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Dear Ms Grant and Authority members,

As you would be aware, the issue of travel and related expenses has been the subject of media reporting.

This reporting, while stating there is no allegation of a breach of the rules, has included speculation regarding personal duties in the course of commonwealth travel, and the use of family reunion travel expenses.

I am conscious that the public's faith in our expenses system is paramount, and I have sought at all points to ensure this community expectation is maintained.

I understand that under the parliamentary business resources framework, all members and senators are rightly responsible for their own use of expenses, and must be willing to justify their use publicly.

While I have sought to respond to media enquiries related to the above, out of an abundance of caution and for the avoidance of doubt, I would request that the Authority conduct an audit of my use of travel and related expenses between now, and the 2022 election.

I am aware that such audits are intensive, and are often only initiated after preliminary assessment or assurance review, however I wish to provide my community and the general public absolute certainty over the use of these expenses.

I also understand that the Authority has the appropriate power to determine the parameters of an audit, and I will appropriately participate in any process IPEA deems necessary to provide public confidence.

I am of course prepared to accept any recommendations and rulings of the Authority, including the publication of an audit report should the Authority deem it appropriate.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Anika Wells

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