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**Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority**

Assurance Review 2025/012

Hon David Littleproud MP

Member for Maranoa

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 Hon David Littleproud MP's use of parliamentary business work resources for family reunion purposes (family reunion travel resources) between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023 (the period in scope). 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 Littleproud and his family between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.
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 Mr Littleproud

4. IPEA engaged with Mr Littleproud on two occasions to understand the nature of the travel undertaken by him and his family during the relevant period. These interactions are detailed in the Assessment section below and can also be found at **Attachments 1 to 4**.

Assurance Review Findings

5. Having regard to the information made available from Mr Littleproud, 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

6. IPEA audits parliamentarians' use of their parliamentary business work resources and the use of travel resources by their staff under section 12 of the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* (IPEA Act). IPEA conducts Assurance Reviews to assess the use of resources against the legislative framework to determine if there has been misuse.
7. 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. referral to the National Anti-Corruption Commission, where there is clear evidence of serious or systemic corrupt conduct.

Legislative framework

8. IPEA applied the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act) and its associated instruments as the relevant legislation for this Assurance Review. The PBR Act 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'.
9. 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
 - d. Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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)
13. 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 Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 determines the activities which fall within the four duty streams set out in section 6 of the PBR Act.

14. 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.

15. 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

- 16. Under IPEA's Assurance program, IPEA conducts ongoing, systematic analysis of the parliamentary business resources accessed by parliamentarians and their staff through a combination of regular transaction sampling and review of publicly available information.
- 17. In 2024, IPEA commenced a Preliminary Assessment into travel by Mr Littleproud and his family members during the period in scope.
- 18. After excluding family travel to and from Canberra, the Preliminary Assessment found that parliamentary business resources were used by Mr Littleproud during the period in scope.
- 19. On 5 February 2025, IPEA commenced an Assurance Review of Mr Littleproud's family reunion travel.

Scope of Assurance Review

- 20. The scope of this Assurance review is family reunion travel undertaken by Mr Littleproud and his family members between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. Family travel to and from Canberra to reunite family with the parliamentarian is excluded.

Method

- 21. 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?
- 22. In assessing whether the dominant purpose of the travel was parliamentary business, IPEA considered:
 - a. the parliamentarian's role; and
 - b. any supporting evidence relating to their travel.

23. 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).

Assessment of work expenses

Summary of findings

Analysis

24. Mr Littleproud and his spouse undertook two trips using parliamentary work resources for which IPEA required additional information to assess whether their use of family reunion travel was consistent with the legislative framework.

Trip 1: Sydney and Mudgee

25. Mr Littleproud and his spouse flew from Brisbane to Sydney on 21 January 2023. Parliamentary work resources were used for flights, ground transport and one night of travel allowance in Sydney, as well as a hire car held from 21 to 23 January 2023.
26. Parliamentary work resources were then used for one night of travel allowance in Mudgee on 22 January 2023, followed by another night of travel allowance in Sydney on 23 January 2023.
27. Mr Littleproud and his spouse then flew from Sydney to Brisbane on 24 January 2023. Parliamentary work resources were used for flights and ground transport.

Trip 2: Sydney and Melbourne

28. Mr Littleproud flew from Canberra to Sydney on 31 March 2023. His spouse flew from Brisbane to Sydney the same day. Parliamentary work resources were used for flights, ground transport and one night of travel allowance in Sydney.
29. Mr Littleproud and his spouse flew from Sydney to Melbourne on 1 April 2023, then from Melbourne to Brisbane on 2 April 2023, using parliamentary work resources.
30. On 14 February 2025, IPEA wrote to Mr Littleproud detailing the requirements of the legislative framework and identifying the travel using parliamentary work resources for the period in scope (**Attachment 1**). Mr Littleproud was asked about the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business, with reference to the Determination. Mr Littleproud was also asked to advise whether his spouse's travel met the three-part test in Section 6 of the PBR Regulations. A response was requested by 7 March 2025.
31. On 7 March 2025, Mr Littleproud's office responded to IPEA (**Attachment 2**).
32. In the response, Mr Littleproud's staff member advised:

“Mr Littleproud attended a Party meeting in Mudgee NSW in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. He transited through Sydney to Mudgee on the 21/1/23 and then transited back through Sydney on the way back on the 23/1/23. (Please see attached diary extract)”.

33. The staff member further provided:

“The nature of the parliamentary business for the Sydney transiting sections was in line with Schedule 1 e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member’s policy portfolio; The nature of the business in Mudgee was in line with Schedule 3.”

34. Regarding the question about whether Mr Littleproud’s spouse’s travel met the three-part test outlined in the PBR Regulations, the staff member stated:

“On each of these trips outlined in Attachment A, Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life. Please find attached relevant extracts, invitations and tickets.”

35. The response included evidence in support of both legs of travel for Mr Littleproud, such as diary entries and invitations.

36. On 22 May 2025, IPEA replied to Mr Littleproud (**Attachment 3**). IPEA advised that there were additional questions in the original correspondence that had not been addressed in the response provided. IPEA requested that a response to these questions be provided.

37. On 30 May 2025, Mr Littleproud’s office responded (**Attachment 4**).

38. In the response, Mr Littleproud’s staff member advised in relation to the Sydney travel from 31 March to 1 April 2023:

“Mr and Mrs Littleproud attended the Qantas 100 Years of the Spirit of Australia Dinner in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals.. The business related to Schedule 4 - attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity.”

39. He further provided in relation to the Melbourne travel from 1 to 2 April 2023:

“Mr and Mrs Littleproud attended the Melbourne Royal 175 Celebration Dinner in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture.. The business related to Schedule 4 - attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity”.

40. Regarding the question about whether Mr Littleproud’s spouse’s travel met the three-part test outlined in the PBR Regulations, the staff member confirmed:

“Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life.”

41. Supporting evidence was again attached to this response.

42. IPEA notes Mr Littleproud’s advice that the dominant purpose of his travel to Sydney in January 2023, as well as to Sydney and Melbourne in March to April 2023, was parliamentary business, and that his spouse accompanied him for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Conclusion

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

From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2025 11:11 AM
To: 'Littleproud, David (MP)'
Cc: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Letter - IPEA to Hon David Littleproud MP - 14 February 2025.pdf; Attachment A - Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination.pdf; Attachment B - Hon David Littleproud MP travel data.pdf

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Hon David Littleproud MP

Member for Maranoa

Dear Mr Littleproud

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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14 February 2025

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Dear Mr Littleproud

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.

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.*

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, by close of business on **7 March 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

Yours sincerely



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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament: a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise; b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose; c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member; d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function; e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio; f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates; g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose; h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function; i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

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

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so; b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity; c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

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
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Ryeford	21/01/2023	02:06 PM	Brisbane A/P	21/01/2023	04:34 PM	\$623.36
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Hon David Littleproud MP	Brisbane	21/01/2023	06:10 PM	Sydney	21/01/2023	08:45 PM	\$834.69
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Brisbane	21/01/2023	06:10 PM	Sydney	21/01/2023	08:45 PM	\$834.69
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Hon David Littleproud MP	Ryeford	21/01/2023		Sydney	21/01/2023	09:00 AM	\$438.00
Hire Car	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	21/01/2023	08:45 PM	Sydney	23/01/2023	05:00 PM	\$277.32
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	22/01/2023		Mudgee	22/01/2023	09:00 AM	\$338.00
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Hon David Littleproud MP	Mudgee	23/01/2023		Sydney	23/01/2023	09:00 AM	\$438.00
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	24/01/2023	08:45 AM	Sydney	24/01/2023	09:03 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	24/01/2023	11:15 AM	Mascot	24/01/2023	11:39 AM	\$68.50
Airfare – QANTAS	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	24/01/2023	01:05 PM	Brisbane	24/01/2023	01:35 PM	\$1,058.15
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Sydney	24/01/2023	01:05 PM	Brisbane	24/01/2023	01:35 PM	\$1,216.87

Attachment B

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

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney and Mudgee from 21 to 24 January 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney and Mudgee from 21 to 24 January 2023?
3. Please advise whether your spouse's 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 member was travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - c. Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

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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
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Hon David Littleproud MP	Canberra	31/03/2023	08:40 AM	Sydney	31/03/2023	09:35 AM	\$824.90
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Hon David Littleproud MP	Capital Hill	31/03/2023		Sydney	31/03/2023	09:00 AM	\$438.00
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Brisbane	31/03/2023	09:15 AM	Sydney	31/03/2023	11:50 AM	\$503.71
COMCAR Spouse		Mascot	31/03/2023	09:35 AM	Sydney	31/03/2023	10:16 AM	\$74.64
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Mascot	31/03/2023	11:50 AM	Sydney	31/03/2023	12:37 PM	\$79.58
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	31/03/2023	12:15 PM	North Sydney	31/03/2023	12:38 PM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	North Sydney	31/03/2023	01:30 PM	Sydney	31/03/2023	02:09 PM	\$64.80
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	31/03/2023	03:30 PM	Sydney	31/03/2023	04:36 PM	\$134.64
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	31/03/2023	05:30 PM	Mascot	31/03/2023	06:22 PM	\$106.08
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Mascot	31/03/2023	10:00 PM	Sydney	31/03/2023	11:23 PM	\$181.92
COMCAR	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	1/04/2023	07:34 AM	Mascot	1/04/2023	07:54 AM	\$129.70
Airfare – Virgin Australia Spouse		Sydney	1/04/2023	09:00 AM	Melbourne	1/04/2023	10:35 AM	\$426.33

Attachment B

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Airfare – Virgin Australia Self	Hon David Littleproud MP	Sydney	1/04/2023	09:00 AM	Melbourne	1/04/2023	10:35 AM	\$426.33
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Melbourne	2/04/2023	11:20 AM	Brisbane	2/04/2023	01:30 PM	\$1,074.46
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Hon David Littleproud MP	Melbourne	2/04/2023	11:20 AM	Brisbane	2/04/2023	01:30 PM	\$1,074.46

4. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney from 31 March to 2 April 2023?
5. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney from 31 March to 1 April 2023?
6. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 1 to 2 April 2023?
7. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne from 1 to 2 April 2023?
8. Please advise whether your spouse's 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 member was travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - c. Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

From: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 7 March 2025 3:08 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: CM: Response - Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear Ms Pearson,

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

I am writing on behalf of the Hon. David Littleproud MP in response to your letter dated 14 February 2025 (attached).

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

1. What was the dominate purpose of your travel to Sydney and Mudgee 21 to 24 January 2023.

Mr Littleproud attended a Party meeting in Mudgee NSW in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. He transited through Sydney to Mudgee on the 21/1/23 and then transited back through Sydney on the way back on the 23/1/23. (Please see attached diary extract)

2. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney and Mudgee 21 to 24 January 2023?

The nature of the parliamentary business for the Sydney transiting sections was in line with *Schedule 1 e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;*

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3. Please advise whether your spouse's travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

On each of these trips outlined in Attachment A, Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life. Please find attached relevant extracts, invitations and tickets.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarifications or further information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief of Staff 2
 Office of the Leader of The Nationals
 Shadow Minister for Agriculture

Attached:

Diary extract 21-23 January 2023

Qantas Invitation

Qantas RSVP acceptance

Melbourne Royal Invitation

Melbourne Royal ticked – David Littleproud

Melbourne Royal ticket – [REDACTED]

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14 February 2025

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Dear Mr Littleproud

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

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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.*

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.

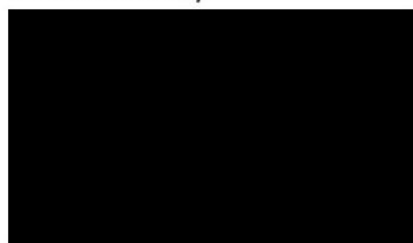
Action Required

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, by close of business on **7 March 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson
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One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament: a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise; b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose; c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member; d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function; e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio; f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates; g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose; h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function; i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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

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Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
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TICKET

Please ensure you retain a copy of your ticket, either printed or on your mobile phone, for scanning on entry.

EVENT DETAILS

Date & Time: Saturday 1 April 2023, 6.30pm

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GETTING THERE

Gate Entry: Gate 1 (Vehicles), Gate 1A (Pedestrians), Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Melbourne Royal 175th Gala Celebration - Ticket

Date: 21 March 2023, 4:36 AM

For: [REDACTED]

Request ID #: I#217



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Date: 21 March 2023, 4:03 AM

For: The Hon David Littleproud MP

Request ID #: I#202



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Thank you for your RSVP

We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate over 100 years of the Spirit of Australia, and the people who have contributed along this journey.

DATE

Friday 31 March 2023

TIME

6pm–11.30pm

VENUE

Hangar 96, Qantas Jet Base, Mascot NSW

DRESS

Black tie

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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EDIT YOUR RSVP



Dear The Hon David Littleproud MP and Guest,

We invite you to join us as we look to the future of Qantas
and celebrate over 100 years of the Spirit of Australia,
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Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:12 AM
To: 'Littleproud, David (MP)'
Cc: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP); Assurance
Subject: CM: RE: CM: Response - Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Attachment B - Hon David Littleproud MP travel data.pdf

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr Littleproud and [REDACTED],

Thank you for providing the response below.

I note that there were four additional questions from our original correspondence that have not been addressed relating to Mr Littleproud and his spouse's travel to Sydney and Melbourne between 31 March and 2 April 2023 – please see page 4 of the attached document.

Could you please provide answers to questions 4 to 8 on p. 4 of the attached document in order to progress the Assurance Review, as well as any additional evidence (if applicable), noting that invitations associated with the travel to Sydney and Melbourne were provided with your original response.

Sincerely

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OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Pearson,

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

I am writing on behalf of the Hon. David Littleproud MP in response to your letter dated 14 February 2025 (attached).

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

1. What was the dominate purpose of your travel to Sydney and Mudgee 21 to 24 January 2023.

Mr Littleproud attended a Party meeting in Mudgee NSW in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. He transited through Sydney to Mudgee on the 21/1/23 and then transited back through Sydney on the way back on the 23/1/23.
(Please see attached diary extract)

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The nature of the parliamentary business for the Sydney transiting sections was in line with *Schedule 1 e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;*

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On each of these trips outlined in Attachment A, Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life. Please find attached relevant extracts, invitations and tickets.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarifications or further information.

Kind regards,


(1)


Chief of Staff
Office of the Leader of The Nationals
Shadow Minister for Agriculture

Attached:

Diary extract 21-23 January 2023

Qantas Invitation

Qantas RSVP acceptance

Melbourne Royal Invitation

Melbourne Royal ticked – David Littleproud

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Attachments: Qantas 100 years invitation, David and Guest.JPG; Qantas 100 year acceptance RSVP.JPG; Invitation - Melbourne Royal 175th Celebration Gala Dinner, 1 April 2023.pdf; Ticket - [REDACTED].pdf; Ticket - LITTLEPROUD David.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

My sincere apologies for the oversight. Please see below additional responses from Attachment A as requested:

4. What was the dominate purpose of your travel to Sydney from 31 March to April 2 2023?

Mr and Mrs Littleproud attended the Qantas 100 Years of the Spirit of Australia Dinner in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals.

5. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney 31 March to April 2 2023?

The business related to Schedule 4 - attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;

6. What was the dominate purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 1 to 2 April 2023?

Mr and Mrs Littleproud attended the Melbourne Royal 175 Celebration Dinner in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Agriculture.

7. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne from 1 to 2 April 2023?

The business related to Schedule 4 - attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;

8. Please advise whether your spouse's 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 member was traveling to accompany or join you; and
- c. Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life

Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life.

Please also find attached again the formal invitation and tickets for each of these events.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for anything further. Again, my apologies for the oversight.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:12 AM
To: Littleproud, David (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CM: Response - Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr Littleproud and [REDACTED]

Thank you for providing the response below.

I note that there were four additional questions from our original correspondence that have not been addressed relating to Mr Littleproud and his spouse's travel to Sydney and Melbourne between 31 March and 2 April 2023 – please see page 4 of the attached document.

Could you please provide answers to questions 4 to 8 on p. 4 of the attached document in order to progress the Assurance Review, as well as any additional evidence (if applicable), noting that invitations associated with the travel to Sydney and Melbourne were provided with your original response.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (D. Littleproud, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 7 March 2025 3:08 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: CM: Response - Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Pearson,

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

I am writing on behalf of the Hon. David Littleproud MP in response to your letter dated 14 February 2025 (attached).

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

1. What was the dominate purpose of your travel to Sydney and Mudgee 21 to 24 January 2023.

Mr Littleproud attended a Party meeting in Mudgee NSW in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. He transited through Sydney to Mudgee on the 21/1/23 and then transited back through Sydney on the way back on the 23/1/23. (Please see attached diary extract)

2. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney and Mudgee 21 to 24 January 2023?

The nature of the parliamentary business for the Sydney transiting sections was in line with *Schedule 1 e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;*

The nature of the business in Mudgee was in line with *Schedule 3.*

3. Please advise whether your spouse's travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017.

On each of these trips outlined in Attachment A, Mr Littleproud was accompanied by his spouse to events in his official capacity as Leader of The Nationals. Spousal travel expenses were met as the event was over a weekend out of their home state, accompanying the member to facilitate family life. Please find attached relevant extracts, invitations and tickets.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarifications or further information.

Kind regards,

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Chief of Staff
Office of the Leader of The Nationals
Shadow Minister for Agriculture

Attached:
Diary extract 21-23 January 2023
Qantas Invitation
Qantas RSVP acceptance
Melbourne Royal Invitation
Melbourne Royal ticked – David Littleproud
Melbourne Royal ticket – ■

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Thank you for your RSVP

We look forward to you joining us as we celebrate over 100 years of the Spirit of Australia, and the people who have contributed along this journey.

DATE

Friday 31 March 2023

TIME

6pm–11.30pm

VENUE

Hangar 96, Qantas Jet Base, Mascot NSW

DRESS

Black tie

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This event is held in an airside environment; your RSVP is required for security purposes and this invitation is strictly not transferable. The venue will be accessible to guests via Fifth Street, Mascot, pedestrian access only. Further confirmation including all venue details and access to the site will be provided in the week prior to the event.

For any enquires contact events@qantas.com.au

Add to Calendar



EDIT YOUR RSVP



Dear The Hon David Littleproud MP and Guest,

We invite you to join us as we look to the future of Qantas
and celebrate over 100 years of the Spirit of Australia,
and the people who have contributed along this journey.

DATE

Friday 31 March 2023

TIME

6pm–11.30pm

VENUE

Hangar 96, Qantas Jet Base, Mascot NSW

DRESS

Black tie

RSVP

By Thursday 2 March 2023

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GALA DINNER**

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MELBOURNE ROYAL

175 YEARS
1848 – 2023

TICKET

Please ensure you retain a copy of your ticket, either printed or on your mobile phone, for scanning on entry.

EVENT DETAILS

Date & Time: Saturday 1 April 2023, 6.30pm

Venue: Victoria Pavilion, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

Dress: Black Tie

GETTING THERE

Gate Entry: Gate 1 (Vehicles), Gate 1A (Pedestrians), Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Melbourne Royal 175th Gala Celebration - Ticket

Date: 21 March 2023, 4:36 AM

For: XXXXXXXXXX

Request ID #: I#217





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1848 – 2023

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Melbourne Royal 175th Gala Celebration - Ticket

Date: 21 March 2023, 4:03 AM

For: The Hon David Littleproud MP

Request ID #: I#202

