



**Australian Government**  
**Independent Parliamentary  
Expenses Authority**

Assurance Review 2025/014

The Hon Michael McCormack MP

Member for Riverina

Family reunion travel

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023

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## Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an Assurance Review of the Hon Michael McCormack MP's use of travel and work resources for family reunion purposes (family reunion travel resources) between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. The Assurance Review forms part of IPEA's 3 Year Assurance Plan.

### Scope and Purpose

2. The scope of this Assurance Review is family reunion travel by Mr Michael McCormack and relevant family members, including spouses, nominees, dependent children or designated persons between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023 (period in scope).
3. The purpose of the Assurance Review was to determine whether the family reunion travel resources were used in accordance with the legislative framework.

### Engagement with parliamentarian

4. IPEA engaged with Mr McCormack on one occasion to understand the nature of his, and his family member's travel. The details of this interaction are described in the Assessment section below and can also be followed at Attachments 1 and 2.

### Assurance Review Findings

5. IPEA found that Mr McCormack's family member accompanied him on his travel, which was for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business, and to facilitate his family life.
6. Having regard to the information made available from Mr McCormack, IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was consistent with the legislative framework.

## Audit and Assurance function

### IPEA's statutory audit function

7. IPEA audits parliamentarians' work resources and the travel resources of their staff under section 12 of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act). IPEA conducts Assurance Reviews to assess the use of parliamentary business resources (MP work resources and MOPS travel resources) against the legislative framework to determine if there has been a misuse.
8. Potential outcomes of an Assurance Review include:
  - a. no further action in circumstances where the review has concluded the use of parliamentary business resources was not inconsistent with the legislative framework, or
  - b. administrative remedial action, including penalty where the review has concluded there is evidence the use of parliamentary business resources was not consistent with the legislative framework, or

- c. an IPEA initiated Ruling or Audit, where there is evidence of systemic or substantial misuse of parliamentary business resources, or
- d. referral to the Australian Federal Police where compelling prima facie evidence of fraud or other criminal conduct is identified, or
- e. referral to the National Anti-Corruption Commission, where there is clear evidence of serious or systemic corrupt conduct.

## Legislative framework

9. IPEA applied the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act) and its associated instruments as the relevant legislation for this Assurance Review. The Parliamentary Business Resources framework is a principles-based framework (legislative framework) that requires parliamentarians to ensure expenditure is incurred for the 'dominant purpose' of conducting parliamentary business and in a manner that represents 'value for money'.
10. The legislation relevant to this Assurance Review is:
  - a. *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act)
  - b. Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 (the PBR Regulations)
  - c. Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination)
  - d. Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017
11. Obligations: The principles-based legislative framework imposes a number of obligations upon parliamentarians in relation to their use of work resources. In summary, parliamentarians are personally responsible and accountable for their use of work resources. They must be prepared to publicly justify their use of work resources for conducting their parliamentary business, and must act ethically and in good faith in using, and accounting for the use of, those resources.
12. Parliamentarians are not able to claim work resources unless their travel:
  - is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business;
  - represents value for money; and
  - meets the relevant conditions connected to the travel claim or expense.
13. Section 6 of the PBR Act provides the following meaning of ***parliamentary business***:
  - (1) The parliamentary business of a member means any of the following:
    - (a) the ***parliamentary duties*** of a member, being activities of the member that:
      - i. relate directly to the member's role as a member; and
      - ii. are determined for the purposes of paragraph (4)(a);
    - (b) the ***electorate duties*** of the member, being activities of the member that:
      - i. support or serve the member's constituents; and
      - ii. are determined for the purposes of paragraph (4)(b);
    - (c) the ***party political duties*** of the member, being activities determined for the purposes of paragraph (4)(c);
    - (d) for a member who is an office holder or a Minister of State – the ***official duties*** of the member being activities that:
      - i. relate to the member's role as an office holder or Minister of State; and

- ii. are determined for the purposes of paragraph (4)(d)
14. Subsection 6(4) of the PBR Act provides that the Minister must determine activities of a member that are **parliamentary duties** of the member, or **electorate duties** of the member, or **party political duties** of the member, or **official duties** of the member. The Determination determines the activities which fall within the four duty streams set out in section 6 of the PBR Act.
15. Section 6 of the PBR Regulations provides the meaning of **family reunion purposes** as:
- A family member of a member travels for **family reunion purposes** if:
- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and
  - (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and
  - (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.
16. Section 4 of the PBR Regulations provides the following meaning of **family member**:
- (a) the member's spouse or nominee;
  - (b) a dependent child of the member;
  - (c) a designated person in relation to the member.

## Assurance Review methodology

### Background

17. Under IPEA's Assurance program, IPEA conducts ongoing, systematic analysis of the parliamentary business resources accessed by parliamentarians and their staff via a combination of regular transaction sampling and review of publicly available information.
18. In 2024, IPEA commenced a Preliminary Assessment into family reunion travel by Mr Michael McCormack and his family members during the period in scope.
19. After excluding family travel to and from Canberra, the Preliminary Assessment found that parliamentary business resources were used by Mr McCormack during the period in scope.
20. On 24 December 2025, IPEA commenced an Assurance Review of Mr McCormack's family reunion travel.

### Scope of Assurance Review

21. The scope of this Assurance Review is family reunion travel by Mr Michael McCormack and his spouse between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. Family travel to and from Canberra to reunite family with the parliamentarian is excluded.

### Method

22. IPEA considered the legislative framework and applied the following questions:
- a. What was the dominant purpose of the travel?
  - b. What was the nature of the parliamentary business?

- c. Did the travel by the family members meet the three-part test under section 6 of the PBR Regulations?
23. In determining whether the dominant purpose of the travel was likely to have been for parliamentary business, IPEA considered:
  - a. the parliamentarian's role;
  - b. any supporting evidence relating to their attendance at the event.
24. IPEA conducted the Assurance Review by examining and assessing:
  - a. information held by IPEA, including in the Parliamentary Expenses Management System
  - b. the legislative framework and supporting guidelines
  - c. information provided by the Parliamentarian
  - d. the parliamentary sitting timetables from the APH website ([www.aph.gov.au](http://www.aph.gov.au)).

## Assessment of work resources

### Summary of findings

#### Analysis

25. Mr McCormack and his spouse travelled from Wagga Wagga to Sydney on 14 January 2023 and returned to Wagga Wagga on 21 January 2023 using parliamentary business resources for flights and ground transport.
26. On 5 February 2025, IPEA wrote to Mr McCormack detailing the requirements of the Parliamentary Business Framework and identifying the travel funded using parliamentary business resources for the period in scope (**Attachment 1**). Mr McCormack was asked about the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business with reference to the Determination. Mr McCormack was also asked to advise whether his family member's travel met the three-part test in Section 6 of the PBR Regulations. A response was requested by 28 February 2025.
27. Mr McCormack responded on 11 February 2025. In his response Mr McCormack stated that he and his spouse travelled to Sydney on 14 January 2023 and returned to Wagga Wagga on 21 January 2023. Mr McCormack undertook the travel in his capacity as Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific, to attend an MP learning tour to Papua New Guinea. The tour, which ran from 15 to 21 January 2023, commenced and ended in Sydney but involved international travel from Sydney to Papua New Guinea and return. The tour was arranged by Save the Children Australia. Mr McCormack's response notes that his spouse travelled with him to Sydney and on the tour for the dominant purpose of facilitating their family life. In support of his response, Mr McCormack's letter included a copy of the travel itinerary and information booklet of the learning tour (**Attachment 2**). Neither Mr McCormack nor his spouse used parliamentary expenses during the tour.

28. IPEA accepts that the dominant purpose of the travel to and from Sydney undertaken by Mr McCormack and his spouse using parliamentary family reunion travel resources was to undertake the learning tour to Papua New Guinea and to return to their home base after the tour. IPEA finds that this use of parliamentary family travel resources is consistent with Mr McCormack's parliamentary business, specifically official duties, and that his spouse accompanied him for the dominant purpose of facilitating their family life.

**Conclusion**

29. Having regard to the information made available from Mr McCormack, IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was consistent with the legislative framework.



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5 February 2025

Hon Michael McCormack MP  
Member for Riverina  
Suite 2, 11-15 Fitzmaurice Street  
Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr McCormack

**Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel**

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to undertake assurance activities in relation to the work expenses of members of parliament.

Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at [www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews](http://www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews).

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

**Legislative framework**

The use of travel expenses for family reunion must meet the three-part test below, set out in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

*A family member of a member travels for family reunion purposes if:*

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

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Section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (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 principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in part 3 - division 2 of the PBR Act.

**Action Required**

**Attachment B** details your Commonwealth-funded family reunion travel within the period that is relevant to this Assurance Review, and we have set out questions for your response. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition of Parliamentary Business 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](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au), by close of business on **28 February 2025**, 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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Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority  
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**Attachment B**

Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Taxi	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Lake Albert	14/01/2023		Forest Hill	14/01/2023	04:15 PM	\$36.23
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Wagga Wagga	14/01/2023	05:05 PM	Sydney	14/01/2023	06:15 PM	\$351.85
Airfare – Regional Express Spouse	[REDACTED]	Wagga Wagga	14/01/2023	05:05 PM	Sydney	14/01/2023	06:15 PM	\$351.85
Taxi	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Mascot	14/01/2023		Mascot	14/01/2023	06:43 PM	\$29.40
Taxi	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Mascot	15/01/2023		Mascot	15/01/2023	04:53 AM	\$20.69
Taxi	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Mascot	21/01/2023		Mascot	21/01/2023	07:33 AM	\$12.18
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Sydney	21/01/2023	08:45 AM	Wagga Wagga	21/01/2023	10:00 AM	\$351.85
Airfare – Regional Express Spouse	[REDACTED]	Sydney	21/01/2023	08:45 AM	Wagga Wagga	21/01/2023	10:00 AM	\$351.85
Taxi	Hon Michael McCormack MP	Forest Hill	21/01/2023		Lake Albert	21/01/2023	10:20 AM	\$36.65

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**Attachment B**

Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 14 to 21 January 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in 14 to 21 January 2023?
3. Please advise whether your family members' travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
  - a. You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and
  - b. Your family members were travelling to accompany or join you; and
  - c. Your family members' travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Assurance](#)  
**Subject:** Michael McCormack - Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11 February 2025 3:28:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[Michael McCormack - Letter to \[REDACTED\].pdf](#)  
[Michael McCormack - Papua New Guinea travel itinerary.pdf](#)  
[Michael McCormack - travel diaries January 14 15 and 21 2023.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from the Member for Riverina, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, in response to a letter from [REDACTED] dated 5 February 2025.  
Kind regards  
[REDACTED]



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# The Hon. Michael McCormack MP

Federal Member for Riverina

Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific

[REDACTED]

A/g Branch Manager  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I write in relation to your correspondence concerning an Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel for my travel to and from Sydney on 14 January 2023, 15 January 2023 and 21 January 2023 which was received by my office on 5 February 2025.

In relation to the questions in Attachment B:

1. The dominant purpose of the trip was to conduct official duties as Shadow Minister of International Development and the Pacific – travelling to and from Wagga Wagga, Sydney and Papua New Guinea as part of a MP Learning Tour.
2. The nature of the parliamentary business between 14 January 2023 and 21 January 2023 was official duties – participating in a Save The Children MP Learning Tour in my role of Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific.
3. The travel expenses of my wife, [REDACTED], meet the three-part test in Section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 in that: a) I was travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting my parliamentary business; b) My wife was travelling to accompany me; c) My wife's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Please find attached documentation to support the above responses, that is, a copy of the itinerary for the MP Learning Tour and a copy of my diary for the days subject of the review.

Yours sincerely



Michael McCormack MP  
**Federal Member for Riverina**  
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**To:** McCormack, Michael (MP)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (M. McCormack, MP)  
**Subject:** MP Delegation to PNG - January 2023 - Tour Information Booklet  
**Attachments:** PNG Jan 2023\_Information Booklet\_A5.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Mr McCormack

Please find attached the Information Booklet for the PNG tour with a brief introduction to Pacific Friends of Global Health, travel information and the itinerary towards the end of the booklet. For your convenience, a hard copy will also be provided.

A larger Briefing Book will be provided electronically in the next day or two with additional information on the Pacific Friends of Global Health and its partners, Australia's bilateral relations with Papua New Guinea and its health context.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Government Relations Coordinator | Save the Children Australia  
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## **INFORMATION BOOKLET**



### **MP LEARNING TOUR TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA 15-20 January 2023**



Organised by Save the Children Australia

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## Pacific Friends of Global Health Learning Tour

The MP learning tour funded by the Pacific Friends of Global Health is built on the model of the Australian Regional Leadership Initiative (ARLI), a Save the Children Australia project, made possible by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The aim of the learning tour is to take members of parliament to visit and learn about programs funded by its partners, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and Unitaid. Australian funded aid programs are also included in the itinerary of this tour to provide a more holistic perspective on health security in Papua New Guinea. The immersive experience highlights the benefits of investing in health and to strengthen health security in the Papua New Guinea, a foundation for human and economic development.

Since the ARLI's inception in 2015, ARLI has delivered twelve learning tours. More than 55 political leaders and 8 leaders from business, industry and the media have taken part, experiencing aid programming in Cambodia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Kenya, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Jordan and Lebanon.

## Contacts

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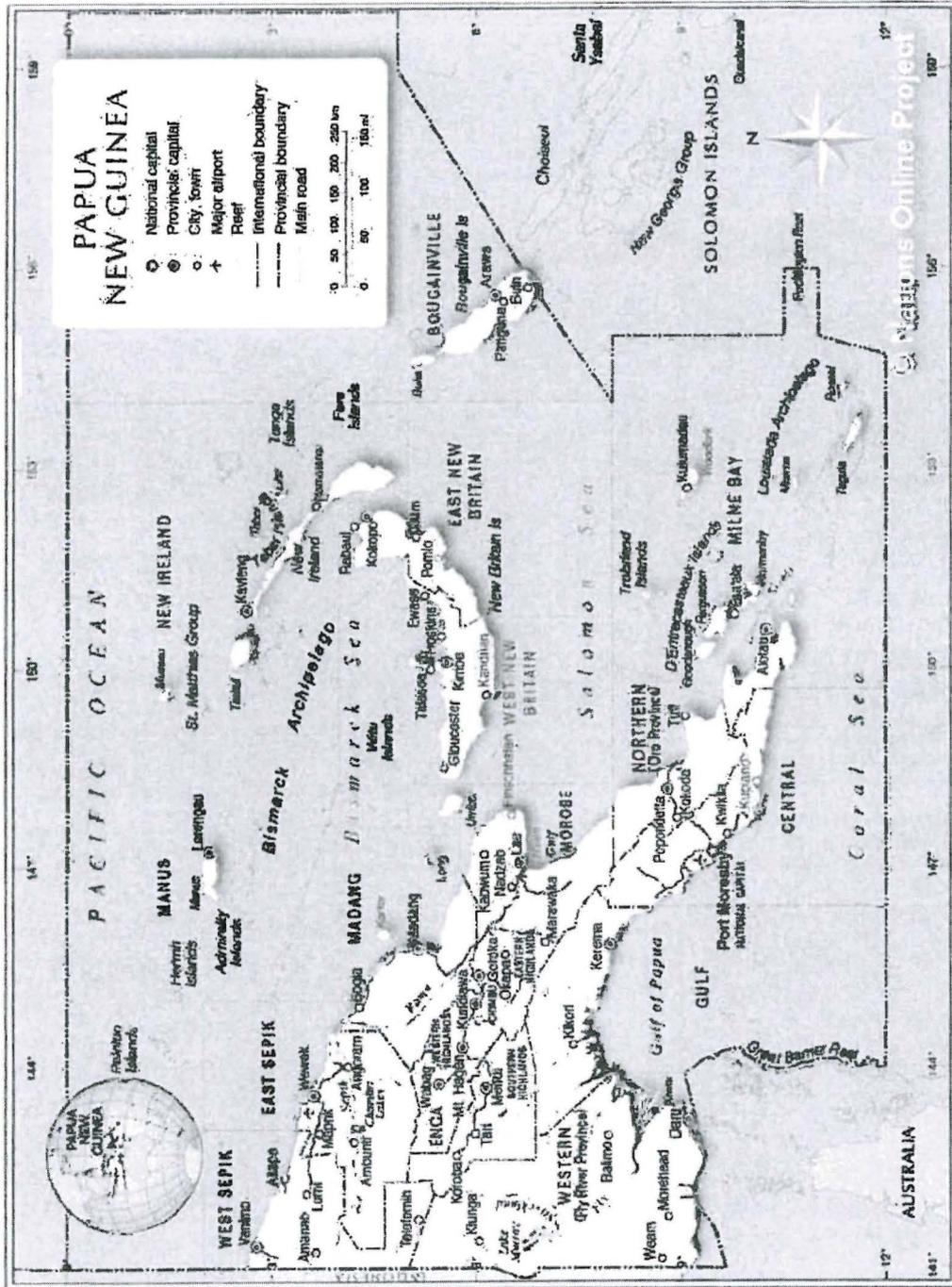
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Map



## Travel Information

### Timezone

Papua New Guinea's timezone is GMT +12. It does not have daylight savings. Papua New Guinea is one hour behind AEST during daylight savings in Australia.

### Climate

Although all the climatic regions in PNG are basically tropical, this can vary. In the lowlands, mean annual maximum temperatures range from 30°-32°C. Port Moresby experiences essentially constant cloud cover in January with wet days

<b>PORT MORESBY</b>	<b>Av Max C</b>	<b>Av Min C</b>	<b>Av Rainfall mm</b>	<b>Av Rain Days</b>
January	31°C	25°C	163mm	13
<b>GOROKA</b>				
January	28°C	16°C	187mm	23

### Currency

The basic currency is the Papua New Guinea Kina (PGK) which is divided into 100 toea. Both are traditional shell money names.

AUD1 = PGK2.42 (est Jan 2023)

<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=AUD&To=PGK>

### Cash

ATMs are fairly common in cities in Papua New Guinea. ANZ and Westpac ATMs are available at Jackson International Airport, Port Moresby.

Travellers cheques are accepted at bank throughout PNG with variable commission rates from bank to bank and also from branch to branch.

### Banking

Both the ANZ and Westpac operate in Papua New Guinea.

Normal banking hours are from 9.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Thursday and to 4.00pm on Friday. All banks are closed on public holidays.

### Credit Cards

Credit cards are only accepted in top-end hotels and by a few restaurants and shops in the larger cities and towns. Visa and MasterCard are the favourites.

### Electrical Appliances



Power supply is 240 volts/50 Hz; the same as in Australia. Plugs have three flat prongs, as used in Australia.

### Communication Devices and Mobile Phones

You should contact your mobile phone provider and confirm that you are set up for international roaming and usage prior to departing for the trip. Phone and data service now covers urban and rural areas predominantly through Digicel. Coverage is generally good within urban areas but fades in the rural and remote areas. Your network provider should 'enable' your phone in advance of your departure. Please check with your provider in your home country about roaming in Papua New Guinea and the associated charges.

### Phone Dialling Instructions

When dialling an Australian number from your Australian phone while in Papua New Guinea	Dial: 0011 + 61 + area code + telephone number
When dialling a Papua New Guinean number from your Australian phone	Dial: 0011 + 675 + area code + telephone number

### Photography & Videography

Save the Children will take photographs of the visit and will share these photos with you. Delegates who do not wish to participate in media opportunities should advise the Manager of the Australian Regional Leadership Initiative, Sarah Carter.

Participants who are comfortable with their photos being taken will still be consulted before any images are shared to any social media platforms.

Please be aware that people sometimes do not want to be photographed for religious or personal reasons. Photographers should ask permission before taking photographs.

## Food

Staples include kaukau (sweet potato) in the Highlands, taro or yam and saksak (sago) along with rice. Pork is the main source of meat protein as well as chicken (kakaruk). Seafood is also popular.

Vegetables include capsicums, tomatoes, peanuts, avocados and tropical fruit.

Mumu is regarded as a national dish composed of pork, sweet potato, rice and vegetables.

## Water

It is advisable to drink either bottled or boiled water.

## Pre-Departure Checks

### Visa requirements

Delegates have been advised to apply for a Business Single Entry visa through the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) [online portal](#).

### Travel Insurance

You will also need to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. DFAT has stated that you must make sure your insurance policy includes medical evacuation.

## Health

Delegates are reminded that COVID-19 remains a risk in Papua New Guinea with health advice due to COVID-19 is continually changing.

Insect-borne diseases include malaria, Zika virus, dengue, chikungunya and Japanese encephalitis. Tuberculosis is also common. The Zika virus may cause certain types of birth defects to babies born to people with Zika while pregnant.

Dysentery, typhoid, hepatitis and waterborne parasites are also common. Boil drinking water or drink bottled water.

## Suggested Items to Pack

### Luggage Allowance

- Australia to Papua New Guinea – 30 kg
- **Internal flights** – hand luggage only advised. One (1) cabin bag (1pc) not exceeding 7kgs (15lbs), the total measurement of which must not exceed 50 x 30 x 20 cm = 100cm (40 inches)

### Clothing

- Comfortable shoes that will keep your feet dry and protected from foreign objects.
- Good quality walking shoes
- Breathable wet weather gear (such as a poncho or waterproof windbreaker)
- Loose fitting and breathable fabrics that suit the warm and humid climate
- Business/smart casual attire (tie not necessary), for formal meetings and events hosted by the High Commissioner.
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Collared shirts
- Knee length (or longer) skirts
- Thongs/sandals

### Toiletries

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Women's sanitary supplies (locally available, but expensive)
- Contact lens solution, if used.
- Insect repellent (DEET 30%)
- Sunscreen

### Security Items

- Bring your own padlocks, as locally purchased ones may be easier to pick.

### Miscellaneous

- Standard travel medications you may need such as Panadol, Imodium etc. (we will have a full medical kit available as well).
- Seal tight plastic bags/containers (to keep things dry)
- Phone charger
- Face masks as a pre-cautionary measure.



## ITINERARY

PFGH learning tour for Australian parliamentarians to Papua New Guinea 15-20 January 2023.

**Delegates:** Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham; Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Joshua Burns MP; Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid subcommittee, Michael Freeland MP, the Hon Michael McCormack MP; Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston; Shadow Minister for Health, Sophie Scamps MP, Catherine McCormack; Lady Roslyn Morauta (Board member, PFGH), Darryl O'Donnell (Board member, PFGH), Abbie Minter (PFGH), Sarah Carter (ARLI/SCA).

### Sunday 15 January 2023 > Port Moresby

Time	Activity	Location	Focal Point
12:35	Delegates (originating BNE, MEL, S.A) arrive in Port Moresby on Qantas Flight QF0057, private transfer to accommodation, check-in.		Dr Mike Freeland MP Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP Michael McCormack MP Catherine McCormack Senator Anne Ruston Abbie Minter Darryl O'Donnell Sarah Carter
17:00	Security briefing	Hilton Hotel Sports Lounge Port Moresby	[REDACTED] Safety, Security and Access Mgr Save the Children in PNG [REDACTED]
18:00	Travel to the residence of Lady Roslyn Morauta (8 pax)		



17:50	Delegates (originating MEL, N.S.W) arrive in Port Moresby.		Josh Burns MP Dr Sophie Scamps MP
	Travel from airport to Lady Roslyn Morauta's residence (2 pax)		
18:30	Dinner at the residence of Lady Roslyn Morauta, Board member, Pacific Friends of Global Health and Vice Chair of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.		
20:30	Function concludes. Return to the Hilton (10 pax)		

**Monday 16 January 2023 – Port Moresby > LAE > Port Moresby**

Time	Activity	Location	Participants/lead contacts
12:35	Delegate (originating BNE) arrive in Port Moresby on Qantas Flight [REDACTED] Hilton transfer to accommodation, check-in.		Senator Simon Birmingham
05:00 – 05:30	Travel to Jacksons International Airport (POM)		
07:00 – 07:55	Depart Port Moresby to Lae Nadzab Airport on Air Niugini flight [REDACTED]		
08:15 – 09:00	Travel from airport to Lae		

09:00 – 11:00	<b>Guided tour of ANGUA Memorial Hospital and FSV with PHA and/or JID staff</b> The ANGUA Memorial Hospital provides critical health services for the city of Lae as well as the broader Momase region. The Australian Government, represented by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is working in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea to redevelop the ANGUA Memorial Hospital in Lae, Papua New Guinea. The project is a key investment within Australia's development cooperation program in Papua New Guinea. <b>Piped oxygen infrastructure observation and discussion</b>	ANGAU Memorial Hospital Momase Region, Morobe	[REDACTED] Acting Director for Public Health at MoPHA [REDACTED]
11:00 – 11:15	Travel to Lae Urban Health Clinic		
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Meet with clinic staff at Urban Clinic with PHA staff to understand Health Service delivery and importance of infrastructure and integration across the province.</b>	Urban Health Clinic Lae West Taraka	[REDACTED] Acting Director for Public Health at MoPHA [REDACTED]
12:00 – 12:15	Travel to Lae International Hotel		
12:45 – 13:45	<b>Lunch with PHA CEO in Lae and others TBC</b>	Lae International Hotel 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Lae 411 Morobe Province +675 472 200	Additional guests to be confirmed by AHC
13:45 – 14:00	Travel to Marie Stopes Lae Clinic		
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Newborn Maternal and Child Health (NMCH) hosted by Marie Stopes PNG</b>	Third Street Top Town, Lae, Morobe	Main POC required.



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14:45 – 15:00	Travel to TB Project		
15:00 – 16:00	TB option – TB project in Lae supported by ADRA (sub-recipient of Global Fund).	MoPHA	 Acting Director for Public Health at MoPHA 
16:00 – 16:45	Travel to Lae Nadzab Airport		
17:45 – 18:30	Depart Lae for Port Moresby on Air Nuigini Flight		
18:30 – 19:15	Transfer to accommodation		
19:30 – 20:30	Informal dinner at Mumu Restaurant	Mumu Hilton Hotel Wards Road, Hohola Port Moresby	

**Tuesday 17 January 2023: Port Moresby > GOROKA**

Time	Activity	Location	Focal Point
08:00 – 09:00	Travel to Kuriva township		
09:00 – 10:30	Visit Kuriva Health Center (HC)	Kuriva Township	
10:30 – 10:45	Travel to Kerea		



10:45 – 11:45	<b>Kerea Home-based Management of Malaria (HMM) program site</b>		
11:45 – 12:45	Travel to Port Moresby		
12:45 – 14:20	Lunch and collect overnight luggage	Hilton	
14:20 – 14:45	Travel to Jacksons International Airport (POM)		
15:20 – 16:10	Depart Port Moresby for Goroka on Air Niugini Flight [REDACTED]		
16:15 – 16:45	Travel to Bird of Paradise Hotel		
16:45 – 17:15	Check-in at Bird of Paradise and security briefing	Corner Elizabeth and McWilliam Street, 495 Goroka	
18:00 – 19:30	Informal dinner at the Bird of Paradise Hotel	Deck Bistro	

**Wednesday 18 January 2023 – Goroka > Port Moresby**

Time	Activity	Location	Participants/lead contacts
08:30 – 08:45	Travel to the office of the Provincial Health Administration		
08:45 – 09:15	<b>Meeting with Provincial Health Administration (PHA)</b>	EHPHA Conference Room, Goroka	[REDACTED] Program Manager, Burnet Institute

			<p>World Vision PNG</p> <p>Provincial Disease Control Officer</p>
09:15 – 09:30	Travel to venue of peer workers		
09:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Meeting with peer workers of HIV program</b></p> <p>Goroka town – peer workers of HIV program – Gender based violence screening also done by them.</p>	Goroka Township	<p>Burnett Institute provincial Facilitator</p> <p>Eastern Highlands PHA Provincial HIV Coordinator</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Travel to ART clinic		
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Visit to ART Clinic (St. Joseph's) health facility staff and peer counselling.</b></p> <p>Goroka town – NGO run facility – Opportunity to meet People Living with HIV who are willing to disclose their status and clinical team that provides care and treatment</p>	St Joseph Clinic - North of Goroka	<p>Burnet Institute Provincial Facilitator</p> <p>EHPHA Provincial HIV Coordinator</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	Bird of Paradise Hotel	
13:00 – 13:15	Travel to Goroka BMU		

13:15 – 14:30	<p><b>Goroka Basic Management Unit (BMU) Meeting with TB clinicians and community volunteers</b></p> <p>Goroka town – BMU is the peripheral TB service delivery point. This is a government facility – Opportunity to meet with TB service providers, community volunteers and even cured patients.</p>	Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority, Main Hospital	<p>██████████ Provincial TB Coordinator Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority</p> <p>██████████ TB Treatment Coordinator, Burnet Institute</p>
14:30 – 14:45	Travel to Femili Case Management Centre		
14:45 – 16:30	<p><b>Femili Case Management Centre</b></p> <p>Femili PNG Goroka outpost: providing case management services to survivors of family and sexual violence.</p> <p>Friends of Femili PNG supports the management and delivery of effective case management services to survivors of family and sexual violence by Femili PNG's Goroka outpost, enabling survivors to access medical, law and justice, vocational, and safe accommodation services. This is funded through ANCP</p>	Eastern Highland Provincial Government building, Goroka town	<p>██████████ Communications &amp; PR Manager, Femili PNG</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>██████████ Development Adviser, Femili PNG/ CEO, Friends of Femili PNG</p> <p>██████████</p>
16:30 – 16:45	Return to Bird of Paradise Hotel		
18:30 – 19:30	Informal dinner at Bird of Paradise Hotel	Deck Bistro	

## Thursday 19 January 2023 – Goroka &gt; Port Moresby

Time	Activity	Location	Participants/lead contacts
08:30 – 09:30	Travel to Pop-up immunisation clinic, Asaro District		
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Visit an Accelerated Immunisation and Health Systems Strengthening program pop-up immunisation clinic</b></p> <p>The 'Accelerated Immunisation and Health Systems Strengthening' program is being rolled out in Goroka, as well as in 12 other provinces in PNG.</p> <p>Supported by Gavi, AusGov and NZGov, delivered by the Provincial Health Authorities, with technical assistance from UNICEF and WHO. The initiative (2019-2023), aims to provide routine vaccinations to up to 80 per cent of children in the 12 provinces through strengthening primary healthcare systems, leading to enhanced immunisation service delivery including in remote communities.</p>	Asaro District, EHP	[REDACTED]
11:00 – 12:00	Travel back to Goroka to Care AHP site		
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>The Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) 3.) COVID response and antenatal care hosted by Care PNG</b></p>	Goroka North	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Country Director, Care PNG</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch and souvenirs		

14:15 – 14:30	Travel to PNG Institute of Medical Research (IMR)		
14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>PNG Institute of Medical Research (IMR) tour with focus on HPV screening and vaccination</b></p> <p>IMR is PNG's principal health research institution. DFAT and multilateral global health partners have worked with IMR for over 20 years, including on research on malaria, pneumonia, filariasis, respiratory disease, HIV/sexual health, malnutrition and much more.</p> <p>Visit to include a demonstration of HPV screen-and-treat technology, and the challenges to access and opportunities for scale up across other provinces and the wider Indo-Pacific region.</p>	Homate St Goroka 441	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
16:00 – 16:15	Travel to Goroka Airport		
17:25 – 18:40	Depart Goroka for Jackson International Airport on Air Niugini Flight <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>		
18:40 – 19:10	Travel to the residence of the Australian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea		
19:15 – 21:00	<p><b>Official reception with <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> with guests representing WHO, PNGIMR, GoPNG Ministry of Health</b></p>		
21:00	Travel Australian High Commission to Hilton		

**Friday 20 January – Port Moresby > SYD, ADE, MEL, BNE**

Time	Activity	Location	Participants/lead contacts
06:00	Delegate to Jackson International Airport	Hilton Transfer	Joshua Burns MP
08:30 – 11:40	Delegate departs Port Moresby on Air Niugini Flight [REDACTED] (via BNE)		Joshua Burns MP
08:00 – 08:45	Travel to Pari village		
08:45 – 10:15	Pari village DFAT funded regional WASH program in partnership with Water For Women.	Pari village	AHC
10:15 – 11:30	Travel to Jacksons International Airport (POM)		
13:25 – 16:35	Delegates depart Port Moresby on Qantas Flight [REDACTED] (via BNE)		Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP Dr Mike Freelander MP Michael McCormack MP Senator Simon Birmingham Senator Anne Ruston Dr Sophie Scamps MP Catherine McCormack Darryl O'Donnell Abbie Minter Sarah Carter

# 14 January 2023

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5	TRAVEL - Regional Express to Sydney [REDACTED] + CM
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9	<b>TO RESCHEDULE: POSTPONED TO NEW YEAR MEDIA: FLOW FM Interview w/ [REDACTED] + SM [REDACTED]</b>
10	<b>TRAVEL - BRISBANE TO PORT MORESBY - QANTAS AIRWAYS [REDACTED] + CM</b> Brisbane airport - terminal 1
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2	<b>OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION - [REDACTED]</b>
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6	<b>EVENT: DINNER IN THE HOME OF ROSLYN MORAUTA + CM; Daugo Drive, Touaguba Hill, Port Moresby PNG</b>
	4:00am - 4:30am TRAVEL - The Branksome to Mascot + CM(The Branksome Hotel ,Residences (60 Robey Street, Mascot New South Wales 2020, Australia))
	6:05am - 6:35am TRAVEL - SYDNEY TO BRISBANE - QANTAS AIRWAYS [REDACTED] + CM(Sydney Airport; - terminal 3)

# 21 January 2023

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	(REGRET) EVENT: Official opening of the Wattamondra Community Hall (Showground Lane, Wattamondara, NSW)
7 AM	TRAVEL - THE BRANKSOME TO SYDNEY AIRPORT + CM
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9	TRAVEL - SYDNEY TO WAGGA WAGGA REGIONAL EXPRESS [REDACTED] + CM Sydney airport - Terminal 2
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