - used a method or means of travel allowable within the framework.
- For travel during the period 1 January 2018 to 14 February 2018, Mr Joyce's travel met the required legislative thresholds. That is, he:
- undertook travel on each trip that was for the dominant purpose of official parliamentary business;
  - structured the travel to provide value for money; and
  - claimed only travel and travel-related expenses consistent with the allowable expenses of his parliamentary role(s).
- 1.2 IPEA has made these findings on the basis of quality assurance on records held by IPEA, public sources and third-party verification.

### The Audit

- 1.3 The authority to undertake audits such as this one into the travel and travel-related expenses of the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA). This Audit Report was prepared under that delegation.
- 1.4 In February 2018, IPEA commenced a preliminary assessment of the use of travel and travel-related parliamentary work expenses claimed by Mr Joyce since May 2016. The assessment was consistent with IPEA's publicly available protocol for *Dealing with Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses (Attachment A)*.
- 1.5 The scope of the audit was Mr Joyce's travel and travel-related work expenses from May 2016 to February 2018 and followed public acknowledgement of a personal relationship between Mr Joyce and a member of his staff during part of this period.
- 1.6 The audit scope included travel and travel-related work expenses used both before and after the transition from the previous parliamentary entitlements framework to the new work expenses framework. The primary change occurred on 1 January 2018, with the commencement of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) and its associated instruments. The relevant instruments under the previous framework were the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990* (the PE Act) and various Determinations by the Remuneration Tribunal.

### Pre 1 January 2018 framework

- 1.7 The threshold issues for travel undertaken prior to 1 January 2018 were whether the *purpose, method* and/or *means* of travel were compliant with the relevant framework.
- 1.8 Before 1 January 2018, it was an assessment by an individual parliamentarian whether or not their claim for Travelling Allowance met the requirement of being *primarily occasioned* by parliamentary business; there was no requirement for a parliamentarian to assess *value for money* when undertaking travel or accessing travel-related expenses.

### **Post 1 January 2018 framework**

- 1.9 For travel after 1 January 2018 the relevant threshold questions included whether the travel was for a *dominant purpose* allowed by the framework and if the travel represented *value for money*.
- 1.10 The PBR Act further provides<sup>1</sup> that Members of Parliament and Senators are personally responsible for their use of public resources, and that they must also act ethically, and in good faith, in claiming expenses. Travel undertaken at Commonwealth expense must also be for the dominant purpose of conducting *parliamentary business*, within the meaning defined by section 6 of the PBR Act and the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.

### **Audit Methodology**

- 1.11 One hundred and thirty ‘trips’ were identified as being in scope of the audit, many having multiple destinations and a mix of purposes. Of these, 32 trips required further assessment to establish that each trip involved parliamentary, electorate or official business.
- 1.12 Mr Joyce’s answers were independently verified. IPEA undertook a range of analyses on internally held records and conducted enquiries with third-party providers. Those enquiries included, but were not limited to:
- Examination of the mode of travel;
  - Confirmation of records with third-party providers;
  - Publicly-available material;
  - Cross-referencing of internal systems and databases; and
  - Ensuring the travel and travel-related expenses were consistent with the relevant frameworks.
- 1.13 IPEA applied particular scrutiny to two aspects of Mr Joyce's travel related expenses:
- 1. Use of car hire in January 2017:**

Mr Joyce's use of a hire car between 6 January and 9 January 2017 appeared inconsistent in the context of the circumstances surrounding trip 50. Trip 50 involved being recalled to Canberra from a family holiday on the Sunshine Coast using a Special Purpose Aircraft to deal with urgent Ministerial business. Mr Joyce then returned to his family holiday on the Sunshine coast using a self-drive hire car. In February 2017, Mr Joyce’s office sought to repay the cost of a hire car that related to return travel between Tamworth as his home base, and the Sunshine Coast. This was calculated by the Department of Finance as \$779.54 and was repaid by Mr Joyce voluntarily. IPEA, having examined this travel further, is satisfied that Mr Joyce’s use of that hire car as a mode of transport was in accordance with the expenses framework.
  - 2. Travel to Canberra during non-sitting weeks:**

There was a significant increase in Mr Joyce’s travel to Canberra, and associated Travelling Allowance claims from March 2017 onwards. When questioned by IPEA, Mr Joyce cited the following factors as contributors to this increased usage:

    - range of portfolio responsibilities
    - presumed Cabinet reshuffle
    - water and inland rail concerns

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<sup>1</sup> The principles are contained in Division 2, *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

- citizenship issues
- immense workload
- cabinet committee responsibilities; and
- only one national media outlet in Tamworth.

IPEA has verified these factors (see [Attachment C](#)) and is satisfied they contributed to the increased travel pattern of Mr Joyce.

- 1.14 In relation to pre 1 January 2018 travel to Canberra during non-sitting weeks, IPEA has examined each trip and is satisfied that Mr Joyce's travel complied with the PE Act framework.
- 1.15 In relation to post 1 January 2018 travel to Canberra during non-sitting weeks, IPEA has considered Mr Joyce's purpose for each trip, meeting itinerary and mode of travel, and is satisfied Mr Joyce has met the *dominant purpose* and *value for money* tests.
- 1.16 The Members of the Authority approve the publication of this Audit Report.

## 2. Authority to Audit

- 2.1 IPEA is responsible under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (the IPEA Act) to audit parliamentarians' work expenses and the travel expenses of staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (the MOP(S) Act). IPEA has published a Protocol on *Dealing with Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses*.
- 2.2 Any allegation of, or incidents relating to, non-compliance with the parliamentary work expenses framework may be the subject of investigation or audit by IPEA. Under the legislation, IPEA audits any parliamentary work expense matter or staff travel matter it deems appropriate. In relation to this function, IPEA is provided with the statutory power to require that information be provided by any person, with a penalty for non-compliance.

### **IPEA's statutory audit function**

Under section 12(1)(i) of the IPEA Act, the Authority has the function:

*to conduct, or arrange for the conduct of, such audits as the Authority considers appropriate of matters relating to:*

- i) MP work resources; and*
- ii) MOPS travel resources;*

- 2.3 The term 'audit' has its ordinary meaning. According to the Macquarie Dictionary, an audit is 'an official examination of accounts and records, especially of financial records'<sup>2</sup>.
- 2.4 Formal auditing standards, as issued by the Australian Government's Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, specifically the *Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000: Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*<sup>3</sup> and *Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100: Compliance Engagements*<sup>4</sup> contain detailed requirements for the staffing, conduct and reporting of these kinds of audits.
- 2.5 While noting the ordinary meaning of audit, IPEA undertakes its activities in a way that is consistent with these professional standards to the fullest extent reasonably possible for IPEA.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/features/word/search/?word=audit&search\\_word\\_type=Dictionary](https://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/features/word/search/?word=audit&search_word_type=Dictionary)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ASAE\\_3000\\_revised\\_2017.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ASAE_3000_revised_2017.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ASAE\\_3100\\_Compliance\\_Engagements.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ASAE_3100_Compliance_Engagements.pdf)

### 3. Audit Criteria – Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework

#### **Work Expenses Framework**

- 3.1 This audit examines the use of Mr Joyce’s travel and travel-related expenses from 9 May 2016 to 14 February 2018. This period saw significant changes in the legislative regime regulating parliamentary work expenses. Chief among these changes were the establishment of the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in 2017, and from 1 January 2018 the commencement of a new legislative framework for parliamentary business resources provided by the PBR Act, and associated Regulations and Determinations. The following sections outline both frameworks, and set out the threshold questions to be examined during the audit.

#### **The Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework prior to 1 January 2018**

##### ***The Legislative Framework***

- 3.2 The instruments relevant to the audit pre 1 January 2018 are:
- *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990*
  - *Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations 1997*
  - *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*
  - Determinations of the Remuneration Tribunal
  - Decisions of Ministers (Special Minister of State).
- 3.3 The *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990* (the PE Act) was in force from 24 May 1990 to 31 December 2017. The PE Act ceased on 31 December 2017 and, on 1 January 2018, the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) commenced.
- 3.4 The PE Act provided Members of Parliament with the benefits listed in Schedule 1, Parts 1 and 2 of the PE Act. Schedule 1 of the PE Act allowed certain travel and accommodation to be reimbursed if it was related to ‘parliamentary or electorate business.’ The Schedule outlined stationery, office accommodation, and domestic and overseas travel entitlements.
- 3.5 The PE Act further allowed benefits in the Schedule to be ‘varied or omitted’ by Determination of the Remuneration Tribunal or by Regulations pursuant to the PE Act. Where the Regulations and Determinations were inconsistent, section 9 of PE Act provided that the Regulations prevailed and the Determination was void, to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 3.6 Section 7 of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973* states that the Remuneration Tribunal shall ‘inquire into, and determine’ benefits paid to MPs, office holders and ministers. The main Determinations governing relevant entitlements during the audit period were:
- *Determination 2012/04 Members of Parliament–Entitlements*: includes electorate allowance, various travel entitlements, including the provision of private plated vehicles, and office facilities).
  - *Determination 2014/16 Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance*.
  - *Determination 2015/12 Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance*.
  - *Determination 2015/15*, amending the family reunion provisions to provide an additional and specific provision for senators and members travelling inter-state on parliamentary, electorate or official business, who are breastfeeding a child.
  - *Determination 2015/23*, amending the family reunion car transport provisions applying to the dependent children and designated persons of MPs to provide an



additional car transport option – the use of regulated ridesharing services – when travelling in Australia for family reunion purposes.

- *Determination 2016/04*, removing references to Australian Public Service allowances and rates when using private vehicles – e.g. the per kilometre rate.
- *Determination 2016/08 – Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance*.
- *Determination 2017/13*, making some substantial changes, including with regards to the abolition of the Life Gold Pass, reduction of the family reunion travel budget, providing a definition of “dependent child” and removing the reference to charter transport (replaced by “transport in large electorates”). This Determination came into effect on 29 June 2017.
- *2017/16 – Members of Parliament – Travelling Allowance*.

### ***Threshold Questions for the Assessment of Travel prior to 1 January 2018***

3.7 In relation to travel that occurred prior to the commencement of the new parliamentary expenses framework on 1 January 2018, the threshold questions that apply to the travel are:

- Was the travel undertaken for official parliamentary business?
- Was the method or means of travel allowable within the framework?

3.8 In relation to Travelling Allowance, the threshold question to apply is:

- Was the overnight stay in a place other than the home base *primarily occasioned* by the purposes identified by Mr Joyce on his travel declaration?

3.9 ‘Home Base’ means the Senator or Member’s principal place of residence. The Senator or Member’s home base must be nominated to the Special Minister of State.

Mr Joyce’s nominated home base between 9 May 2016 and 27 October 2017 was in Loomberah, NSW. From 2 December 2017, Mr Joyce’s nominated home base was in Armidale, NSW.

### **The Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework from 1 January 2018**

#### ***The Legislative Framework***

3.10 The key instruments relevant to the audit from 1 January 2018 are:

- *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017*
- *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*
- *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*
- *Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2017/23*
- Decisions of Ministers (Special Minister of State).

3.11 The PBR Act introduced a new expenses framework. Parliamentarians are not able to claim public resources, including the travel expenses prescribed in the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (the PBR Regulations), unless their travel:

- is for the *dominant purpose* of conducting their parliamentary business (section 26 of the PBR Act)
- is *value for money* (section 27 of the PBR Act)
- meets the relevant *conditions* connected to certain travel claims and expenses (section 28 of the PBR Act). For example, clause 9 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017* contains conditions with which a parliamentarian must comply if accessing COMCAR services.

- 3.12 On 1 January 2018, a new Remuneration Tribunal Determination came into effect. *Determination 2017/23* was made under sections 45 and 46 of the PBR Act and includes rates of parliamentarians' domestic Travelling Allowances.

***Threshold Questions for the Assessment of Travel from 1 January 2018***

- 3.13 The threshold questions that apply to the travel are:

- Was the *dominant purpose* parliamentary business?
- Does the spending represent *value for money*?
- Has the parliamentarian met the *relevant conditions* attached to the claim?

**Certification**

- 3.14 Certification by parliamentarians is an important accountability mechanism. The certification process requires Senators and Members to certify that their use of work expenses complies with the work expenses framework. Certification is particularly important because an eligibility criterion for many expenses is that the activity was for 'parliamentary', 'electorate', or 'official' business, which requires an assessment by the parliamentarian.
- 3.15 The audit confirmed that Mr Joyce certified that all his travel was within the relevant framework for the time period covered by the audit.
- 3.16 On 27 October 2017, Mr Joyce was ruled ineligible to be a Member of Parliament under section 44(i) of the *Australian Constitution*. During the period of ineligibility, Mr Joyce accessed a number of work expenses, including travel and travel-related expenses. On 29 March 2018, the Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann, announced that he had waived the debts of all parliamentarians found ineligible by virtue of citizenship issues, including Mr Joyce. IPEA has approached all expenses incurred in this period as if there were no citizenship issue.

## 4. Audit Methodology

- 4.1 In early February 2018, IPEA conducted an assessment of Mr Joyce's use of travel and travel-related work expenses since May 2016. This preliminary assessment was in line with IPEA's publicly available Protocol for *Dealing with Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses*.
- 4.2 IPEA's preliminary assessment examined and interrogated internally held travel records, third-party sources and publicly available information. This initial review indicated that the concerns of misuse, though not substantiated, warranted a more comprehensive examination of Mr Joyce's use of travel and travel-related work expenses.
- 4.3 Following the initial assessment, IPEA initiated an audit of Mr Joyce's use of travel and travel-related work expenses under s12(1)(i) of the IPEA Act. On 22 February 2018, IPEA informed Mr Joyce that he was the subject of an audit and that the audit would examine his travel and travel-related expenses.
- 4.4 The scope of the audit included Mr Joyce's use of travel and travel-related expenses from 9 May 2016 to 14 February 2018.
- 4.5 IPEA compiled, from its records and other sources, a table ([Attachment B](#)) itemising each leg of travel and each claim for a travel-related expense made by Mr Joyce over the period of the audit. This data was set out in a spreadsheet and sorted into 130 trips, many having multiple destinations. The travel was sorted into chronological order where each travel expense was arranged to present a beginning, destination(s) and end. This provided context and, where possible, an apparent overarching purpose or purposes to the trip, against which each work expense used was assessed.
- 4.6 The 130 trips were assessed against the audit threshold questions, with the apparent purpose and the documented and certified purpose of the travel being examined. The assessment identified 32 trips where the purpose of the travel was unclear or other questions about the travel or expense use arose.
- 4.7 IPEA asked Mr Joyce a number of questions relating to his travel. On 29 March 2018, IPEA wrote to Mr Joyce and sought further answers to a number of questions. On 19 April 2018, Mr Joyce responded to that request. On 27 April 2018, IPEA again wrote to Mr Joyce seeking additional information. On 17 May 2018, Mr Joyce responded to that request. On 8 and 27 June 2018, Mr Joyce was interviewed by IPEA.
- 4.8 During the audit process, IPEA requested information from a number of third parties. IPEA sought information from third parties to verify answers provided by Mr Joyce or to provide additional context for specific trips.

## 5. Assessment of Mr Joyce's Travel and Travel-Related Expenses

### **Parliamentary service during the audit period**

- 5.1 Mr Joyce was the Member for the New England electorate until 27 October 2017, when he was ruled ineligible under section 44(i) of the *Australian Constitution*. He was re-elected as the Member for New England from 2 December 2017. Mr Joyce's Ministerial appointments:
- Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources from 21 September 2015 to 27 October 2017 and from 6 December 2017 to 20 December 2017
  - Minister for Resources and Northern Australia from 27 July 2017 to 27 October 2017
  - Minister for Infrastructure and Transport from 20 December 2017 to 26 February 2018.
- 5.2 Mr Joyce was leader of The National Party and Deputy Prime Minister from:
- 12 February 2016 to 27 October 2017
  - 6 December 2017 to 26 February 2018.

In the absence of the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Mr Joyce acted as Prime Minister on a number of occasions and for short periods, while also holding these positions.

- 5.3 Mr Joyce accessed a number of work expenses, including travel-related expenses, during the period in which he was subsequently ruled ineligible to sit as a Member of the Parliament. On 29 March 2018, the Minister for Finance, Senator Cormann, announced that he had waived the debts of parliamentarians found ineligible by virtue of citizenship issues. IPEA has approached all expenses incurred in this period as if there were no citizenship issue.

### **All travel and travel-related work expenses**

- 5.4 The audit verified a purpose for each of Mr Joyce's 130 trips during the audit period. Internally held records and publicly available information permitted IPEA to verify his travel. IPEA sought further information for specific trips where questions persisted regarding the pattern, purpose or completeness of travel. Additional information was sought in writing and during telephone interviews with Mr Joyce. Where Mr Joyce's answers required cross-referencing, IPEA sought information from third parties.
- 5.5 IPEA's ability to verify the purpose of travel is limited to confirmation that business relevant to Mr Joyce's role as a parliamentarian or Office Holder occurred.

### **Self-drive hire car 6-9 January 2017**

- 5.6 On 5 January 2017, Mr Joyce left a family holiday on the Sunshine Coast to fly to Canberra for an urgent biosecurity matter. Mr Joyce travelled by Special Purpose Aircraft (SPA) from Maroochydore to Canberra. The circumstances of this flight were verified with the flight manifest. Mr Joyce explained to IPEA that the travel was a rapid response to an urgent issue directly relevant to Mr Joyce's portfolio responsibilities.
- 5.7 Instead of flying directly back to the Sunshine Coast to resume his holiday, Mr Joyce hired a self-drive car in Canberra on 6 January 2017. Mr Joyce stated that he drove to Tamworth via Cowra subsequently returning the vehicle to Maroochydore Airport on 9 January 2017. The total cost of the hire car was \$1812.87.
- 5.8 On 22 February 2017, Mr Joyce's Office advised the Department of Finance that Mr Joyce would like to repay a portion of the cost of the hire car. The record of advice indicates that the Department of Finance was informed that 'Mr Joyce wanted to repay a portion of the

- hire car trip which was outside of the rules as it was to return to a personal holiday'. The repayment was calculated as \$779.54, effectively the cost of the hire car usage from Tamworth (home base) to Maroochydore. On 24 March 2017, Mr Joyce repaid \$779.54.
- 5.9 Mr Joyce stated on 19 April 2018, that the 'The Department of Finance...at the time, had advised [his] office that [he] was only entitled to return to home base [not holiday destination]'.
- 5.10 The Department of Finance and IPEA interpret section 3.1 of *Determination 2012/04* as including return travel in certain cases. Finance and IPEA would consider, on a case by case basis, travel returning to a destination other than their home base where the necessity to travel from a non-standard location was unforeseeable or unplanned.
- 5.11 Mr Joyce's decision to repay a component of the travel did not narrow the scope of this audit. The purpose of the travel when Mr Joyce booked and undertook the travel, regardless of whether he later repaid an element, is relevant to this assessment.
- 5.12 IPEA queried why Mr Joyce chose to travel by SPA to attend urgent business in Canberra and then return to a family holiday over a number of days by self-drive hire car.
- 5.13 In discussions with IPEA on 8 and 27 June 2018, Mr Joyce explained that he used the car to return to his home in Tamworth, stopping in Cowra, and then returned to a family holiday in Maroochydore. He confirmed his earlier advice that he'd travelled this route because the Department of Finance had informed his office that the framework did not permit him to return to any place other than his home base. He said that this was longstanding advice that he understood to have been provided to those in his office who organised his official travel. Mr Joyce then explained that once returned to Tamworth, he would need to hire a car to travel to the Sunshine Coast because the family car was already there. He said that in the circumstances, he thought it made sense to travel the whole journey by hire car.
- 5.14 Within the framework, Mr Joyce would have been eligible to be returned from his Ministerial duties to his home base of Tamworth. The use of a self-drive hire car is explicitly provided for within the framework.
- 5.15 IPEA is satisfied that the use of the hire car was consistent with the legislative framework.

#### **Overnight stays in Canberra**

- 5.16 Parliamentarians, and especially Ministers and Office Holders, work to schedules influenced and driven by a variety of competing responsibilities and priorities. It is possible for a parliamentarian, with numerous invitations and commitments, to travel to achieve multiple purposes. The pre 1 January 2018 framework requires that Travelling Allowance claims be for overnight stays *primarily occasioned* by official business, electorate business or parliamentary business.
- 5.17 Under the PE Act framework, only Mr Joyce can determine that his overnight stay was *primarily occasioned* by that *official business* that Mr Joyce has identified. While IPEA acknowledges this is a subjective assessment, IPEA has verified the schedule of meetings that necessitated the travel to Canberra and is satisfied as to the primary purpose.
- 5.18 IPEA's audit identified a substantial change in the pattern of Mr Joyce's travel to Canberra in 2017, when compared against previous years. In 2017, Mr Joyce claimed 58 nights of Travelling Allowance in Canberra when Parliament was not sitting. In 2015 and 2016, Mr Joyce claimed 12 nights in each year. This usage is shown diagrammatically in [Attachment C](#).

5.19 **Non-sitting weeks in 2017 & 2018:** IPEA identified 24 trips to Canberra in 2017 where Parliament was not sitting. IPEA sought information regarding the nature of the business in relation to these trips.

***Pre 1 January 2018***

5.20 Consistent with the threshold issues Mr Joyce was asked to confirm that each overnight stay was *primarily occasioned by official business* in Canberra. Mr Joyce provided IPEA details of his official schedule in Canberra for each trip and each night of Travelling Allowance claimed. IPEA cross-referenced the information provided by Mr Joyce. IPEA can confirm that for each trip in question *official business* did occur.

5.21 IPEA notes that during this period Mr Joyce was, on a number of occasions and for short periods, acting Prime Minister, and had multiple portfolio responsibilities that may have required his attendance in Canberra. Mr Joyce provided IPEA the following reasons for his increased attendance in Canberra:

- Range of portfolio responsibilities;
- Presumed Cabinet reshuffle;
- Water and inland rail concerns;
- Citizenship issues;
- Immense workload;
- Cabinet committee responsibilities; and
- Only one national media outlet in Tamworth.

5.22 IPEA verified those factors ([Attachment C](#)) and is satisfied they contributed to the increased travel pattern of Mr Joyce. In relation to Mr Joyce's travel to Canberra during non-sitting periods prior to 1 January 2018, IPEA also confirmed the existence of *official business* on each of those trips. IPEA did this using a number of sources including:

- Confirmed existence and timings of the meetings;
- Questions to Mr Joyce;
- Third party verification of meetings to confirm occurrence in Canberra and that Mr Joyce was present; and
- Publicly available material such as news stories or announcements which confirmed the attendance of Mr Joyce.

***Post 1 January 2018***

5.23 In relation to travel by Mr Joyce to Canberra for the five nights during non-sitting periods post 1 January 2018, IPEA confirmed for each of those trips that *parliamentary business* was the reason for the travel undertaken and, given the multiple meetings, the nature of those meetings and events during each trip, that it was reasonable to assume that the *dominant purpose* and *value for money* tests were satisfied. This was verified using a number of sources including:

- Confirmed existence and timings of the meetings;
- Questions to Mr Joyce;
- Media reporting of events, doorstops and announcements;
- Third party verification of meetings and attendees;
- Travel manifests; and
- IPEA's internal records.



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## **Dealing with Misuse of Parliamentary Work Expenses**

In 2017 the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcom Turnbull MP, announced a major overhaul to the Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework to provide greater accountability and transparency. As part of the reforms, the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) was established, with responsibility to provide assurance that work expenses are spent in compliance with the Framework.

IPEA will deal with concerns or matters regarding possible misuse of work expenses at arm's length from Government, enabled by the Authority's responsibilities under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act) for auditing and reporting of parliamentarian's work expenses and *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employee (MOP(S) Act staff member) travel expenditure.

### **Concerns of possible misuse**

When a concern regarding the use of a work resource is raised or identified, IPEA will conduct a preliminary review. The review will scrutinise the work expense use and determine if the concern is credible and substantial.

- IPEA will not generally respond to those who have raised concerns nor provide information on progress of deliberations or of any actions consequently taken.
- IPEA may request the parliamentarian or MOP(S) Act staff member to provide further information about the concern, within a specified timeframe that IPEA considers appropriate to the complexity of the request.
- If the concern is relatively minor, IPEA will consider administrative action to address a breach of the Framework.

### **Matters of credible and substantial possible misuse**

In the event of a credible and substantial matter of possible misuse, IPEA will decide whether, or not, to undertake an assurance review or audit of the matter.

- Under the IPEA Act, the Authority may audit any MP work expense or MOP(S) Act staff travel expenditure matter as the Authority considers appropriate.
- In the event of an adverse finding, the parliamentarian or employee will be provided an opportunity to make comment.

Matters involving more serious possible misuse will be considered by the Members of the Authority.

- The Members may issue a notice requiring a person to provide information that is relevant to an audit or report by the Authority, as provided for under Part 5 of the IPEA Act. Criminal penalties apply for failure to comply with a notice, or for providing false or misleading information.

Members of the Authority will decide whether a matter is referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

- The Minister(s) responsible for the AFP and the Special Minister of State, responsible for the Parliamentary Work Expenses Framework, will be notified of a referral of a matter to the AFP.

Members of the Authority will decide whether, or not, to publish their decision(s) in relation to a concern or matter.

TRIP #	Departure Date	Location	Travel Arrangements	Other Expenses	Verification: Purpose of Travel
1	10/05/2016 - 12/05/2016	Tamworth to Brisbane City via Burpengary and Ascot. Brisbane City to Surfers Paradise via Oakey, Maryborough, Billanga, Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach. Gold Coast to Tamworth.	5 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 10 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
2	14/05/2016	Armidale.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: IPEA record.
3	17/06/2016 - 19/05/2016	Tamworth to Bendigo via Wangaratta and Milawa. Bendigo to East Sale. East Sale to Tamworth.	3 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
4	20/05/2016 - 21/05/2016	Armidale to Sydney. Sydney to Tamworth.	2 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	1 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
5	25/05/2016 - 27/05/2016	Tamworth to Canberra via Port Macquarie. Canberra to Brisbane via Rockhampton and Mackay. Brisbane to Tamworth via Tweed Heads.	5 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight.	2 x Travel allowance. 7 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
6	31/05/2016 - 2/06/2016	Tamworth to Lismore via Narrabri and Brisbane. Lismore to Gympie via Bundaberg. Gympie to Moree via Rockhampton.	7 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 7 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.	1 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
7	3/06/2016 4/06/2016	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney to Armidale.	2 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	1 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
8	7/06/2016 8/06/2016	Tamworth to Alice Springs via Mount Isa. Desert Springs to Tamworth via Connellan, Alice Springs and Broken Hill.	4 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
9	9/06/2016	Tamworth to Armidale via Wagga.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.		Confirmed: Public record.
10	13/06/2016 - 17/06/2016	Tamworth to Orange. Orange to Kingaroy via Port Macquarie. Kingaroy to Mackay via Gladstone and Rockhampton. Mackay to Warwick. Glen Innes to Inverell via Lismore.	9 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record.
11	21/06/2016 - 24/06/2016	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney to Lismore via Canberra. Lismore to Brisbane. Brisbane to Tamworth via Sydney.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 4 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse. 4 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	3 x Travel allowance. 12 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
12	26/06/2016 - 28/06/2016	Tamworth to Albury via Sydney. Albury to Gladstone via Grafton. Gladstone to Stanthorpe via Rockhampton.	6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.		Confirmed: Public record.
13	5/07/2016	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
14	12/07/2016	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney (Return).	1 x Charter Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
15	13/07/2016	Tamworth to Canberra (Return).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 1 x Charter Flight.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
16	17/07/2016 - 19/07/2016	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney to Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth via Sydney.	3 x Commercial Flights. 4 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	2 x Travel allowance. 8 x COMCAR. 3 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Public record.
17	20/07/2016	Tamworth to Brisbane (Return).	2 x Charter Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
18	25/07/2016	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Staff travel. 3rd party information.
19	27/07/2016 - 1/08/2016	Tamworth to Brisbane via Sydney. Brisbane to Canberra. Canberra to Sydney via Melbourne. Sydney to Tamworth.	7 x Commercial Flights. 6 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	5 x Travel allowance. 13 x COMCAR. 1 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
20	6/08/2016	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
21	11/08/2016 12/08/2016	Armidale.		2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record.
22	15/08/2016 - 17/08/2016	Armidale and Sydney. Sydney to Canberra. Canberra to Gunnedah.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 9 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
23	19/08/2016 - 21/08/2016	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney. Canberra to Tamworth via Sydney.	4 x Commercial Flights. 4 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	1 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
24	22/08/2016 23/08/2016	Tamworth to Canberra (Sydney). Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
25	25/08/2016	Melbourne to Tamworth via Sydney.	2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
26	27/08/2016 - 3/09/2016	Tamworth to Brisbane. Brisbane to Canberra via Townsville and Garbutt. Canberra to Tamworth. Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	5 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight. 5 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse. 1 x Commercial Flight - Spouse.	5 x Travel allowance. 14 x COMCAR. 2 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Public record. Parliament sitting.
27	5/09/2016	Tamworth to Brisbane (Return).	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.	1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
28	7/09/2016	Armidale.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
29	9/09/2016	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
30	11/09/2016	Tamworth to Melbourne (Return).	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.



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31	11/09/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney. Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	4 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
32	19/09/2016 -	Tamworth to Emerald via Cunnamulla. Rockhampton to Mackay via Townsville. Mackay to Tamworth via Sunshine Coast.	6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Charter Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
33	26/09/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney (Return).	4 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 7 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
34	3/10/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney. Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to Orange, Narrandera, Deniliquin, Tamworth.	4 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 3 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel Allowance. 7 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
35	6/10/2016 -	Tamworth to Adelaide (Return via Sydney).	1 x Charter Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
36	9/10/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Charter Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
37	16/10/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
38	24/10/2016 -	Tamworth to Brisbane. Brisbane to Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney) Tamworth, Rockhampton, Orange, Geraldton, Tamworth.	5 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 3 x Commercial Flights. 1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight - Spouse. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance. 8 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
39	2/11/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney). Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 3 x Commercial Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	3 x Travel allowance. 12 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Public record.
40	6/11/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flight.	4 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting
41	13/11/2016 -	Brisbane to Sale, Melbourne, Sydney. Sydney to Melbourne, Mildura. Wangaratta and Tamworth. Tamworth to Adelaide, Darwin (Return), Tamworth.	8 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 15 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
42	19/11/2016 -	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights - Spouse.	1 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
43	21/11/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	5 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting 3rd party information. Public record.
44	28/11/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	2 x Commercial Flights. 1 x Charter Flight. 3 x Commercial Flights- Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR. 1 x COMCAR-Spouse.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record.
45	6/12/2016 -	Tamworth to Brisbane (via Sydney). Brisbane to Tamworth.	3 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
46	8/12/2016 -	Sydney to Tamworth (via Balina).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft. 1 x Charter Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
47	13/12/2016 -	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney). Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to Tamworth.	5 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights -Spouse.	2 x Travel allowance. 8 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Staff travel.
48	19/12/2016	Brisbane.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
49	29/12/2016	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
50	2/01/2017 -	Tamworth to Sydney (Return). Maroochydore to Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 4 x Commercial Airline Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR. 1 x Self-drive Hire-car.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
51	18/01/2017 -	Maroochydore to Sydney. Sydney to Abu Dhabi, Berlin (Return). Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Commercial Flights. 4 x International Commercial Flights.	4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
52	27/01/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights. 4 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
53	29/01/2017 -	Sydney to Canberra. Canberra to Armidale (Return).	5 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
54	1/02/2017 -	Canberra to Rockhampton (via Brisbane). Rockhampton to Sydney (via Brisbane). Sydney to Tamworth.	5 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.

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55	5/02/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
56	12/02/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney). Armidale to Mareeba (Townsville). Townsville to Tamworth. Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	4 x Commercial Flights. 3 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	6 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record. 3rd party information.
57	23/02/2017 -	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
58	26/02/2017 -	Sydney to Canberra (Return). Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney). Inverell and Glen Innes.	3 x Commercial Flights.	7 x Travel allowance. 6 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record. 3rd party information.
59	5/03/2017 -	Armidale to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	5 x Commercial Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight - Spouse.	5 x Travel allowance. 11 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
60	12/03/2017 -	Armidale to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	4 x Travel allowance 6 x COMCAR	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
61	16/03/2017 -	Tamworth to Mildura. Mildura to Swan Hill. Swan Hill to Canberra.	3 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	1 x Travel allowance	Confirmed: Public record.
62	17/03/2017 -	Canberra to Griffith (Return). Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney).	2 x Charter Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	7 x Travel allowance. 16 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information. Public record.
63	26/03/2017 -	Tamworth to Melbourne (via Sydney). Melbourne to Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney).	5 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record. 3rd party information.
64	7/04/2017 -	Tamworth to Proserpine. Proserpine to Gladstone. Gladstone to Tamworth.	3 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record.
65	10/04/2017 -	Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Commercial Flights.	4 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
66	17/04/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights.	3 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
67	21/04/2017 -	Armidale to Sydney returning to Tamworth.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight - Spouse.	4 x COMCAR. 1 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Public record.
68	24/04/2017	Tamworth to Canberra.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record.
69	26/04/2017 -	Canberra to Brisbane.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
70	27/04/2017 -	Armidale to Canberra. (Return to Tamworth via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record.
71	1/05/2017 -	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney - Canberra - Sydney - Canberra. Canberra to Whyalla (Return). Canberra to Tamworth.	4 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 3 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR. 2 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
72	7/05/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra. Canberra to Maryborough, Rockhampton, Roma. Roma to Canberra to Albury. Melbourne to Tamworth.	6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights.	7 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record. 3rd party information.
73	14/04/2017 -	Tamworth to Canberra. Canberra to Lismore, Port Macquarie, Canberra. Canberra to Orange to Tamworth.	6 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
74	17/05/2017 -	Armidale Canberra. Canberra to Brisbane.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 1 x Commercial Flight. 1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight - Spouse. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	2 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
75	19/05/2017 -	Brisbane to Broken Hill. Broken Hill to Mildura. Mildura to Canberra.	3 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.

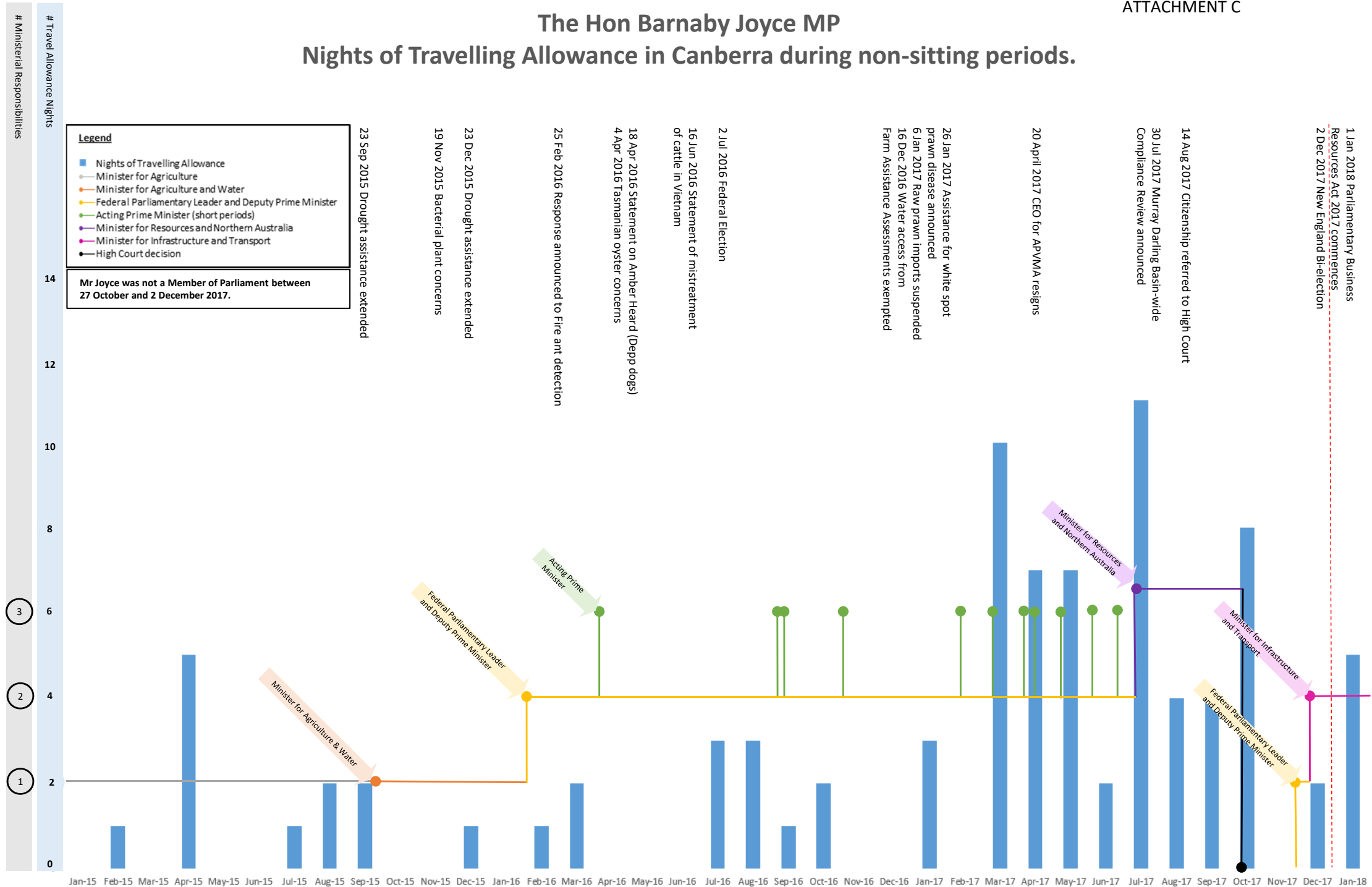
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76	21/05/2017 - 26/05/2017	Canberra to Sydney . Sydney to East Sale. East Sale to Tamworth.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight.	5 x Travel allowance. 7 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Public record. 3rd party information.
77	28/05/2017 - 2/06/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight - Spouse.	5 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
78	3/06/2017	Armidale.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
79	5/06/2017	Tamworth to Sydney .	1 x Commercial Flight.	3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
80	5/06/2017 - 7/06/2017	Sydney to Canberra.	1 x Commercial Flight.	2 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
81	7/06/2017 - 9/06/2017	Canberra to Geelong (via Melbourne). Hobart. Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Flight. 1 x Commercial Flight.	2 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
82	12/06/2017 - 16/06/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights. 4 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR. 2 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
83	18/06/2017 - 23/06/2017	Tamworth to Canberra.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
84	23/06/2017 - 5/07/2017	Armidale/Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to London, Amsterdam to Rome. Rome to Sydney (via Dubai).	1 x Commercial Flight. 4 x International Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse. 4 x International Commercial Flights - Spouse.	1 x COMCAR. 1 x COMCAR - Spouse.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
85	5/07/2017 - 6/07/2017	Sydney to Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 1 x Commercial Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
86	8/07/2017 - 9/07/2017	Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
87	10/07/2017	Glen Innes.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
88	12/07/2017 - 15/07/2017	Tamworth to Canberra. Canberra to Brisbane.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 1 x Commercial Flight.	3 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
89	15/07/2017 - 21/07/2017	Brisbane to Canberra (via Sydney). Canberra - Sydney - Canberra - Sydney. Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 5 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 7 x COMCAR. 2 x Parking.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
90	21/07/2017	Armidale.		1 Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
91	23/07/2017 - 25/07/2017	Tamworth to Canberra ( via Sydney). Canberra - Brisbane - Canberra.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights.	3 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR. 1 x Parking.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
92	26/07/2017 - 28/07/2017	Canberra - Melbourne, Shepparton, Echuca, Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 3 x Commercial Flight.	2 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
93	28/07/2017 - 2/08/2017	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney to Canberra. Canberra to Perth (via Melbourne).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 3 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 9 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
94	2/08/2017 - 4/08/2017	Perth to Rockhampton (via Brisbane). Rockhampton to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. IPEA record.
95	6/08/2017 - 11/08/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney). Canberra to Armidale (via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR. 1 x Parking.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
96	12/08/2017 - 13/08/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights.	4 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
97	13/08/2017 - 18/08/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney). Sydney to Tamworth.	3 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
98	20/08/2017 - 24/08/2017	Tamworth to Sydney. Sydney to Canberra. Canberra - Brisbane - Canberra. Canberra to Tamworth.	5 x Commercial Flights. 2 x Commercial Flights - Spouse.	4 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
99	24/08/2017 - 25/08/2017	Tenterfield, Stanthorpe.		2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.

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100	27/08/2017 - 28/08/2017	Tamworth to Adelaide (via Sydney). Adelaide to East Sale.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
101	28/08/2017 - 2/09/2017	East Sale to Canberra. Canberra to Sydney. Sydney - Darwin - (Bathurst Island Return) - Sydney. Sydney to Canberra.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft. 2 x Charter Flight. 5 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
102	3/09/2017 - 15/09/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (Return via Sydney).	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flight.	12 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Party Political.
103	18/09/2017	Armidale.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information.
104	19/09/2017 - 24/09/2017	Armidale to Canberra (via Sydney). Canberra to Maroochydore (via Sydney). Brisbane to Perth. Perth to Tamworth (via Sydney).	7 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
105	24/09/2017 - 25/09/2017	Sydney to Tamworth.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
106	25/09/2017 - 26/09/2017	Tamworth to Canberra. Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to Canberra.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight. 2 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
107	27/09/2017 - 28/09/2017	Canberra to Sydney. Sydney to Merimbula. Merimbula to Tamworth.	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
108	2/10/2017 - 5/10/2017	Canberra to Griffith to Toowoomba. Toowoomba to Canberra.	3 x Special Purpose Aircraft.	3 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
109	5/10/2017 - 6/10/2017	Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney).	2 x Commercial Flights.	1 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record. 3rd party information.
110	7/10/2017	Bingara.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record.
111	8/10/2017 - 9/10/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney).	2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 3 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public Record. Mr Joyce provided information. 3rd party information.
112	11/10/2017 - 13/10/2017	Canberra to Sydney (Return). Canberra to Tamworth (via Sydney).	4 x Commercial Flights.	4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information. Staff travel.
113	15/10/2017 - 20/10/2017	Tamworth to Canberra (via Sydney).	2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
114	20/10/2017 - 23/10/2017	Canberra to Brisbane. Brisbane to Sydney.	1 x Commercial Flights.	2 x Travel allowance. 5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
115	23/10/2017 - 27/10/2017	Canberra to Armidale.	1 x Special Purpose Flight.	4 x Travel allowance. 1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting.
116	6/12/2017 - 8/12/2017	Canberra to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	3 x Travel Allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
117	12/12/2017	Armidale to Sydney.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	1 x Travel allowance. 4 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
118	13/12/2017 - 14/12/2017	Sydney to Brisbane. Brisbane to Canberra. Sydney.	2 x Commercial Flights.	5 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: 3rd party information.
119	18/12/2017	Canberra to Longreach. Longreach to Canberra (via Brisbane).	2 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flights. 1 x Commercial Flight.	1 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record. 3rd party information. Mr Joyce provided information.
120	20/12/2017 - 21/12/2017	Canberra to Armidale.	1 x Special Purpose Aircraft Flight.	2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Public record.
121	22/12/2017	Coffs Harbour.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.

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122	3/01/2018	Gympie.		1 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record.
123	11/01/2018 - 14/01/2018	Sydney, Canberra. Canberra to Brisbane (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.	4 x Travel allowance. 2 x COMCAR.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record.
124	19/01/2018 - 21/01/2018	Canberra.		2 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. Public record.
125	31/01/2018	Armidale to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.		Confirmed: Staff travel. Mr Joyce provided information.
126	1/02/2018	Armidale to Toowoomba (Return).	2 x Charter Flights.		Confirmed: Public record. Mr Joyce provided information.
127	2/02/2018	Armidale to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.		Confirmed: Mr Joyce provided information. IPEA record.
128	3/02/2018  9/02/2018	Tamworth to Canberra via Sydney. Sydney to Tamworth.	3 x Commercial Flights.	6 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting Mr Joyce provided information.
129	10/02/2018 - 11/02/2018	Tamworth to Sydney (Return).	2 x Commercial Flights.		Confirmed: IPEA record.
130	11/02/2018 - 23/02/2018	Canberra.		5 x Travel allowance.	Confirmed: Parliament sitting. Mr Joyce provided information.

# The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

## Nights of Travelling Allowance in Canberra during non-sitting periods.



## Audit Timeline

DATE	Mr Barnaby JOYCE	Date	Third Parties
7 February 2018	▪ IPEA commences consideration of Mr JOYCE's use of travel and travel-related expenses, access of relevant material commences.	8 February 2018	▪ IPEA requests information.
13 February 2018	▪ Analysis of material available in relevant databases and manual records, relevant to Preliminary Assessment of matters.	12 February 2018	▪ Information provided.
		15 February 2018	▪ IPEA requests further information.
		16 February 2018	▪ Further information provided.
22 February 2018	▪ IPEA notifies Mr JOYCE of an IPEA audit into his use of travel and travel-related work expenses.		
26 February 2018	▪ IPEA searches relevant departmental material and other sources, including publically available material.	8 March 2018	▪ IPEA requests further information.
5 March 2018	▪ Processing of available material, further searches/requests to address potential gaps in data.		
12 March 2018	▪ Preparation of consolidated table of travel, related consolidation of other material.		
20 March 2018	▪ Validation and cross-checking of available material.	19 March 2018	▪ Further information provided.
29 March 2018	▪ IPEA provides Mr JOYCE with tables of his travel (for the period of 9 May 2016 to 14 February 2018) and associated questions.		
19 April 2018	▪ Response to IPEA questions of 29 March 2018.		
27 April 2018	▪ IPEA provides questions to Mr JOYCE.		
		1 May 2018	▪ Further information provided.
		15 May 2018	▪ IPEA requests further information.
17 May 2018	▪ Response to IPEA questions of 27 April 2018.		
		21 May 2018	▪ Further information provided. ▪ IPEA requests further information.
23 May 2018	▪ Mr JOYCE seeks an audit update from CEO of IPEA.	23 May 2018	▪ Further information provided.
24 May 2018	▪ CEO of IPEA responds to Mr JOYCE.		
		29 May 2018	▪ IPEA requests further information.
		30 May 2018	▪ Further information provided.
		1 June 2018	▪ IPEA requests further information.
		5 June 2018	▪ Further information provided.
8 June 2018	▪ Telephone conversation with Mr JOYCE by IPEA staff. ▪ Follow up questions provided to Mr JOYCE. ▪ Response to IPEA questions received.		
27 June 2018	▪ Telephone conversation with Mr JOYCE by IPEA staff.		
28 June 2018	▪ Mr JOYCE provides information to IPEA.		
03 July 2018	▪ IPEA provides Mr JOYCE draft report.		
12 July 2018	▪ IPEA publishes audit report.		