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**Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority**

Assurance Review 2024/013

Senator Pauline Hanson

Senator for Queensland

Travel to Perth

26 February 2024 – 2 March 2024

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Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an Assurance Review of Senator Pauline Hanson's use of Members of Parliament work resources (parliamentary work resources) to travel to Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024 (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 travel to and from Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024 by Senator Pauline Hanson. The purpose of the Assurance Review was to determine whether the resources used were in accordance with the legislative framework.

Engagement with parliamentarian

3. IPEA engaged with Senator Hanson's office on numerous occasions, including formal letters and emails, between 24 October 2024 and 6 June 2025. The details of these interactions are described in the Assessment section below and can also be followed at Attachments 1 to 13.

Assurance Review Findings

4. Having regard to the information made available by Senator Hanson's office, IPEA found that the use of parliamentary work resources to travel to and from Perth, was not inconsistent with the legislative framework.

Audit and Assurance function

IPEA's statutory audit function

5. 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 the resources against the legislative framework to determine if there has been a misuse.
6. 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

7. The legislation relevant to this Assurance Review is:
 - a. *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act)
 - b. *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (PBR Regulations)
 - c. *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (the Determination)
 - d. *Parliamentary Business Resources (Commonwealth Transport) Determination 2017*.
8. The PBR Act and PBR Regulations establish a framework (the Parliamentary Business Resources Framework or legislative framework) for providing resources to parliamentarians in respect of their parliamentary business. Parliamentarians are eligible to claim public resources under the framework in respect of their parliamentary business.
9. 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).
10. 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.
11. 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.
 - (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.
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12. As an overarching matter, the public resources prescribed in Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the PBR Regulations are subject to a specific accountability regime established in the PBR Act for that purpose. Parliamentarians' access to and use of public resources are subject to the following obligations:
- parliamentarians must be personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources, and to act ethically and in good faith using and accounting for their use of those resources (section 25)
 - a parliamentarian must not claim or use public resources unless it is for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business (dominant purpose test, see section 26)
 - a parliamentarian must ensure value for money for the Commonwealth in incurring expenses or claiming public resources, taking into account the need to conduct the parliamentary business (value for money test, see section 27), and
 - a parliamentarian must not claim resources or incur expenses if any conditions for accessing the resources have not been met (section 28).
13. In accordance with sections 30 and 31 of the PBR Act, the Commonwealth must pay the travel expenses and travel allowances as prescribed by the PBR Regulations. Division 1 of Part 2 of the PBR Regulations prescribes travel expenses and travel allowances for travel within Australia for the purposes of sections 30 and 31 of the PBR Act.

Assurance Review methodology

Background

14. 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.
15. On 5 September 2024, IPEA commenced a Preliminary Assessment into Senator Hanson's use of parliamentary business resources to travel to and return from Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024.

Scope of Assurance Review

16. The scope of this Assurance Review is travel to and from Perth by Senator Hanson between 26 February and 2 March 2024. The purpose of the Assurance Review was to determine whether the resources used were in accordance with the legislative framework.

Method

17. 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 parliamentary business fall within the definition of one or more of the four duty streams in the Determination?

18. 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.
19. 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
 - c. information provided by the parliamentarian.

Assessment of work resources

Summary of findings

Analysis

20. On 5 September 2024, IPEA identified that Senator Hanson travelled to and from Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024 using parliamentary work resources for her flights and ground transport.
21. On 24 October 2024, IPEA wrote to Senator Hanson detailing the requirements of the legislative framework and identifying the Commonwealth-funded travel for the relevant period (**Attachment 1**). Senator Hanson was asked about the dominant purpose of her travel with reference to the Determination. A response was requested by 11 November 2024.
22. On 14 November 2024, IPEA wrote to Senator Hanson's office as no response had been received. IPEA reminded Senator Hanson that her response to the matter was overdue (**Attachment 2**).
23. Senator Hanson's office replied on 18 November 2024, stating that they anticipated responding by 22 November 2024 (**Attachment 3**). On 22 November 2024, Senator Hanson's office contacted IPEA to advise that further time was required to compile corroborating documentation, and that this would be provided along with the response by 25 November 2024 (**Attachment 4**).
24. On 25 November 2024, Senator Hanson's office responded, stating that Senator Hanson's travel to and from Perth fell within the definition of party political duties as specified in Schedule 3 of the Determination (**Attachment 5**). The response referenced the discussion of party priorities and initiatives on 29 February 2024 with the Western Australian One Nation Executive and the addition of Mr Ben Dawkins to the One Nation party. A copy of a diary note, and a media article were provided by Senator Hanson's office as evidence of these duties.
25. On 4 December 2024, IPEA wrote to Senator Hanson requesting information supporting her participation in the meeting with Western Australian One Nation Executives (**Attachment 6**). A response was requested by 18 December 2024.

26. Senator Hanson's office responded on 18 December 2024 clarifying the initial advice provided by the office on 25 November 2024 and elaborating on the activities undertaken by Senator Hanson against the three types of parliamentary business in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the Determination, specifically, Schedule 1(c), Schedule 2(a) and Schedule 3(a) (**Attachment 7**).
27. The response included information about an event attended by Senator Hanson in the evening of 29 February 2024, the Hancock Companies Long Serving Staff and Executive Chairman's 70th Birthday Celebrations at which, Senator Hanson "engaged with key stakeholders and industry representatives to discuss matters relevant to upcoming legislation and issues of importance to her electorate". Senator Hanson's office acknowledged that they were unable to furnish formal records of the meeting on 29 February 2024 with the One Nation Executive, as requested by IPEA.
28. While Senator Hanson's response included sufficient information regarding the purpose of her travel between 28 and 29 February 2024, Senator Hanson's response did not address her travel between 1 and 2 March 2024.
29. On 7 April 2025, IPEA wrote to Senator Hanson requesting information and supporting evidence regarding the nature of her parliamentary business on 1 March 2024. A response was requested by 23 April 2025 (**Attachment 8**). Following clarification of IPEA's assurance review process, Senator Hanson's office requested an initial extension until 25 April 2025, which was further extended by IPEA until 28 April 2025 to accommodate the Anzac Day public holiday (**Attachment 9**).
30. On 28 April 2025, Senator Hanson's office contacted IPEA seeking a further extension of the timeframe for response, due to confusion about the dates for which IPEA was seeking information and increasing workloads in the Senator's office in preparation for the federal election. IPEA agreed to extend the due date for response until 9 May 2025 (**Attachment 10**).
31. Senator Hanson's office responded on 9 May 2025 (**Attachment 11**). In relation to Senator Hanson's activities, the response noted that:
 - a. on 1 March 2024, Senator Hanson attended a meeting in Perth with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hancock Agriculture to discuss proposed Labor Government legislation and its possible impacts on regional communities, landholders and Australian industry; and
 - b. on 2 March 2024, Senator Hanson met with the CEO of Roy Hill to further discuss the impacts of the proposed legislation.

No supporting information was provided with the response.

32. IPEA wrote to Senator Hanson on 22 May 2025 (**Attachment 12**) seeking additional documentation to support her attendance at the meetings with Hancock Agriculture and Roy Hill. IPEA requested Senator Hanson's response by 6 June 2025.
33. Senator Hanson's office responded on 6 June 2025. The response included photos from the diary of Senator Hanson's Chief of Staff (CoS), showing handwritten notes referencing discussions with the CEO's of Hancock Agriculture and Roy Hill on 1 and 2 March 2024 (**Attachment 13**).

34. IPEA accepts the advice provided by Senator Hanson's staff that the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken to Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024 was parliamentary business, specifically electorate, parliamentary and party political duties.
35. Noting that parliamentarians are bound by the obligation to be personally accountable for their use of public resources, in conjunction with the advice provided by Senator Hanson's staff that she was undertaking parliamentary business, IPEA is satisfied that Senator Hanson's travel was not inconsistent with the legislative framework.

Conclusion

36. Having regard to the information made available by Senator Hanson's office, IPEA found that the use of parliamentary work resources to travel to and from Perth, was not inconsistent with the legislative framework.

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Dear Senator Hanson

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your consideration.

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24 October 2024

Senator Pauline Hanson
Senator for Queensland
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Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to review work expenses accessed by parliamentarians.

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses incurred in relation to your travel to, from and within Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024. Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at www.ipea.gov.au.

Division 2 of Part 3 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) sets out the principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources.

As you would be aware, under the principles-based scheme parliamentarians have an obligation to be prepared to publicly justify their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business (subsection 25(3) of the PBR Act). Parliamentarians also have an obligation to ensure that expenses that are incurred, or allowances or other public resources that are claimed, in relation to the conduct of the member's parliamentary business provide value for money, taking into account the need to conduct the member's parliamentary business (section 27 of the PBR Act). Parliamentarians are personally responsible and accountable for their use of public resources.

Section 6 of the PBR Act and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination - **Attachment A**) define four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties. The Determination also provides examples of what constitutes parliamentary business within each of the four streams.

Attachment B details your Commonwealth funded travel for the relevant period, and we have set out questions for your response to assist in our review. In your response, we ask you to consider the principles that apply when utilising public resources. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference 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 **11 November 2024**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] on 02 6215 [REDACTED]

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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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.
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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))

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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
Senator Pauline Hanson
Assurance Review of travel to Perth

With regard to the following travel transactions, please advise what was the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024?
If parliamentary business was the dominant purpose of your travel, please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reports.

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR		26 February 2024	6:16am	Brisbane Airport		7:51am	\$334.76
Travel Fares -Virgin Airlines	Brisbane	26 February 2024	8:50am	Canberra	26 February 2024	11:40am	\$386.16
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Canberra	28 February 2024	11:45am	Melbourne	28 February 2024	12:55pm	\$857.56
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Melbourne	28 February 2024	3:05pm	Perth	28 February 2024	4:10pm	\$1811.48
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Perth	2 March 2024	8:00am	Brisbane	2 March 2024	2:30pm	\$2095.84
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	2 March 2024	2:02pm		2 March 2024	3:45pm	\$376.61

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A response was requested from you by Monday 11 November 2024. There was a provision in the letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension has not been requested and your response to this matter is now overdue.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 29 November 2024**. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

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Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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Schedule 3—Party political duties

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Attachment B
Senator Pauline Hanson
Assurance Review of travel to Perth

With regard to the following travel transactions, please advise what was the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024? If parliamentary business was the dominant purpose of your travel, please provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reports.

Work Expense	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Amount (GST excl.)
COMCAR		26 February 2024	6:16am	Brisbane Airport		7:51am	\$334.76
Travel Fares -Virgin Airlines	Brisbane	26 February 2024	8:50am	Canberra	26 February 2024	11:40am	\$386.16
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Canberra	28 February 2024	11:45am	Melbourne	28 February 2024	12:55pm	\$857.56
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Melbourne	28 February 2024	3:05pm	Perth	28 February 2024	4:10pm	\$1811.48
Travel Fares -Qantas Airways	Perth	2 March 2024	8:00am	Brisbane	2 March 2024	2:30pm	\$2095.84
COMCAR	Brisbane Airport	2 March 2024	2:02pm		2 March 2024	3:45pm	\$376.61

From: Assurance
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance
Subject: RE: Reminder - Assurance review of travel and travel-related expenses [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2024 10:06:00 AM
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Thank you for your email.

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Regards

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Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for keeping us updated.

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Pauline Hanson recruits WA crossbencher Ben Dawkins "I've worn his shoes".pdf
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Dear Assurance Review Team,

Thank you for your patience as I compiled this response, on behalf of Senator Hanson, to your assurance review request regarding travel and travel-related expenses incurred between 26 February and 2 March 2024.

Travel from 26–28 February: Brisbane to Canberra
Senator Hanson travelled to Canberra to attend Parliamentary sittings and conduct business arising from proceedings of the Parliament.

Travel on 28 February – 2 March: Canberra to Perth via Melbourne return to Brisbane
Senator Hanson travelled via Melbourne to facilitate a same-day flight to Perth.

While in Perth, Senator Hanson participated in a formal meeting with the One Nation WA Executive to discuss party priorities and initiatives. This meeting was necessitated by an independent WA upper house MP, Ben Dawkins, formally joining One Nation.

These activities align with Party political duties under Schedule 3 of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017, specifically participation in formal meetings of the party executive.

A diary note from a staffer, [REDACTED] who accompanied the Senator, is attached to substantiate this travel. We have also attached a copy of a news report covering an event in Perth attended by Senator Hanson to announce Mr Dawkins joining One Nation.

Please let me know if you require any further information or clarification.

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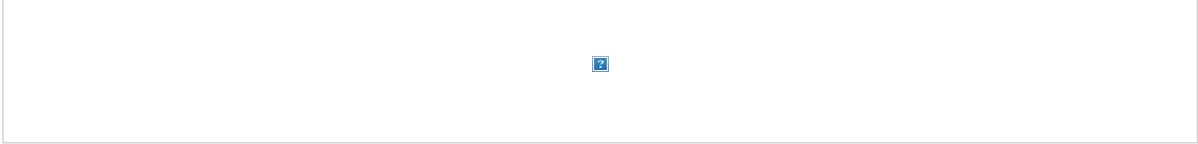
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‘I’ve worn his shoes’: Hanson introduces her latest recruit

Tom Rabe *WA political correspondent*



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Pauline Hanson believes Labor’s plans to restrict the number of guns people can own and lingering resentment about COVID-19 vaccine mandates can revive One Nation politically in Western Australia.

Senator Hanson unveiled her newest One Nation [<https://www.afr.com/topic/one-nation-607>] recruit in Perth on Thursday – a former Labor MP who sits on the WA parliament’s upper house crossbenches.



Pauline Hanson with West Australian MP Ben Dawkins on Thursday.

Ben Dawkins was kicked out of the Labor Party last year and has pleaded guilty to dozens of charges relating to the breach of a family violence restraining order.

Senator Hanson defended Mr Dawkins' legal history during a chaotic press conference on the steps of WA parliament that ranged from vaccine mandates to disgraced former premier Brian Burke.

Asked about the vetting process that One Nation employed to green-light Mr Dawkins' as a sitting party member, Senator Hanson said: "I'm not the Labor Party."

"Maybe if he got some support, that I believe the Labor Party hasn't given him, and that's what people need to do their job," Senator Hanson said.

"He's been the lone member in this parliament, as I was in 1996, when I was just disendorsed from the Liberal Party, so I've been there, I've worn his shoes, you haven't."

Dawkins appeals

Senator Hanson said aspects of Australia's domestic violence laws had been "blown completely out of proportion". As for Mr Dawkins' court matter, she said: "I don't know, I wasn't in the courtroom."

Mr Dawkins was convicted, fined and placed on a 10-month community-based order last year, but on Thursday revealed at the press conference he planned to appeal.

"Everything. Everything is being appealed," Mr Dawkins said. "I can send it all to your lawyers. I can send all the documents."

Senator Hanson – who had a fractious relationship with another ex-Labor recruit at state level in NSW's Mark Latham [<https://www.afr.com/politics/latham-quits-one-nation-accuses-hanson-of-rorting-nsw-20230822-p5dyj0>] – said her party would rail against WA firearms reforms moving through parliament which aim to reduce the number of legal guns people can own.

She said West Australians shared many similarities with people from her home state of Queensland, and that her party was polling better at points in WA than anywhere else in the country in the mid-1990s.

“The issue with firearms ownership is very important to Queensland just as it is with Western Australians. You’re very proud over here, very parochial,” Senator Hanson said.

She said Mr Dawkins’ recruitment meant One Nation would be represented in every state parliament on mainland Australia.

A day after deputy WA Liberal leader Steve Thomas was forced to resign after revelations he had held discussions with disgraced former premier Brian Burke, Senator Hanson said her MPs should be free to talk to anyone they liked without fear of being fired.

“I think that’s ridiculous that you can’t speak to anyone, a former member of parliament, whatever. This is dictatorial, isn’t it? I don’t know the situation, I’m not a person of Western Australia. But I just think it sounds ridiculous,” she said.

Senator Hanson later accused journalists of not knowing what West Australians cared about when questioned if the electorate still cared about years-old vaccine mandates.

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Subject: Request for Official Information - Assurance Review of Travel and travel-related expenses (SEC=OFFICIAL)
Date: Thursday, 5 December 2014 10:28:29 AM
Attachments: Letter to Senator Hanson, Assurance Review, Request for Additional Information, Travel to Perth.pdf

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Dear Senator Hanson

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Australian Government
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4 December 2024

Senator Pauline Hanson
Senator for Queensland
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses

Thank you for your response of 25 November 2024 regarding the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth between 26 February and 2 March 2024.

Unfortunately, the supporting information provided with your response does not allow the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority to determine whether the travel falls within the meaning of party political duties as set out in Schedule 3 of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017:

"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 subcommittee);*
- b) a national, state or territory conference."*

In order to assess whether the travel meets the definition of a formal meeting as specified in Schedule 3(a), IPEA requests that you provide evidence regarding the party executive meeting referred to in your email. This may include items such as minutes from the executive meeting, agenda items or meeting attendance lists (redacted where required).

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **18 December 2024**.

Yours sincerely

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 5/12/2024 requesting further evidence regarding the dominant purpose of the Senator's travel.

While acknowledging that we have had difficulty obtaining formal records of the meeting with the One Nation WA executive, upon further review of our records, we wish to provide additional information regarding the activities undertaken during this trip to supplement the diary note provided by [REDACTED].

The Senator travelled to Perth and met with party-state executive members as part of her party political duties. Additionally, the trip coincided with the Senator being formally invited to the Hancock Companies Long Serving Staff and Executive Chairman's 70th Birthday Celebration, see the attached file for a copy of the invite. At this event, the Senator engaged with key stakeholders and industry representatives to discuss matters relevant to upcoming legislation and issues of importance to her electorate.

During the same trip, the Senator also took the opportunity to meet with members of the WA One Nation team, including new member Mr Ben Dawkins, to discuss policy priorities and legislative matters directly impacting her role as a parliamentarian and her constituents.

The activities undertaken during this trip align with the following provisions of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017:

Parliamentary Duties (Schedule 1):

- Section (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."

Electorate Duties (Schedule 2):

- Section (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)."

Party Political Duties (Schedule 3):

- Section (a): "A formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee)."

The Senator's attendance at these events was consistent with her obligations as both a member of Parliament and an elected representative. These activities were integral to progressing parliamentary business, engaging with stakeholders, and addressing matters of importance to her constituents.

We trust this additional information provides further clarity for your assessment. Please let us know if further details are required.

Kind regards

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Good afternoon

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2024, providing additional information and attachments regarding Senator Hanson's engagements on 29 February 2024, however your response did not appear to contain information or attachments relevant to Senator Hanson's parliamentary duties on 1 March 2024.

It would be appreciated if Senator Hanson could provide information and supporting evidence in relation to her parliamentary duties on 1 March 2024 to assurance@ipea.gov.au by cob 23 April 2025.

Sincerely

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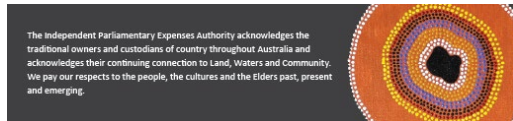
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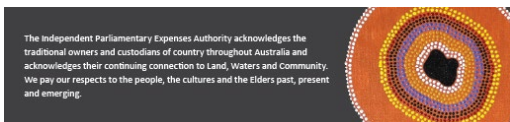
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Thank you for your email of 18 December 2024, providing additional information and attachments regarding Senator Hanson's engagements on 29 February 2024, however your response did not appear to contain information or attachments relevant to Senator Hanson's parliamentary duties on 1 March 2024. It would be appreciated if Senator Hanson could provide information and supporting evidence in relation to her parliamentary duties on 1 March 2024 to assurance@ipea.gov.au by cob 23 April 2025.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2024 10:27 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Hanson, Pauline (Senator) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Request for Additional Information - Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 5/12/2024 requesting further evidence regarding the dominant purpose of the Senator's travel.

While acknowledging that we have had difficulty obtaining formal records of the meeting with the One Nation WA executive, upon further review of our records, we wish to provide additional information regarding the activities undertaken during this trip to supplement the diary note provided by [REDACTED].

The Senator travelled to Perth and met with party-state executive members as part of her party political duties. Additionally, the trip coincided with the Senator being formally invited to the Hancock Companies Long Serving Staff and Executive Chairman's 70th Birthday Celebration, see the attached file for a copy of the invite. At this event, the Senator engaged with key stakeholders and industry representatives to discuss matters relevant to upcoming legislation and issues of importance to her electorate.

During the same trip, the Senator also took the opportunity to meet with members of the WA One Nation team, including new member Mr Ben Dawkins, to discuss policy priorities and legislative matters directly impacting her role as a parliamentarian and her constituents.

The activities undertaken during this trip align with the following provisions of the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017:

Parliamentary Duties (Schedule 1):

- **Section (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."

Electorate Duties (Schedule 2):

- **Section (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)."

Party Political Duties (Schedule 3):

- **Section (a):** "A formal meeting of the political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee)."

The Senator's attendance at these events was consistent with her obligations as both a member of Parliament and an elected representative. These activities were integral to progressing parliamentary business, engaging with stakeholders, and addressing matters of importance to her constituents.

We trust this additional information provides further clarity for your assessment. Please let us know if further details are required.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

Electorate Officer for Senator Pauline Hanson
[REDACTED]

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Phone (07) 3221 7644 | Fax [REDACTED]
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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2024 9:28 AM
To: Hanson, Pauline (Senator) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson) <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Request for Additional Information - Assurance Review of travel and travel-related expenses [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Senator Hanson
Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your consideration.
Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
To: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
Subject: Perth Travel (Feb / March 2024)
Date: Friday, 9 May 2025 1:44:43 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-cid_image0.gif](#)
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Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Chief Of Staff for Senator Pauline Hanson

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[REDACTED]



From: [Assurance](#)
To: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
Cc: [Assurance](#) [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
Subject: Request for Additional Information - Assurance Review - Senator Hanson - Travel to Perth 2024 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:37:52 AM
Attachments: [Perth Travel \(Feb March 2024\).msg](#)

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for email and attachment of 9 May 2025 regarding Senator Hanson's engagements on 1 and 2 March 2024.

While noting the information in the attached email, IPEA requests any further documentation that may be available as evidence of the stated meetings on 1 and 2 March 2024. IPEA publishes its Assurance Reviews on its website and generally speaking some additional documentation providing evidence of the use of parliamentary travel expenses by parliamentarians consistent with the Parliamentary Business Resources Framework is usually provided.

IPEA would appreciate a written response relating to any additional documentation via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au by close of business on Friday 6 June 2025.

Sincerely

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Good afternoon [REDACTED],

As requested for the assurance review, I provide the following information regarding Senator Hanson's official duties during travel to Perth on 1 and 2 March 2024.

On 1 March 2024, Senator Hanson attended a meeting with Hancock Agriculture CEO, [REDACTED] in Perth concerning the Labor Government's proposed Nature Positive legislation. This meeting was part of the Senator's ongoing work scrutinising legislation that impacts regional communities, landholders, and Australian industry.

On 2 March 2024, Senator Hanson met with Roy Hill CEO, [REDACTED] to further discuss the Nature Positive legislation and its potential consequences.

Please find attached an email from [REDACTED] regarding these meetings.

Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Office of Senator Pauline Hanson

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[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
To: Assurance
Cc: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson); Hanson, Pauline (Senator)
Subject: FW: Diary notes
Date: Friday, 6 June 2025 12:51:33 PM
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Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Please see below and attached, for additional materials provided by [REDACTED] related to Senator Hanson's travel between 1st and 2nd of March 2024.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Electorate Officer for Senator Pauline Hanson

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From: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
Sent: Thursday, 5 June 2025 3:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] (Sen P. Hanson)
Subject: Diary notes

Hi [REDACTED]
Please see the attached diary notes in reference to dates travelled.
Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
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