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[Attachment A Parliamentary Business Resources Determination 2017.pdf](#)

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Hon Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Dear Minister

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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4 February 2025

Hon Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
PO Box 214
Queanbeyan, NSW, 2620

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister

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.*

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Section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination – **Attachment A**) define the four streams of parliamentary business. These are parliamentary duties, electorate duties, party political duties and official duties.

The principles parliamentarians are to apply when utilising public resources are set out in part 3 - division 2 of the PBR Act.

Action Required

Attachment B details your Commonwealth-funded family reunion travel within the period that is relevant to this Assurance Review, and we have set out questions for your response. Where we have asked about the nature of your parliamentary business, please reference the definition of Parliamentary Business as outlined in the Determination and provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **28 February 2025**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal
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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 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. <p><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></p>

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): <ol style="list-style-type: none">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
Travel fares – Regional Express (Rex) Airlines - Self	Minister Kristy McBain	Merimbula	4 January 2023	7:00am	Sydney	4 January 2023	8:15am	\$468.16
Travel fares- Regional Express (Rex) Airlines - Spouse	[REDACTED]	Merimbula	4 January 2023	7:00am	Sydney	4 January 2023	8:15am	\$468.16
COMCAR	Minister Kristy McBain	Mascot	4 January 2023	8:28am	Moore Park		10:30am	\$252.98
Travel Allowance – Commercial (1 night)	Minister Kristy McBain	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED] Sydney	4 January 2023		\$464.00
COMCAR	Minister Kristy McBain	Sydney	5 January 2023	9:56am	Mascot		10:15am	\$68.50
Travel fares – Qantas Airways - Self	Minister Kristy McBain	Sydney	5 January 2023	12:20pm	Merimbula	5 January 2023	1:35pm	\$347.26
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1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney between 4-5 January 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Sydney between 4-5 January 2023?
3. Please advise whether your family members' travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
 - a. You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and
 - b. Your family members were travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - c. Your family members' travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent:

Thursday, 22 December 2022 10:44 AM

To:

McBain, Kristy (MP)

Subject:

Your Invitation to Day 1 New Year's Test on Wednesday, 4 January 2023



The Hon Kristy McBain MP and Guest

Venues NSW & SCG Chairman [REDACTED] AO and CEO [REDACTED]
with Cricket Australia Chair [REDACTED] and CEO [REDACTED]
are delighted to invite you to

Day 1 New Year's Test

Sydney Cricket Ground

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Sheridan Suite Opens 10.00am | First Ball 10.30am | Lunch 12.30pm sharp

RSVP: Friday 23 December 2022



**Places are by invitation only and are limited.
This invitation is strictly non-transferable.**

Guests must be 18 years of age, or over.

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Minister for Emergency Management
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Dear Minister

Thank you for the engagement from your office in relation IPEA's assurance review of your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

On 27 February 2025 your Chief of Staff, [REDACTED] provided details of your parliamentary business in Sydney between 4 and 5 January 2023. [REDACTED] advised that, in your role as Minister for Regional Development, you attended a lunch event and met with officials from Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW regarding the government's support for participation in sports in regional areas, and with Venues NSW to discuss stadium offerings in regional Australia.

On 3 March 2025, IPEA replied to this email requesting that you provide copies of documentation, such as diary entries, social media posts or invitations. [REDACTED] provided IPEA with the attachments to this email in support of your response.

Section 25 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* outlines the obligations of parliamentarians in relation to the use of public resources. In particular, that Members are *personally* responsible and accountable for their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business, and that Members must be prepared to justify publicly their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business.

Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you could *personally* respond by **3 October 2025**, to confirm the information previously provided by your office.

IPEA will then be able to finalise the Assurance Review process.

Sincerely

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From: [McBain, Kristy \(Private\)](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Subject: Fw: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 29 September 2025 4:40:10 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[4 January 2023_Redacted.pdf](#)
[Invitation New Years Day Test 2023_Redacted.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

My apologies in the delay in coming back to you on this one.

I confirm that I travelled on the invitation of Cricket Australia to an event in Sydney on 4 and 5 January 2023. I attended a formal lunch event hosted by Cricket Australia. I also took the opportunity to meet with officials from both Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW.

I was provided with Cricket NSW advocacy document which entailed details about sporting facilities and their level of need leading in to the NSW State election which they had prepared in advance.

I met with Venues NSW about a number of venues they own and their experience post-COVID of trying to get people out and about and spending money back in local communities.

I confirm the details and documents outlined by my Chief-of-Staff are correct.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Regards,
Kristy McBain

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 19 September 2025 1:40 PM
To: McBain, Kristy (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Minister.McBain.MO
[REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hon Kristy McBain MP
Minister for Emergency Management
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Dear Minister

Thank you for the engagement from your office in relation IPEA's assurance review of your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

On 27 February 2025 your Chief of Staff, [REDACTED] provided details of your parliamentary business in Sydney between 4 and 5 January 2023. [REDACTED] advised that, in your role as Minister for Regional Development, you attended a lunch event and met with officials from Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW regarding the government's support for participation in sports in regional areas, and with Venues NSW to discuss stadium offerings in regional Australia.

On 3 March 2025, IPEA replied to this email requesting that you provide copies of documentation, such as diary entries, social media posts or invitations. [REDACTED] provided IPEA with the attachments to this email in support of your response.

Section 25 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* outlines the obligations of parliamentarians in relation to the use of public resources. In particular, that Members are *personally* responsible and accountable for their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business, and that Members must be prepared to justify publicly their use of public resources for conducting their parliamentary business.

Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you could *personally* respond by **3 October 2025**, to confirm the information previously provided by your office.

IPEA will then be able to finalise the Assurance Review process.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Director, Assurance and Audit
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From: Minister.McBain.MO <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 March 2025 10:03 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RE: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Further to the request below. Please see attached the diary entry for 4 January (with personal

references redacted) and the invitation received from Venues NSW (I redacted the email address of the sender). You will note that the invitation includes reference to the lunch event.

Kind regards,

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Chief of Staff | Office of Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, 3 March 2025 11:26 AM

To: Minister.McBain.MO <█>

Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel
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Dear █

Thank you for your reply.

Could you please ask Minister McBain to provide IPEA with supporting information such as diary entries/notes (redacted where required), social media posts or invitations as evidence of her attendance at the lunch event in her capacity as a Member of Parliament undertaking parliamentary duties.

Kind regards

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Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding your correspondence of 4 February.

In response to the questions in Attachment B, Minister McBain travelled to Sydney on 4 and 5 January to attend an event in an official capacity.

She attended a lunch event hosted by Venues NSW and SCG Chairman [REDACTED] and Cricket Australia Chair [REDACTED]. While at this event she met with officials from Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW to discuss their policy proposals and the Government's support for participation in sports in regional areas. She also met with officials from Venues NSW and discussed their stadium offerings in regional Australia. These meetings related to her role as Minister for Regional Development.

Following this event she attended the cricket match.

[REDACTED] travelled with Kristy to accompany her on this trip and it was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life. They travelled together on this trip.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chief of Staff

Office of Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

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I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 3:52 PM

To: McBain, Kristy (MP) <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

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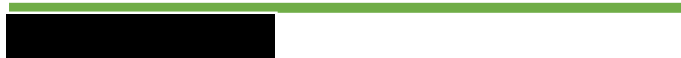
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Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Dear Minister

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely



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