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Mr Steve Georganas MP - family reunion travel

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023

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Mr Steve Georganas MP - family reunion travel

Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an assurance review of Mr Steve Georganas MP's use of work resources for family reunion purposes (family reunion travel resources) for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023 (the period in scope).

Scope

2. The scope of this assurance review is family reunion travel by Mr Georganas 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.

Reason for review

4. As part of IPEA's review of parliamentarians' use of family reunion travel resources, IPEA undertook a preliminary assessment into family reunion travel by Mr Georganas and his family members during the period 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. After excluding family travel to and from Canberra, the preliminary assessment found that family reunion travel resources had been used by Mr Georganas for travel to Queensland from 4 to 10 October 2022, and travel to Melbourne from 1 to 3 November 2022.
5. On 4 February 2025, IPEA commenced an assurance review of Mr Georganas' family reunion travel.

Outcome*

6. IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was not inconsistent with the legislative framework.

*Potential outcomes

There are three potential outcomes of an assurance review:

1. Consistent with the rules

IPEA finds that the use of the relevant travel resource complied with the law.

This means the available evidence, including information provided by the member, clearly shows that all obligations under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* were met.

2. Not inconsistent with the rules

IPEA finds that the use of the relevant travel resource was not shown to be against the law.

This means IPEA has accepted the member's explanation that they met their obligations under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*, and IPEA has not found any evidence to the contrary.

3. Not consistent with the rules

IPEA finds that the use of the relevant travel resource did not comply with the law.

This means there has been a misuse of a parliamentary work resource under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*. Where misuse is found, the value of the resource will be recovered, including any applicable penalty.

IPEA's statutory audit function

7. IPEA audits parliamentarians' use of 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 conducts assurance reviews to assess the use of resources against the legislative framework to determine if there has been misuse.

Legislative framework

8. Section 6 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act) provides the following meaning of **parliamentary business**:

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).

9. 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 (the Determination) determines the activities which fall within the four duty streams set out in section 6 of the PBR Act.

10. Section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 (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.

11. 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.

Review process

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

Queensland travel

13. Mr Georganas and his spouse flew from Adelaide to Brisbane on 4 October 2022 using parliamentary work resources for flights, ground transport and one night of travel allowance in Brisbane.
14. They then flew from Brisbane to Townsville on 5 October 2022, again using parliamentary work resources for flights, ground transport in and around Townsville, and one night of travel allowance in Townsville.
15. They travelled from Townsville to Cairns on 6 October 2022, using parliamentary work resources for flights, ground transport and two nights of travel allowance in Cairns.
16. They then flew from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022, using parliamentary work resources for flights and ground transport from the Adelaide airport.

Melbourne travel

17. Mr Georganas and his spouse flew from Adelaide to Melbourne on 1 November 2022, using parliamentary work resources for flights, ground transport and two nights of travel allowance in Melbourne.
18. They returned from Melbourne to Adelaide on 3 November 2022, using parliamentary work resources for flights and ground transport from the Adelaide airport.
19. IPEA corresponded with Mr Georganas on a number of occasions (**Attachments 1 to 10**). Mr Georganas was asked about the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business with reference to the Determination. Mr Georganas was also asked to advise whether his family member's travel met the three-part test in Section 6 of the PBR Regulations.
20. Mr Georganas advised that his travel to Queensland during the period 4 to 7 October 2022 was for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee business, and confirmed that his wife travelled to accompany him for the purpose of facilitating the family life of the Member.
21. Committee meeting papers were attached in support of this response.
22. Mr Georganas advised IPEA that he remained in Cairns from 7 to 10 October 2022 to meet with a group of local businesses, discuss business and tourism matters and facilitate connections with the Minister for Tourism.
23. Mr Georganas also advised that the travel to Melbourne in November 2022 was for a Defence sub-committee meeting at the HMAS Cerberus, and confirmed that his wife travelled to accompany him on his parliamentary business for the purpose of facilitating family life.
24. A meeting agenda was attached in support of this response.
25. Based on the information provided by Mr Georganas, IPEA notes that the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken by Mr Georganas to Queensland in October 2022 and Melbourne in November 2022 was parliamentary business, and that his spouse accompanied him for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Conclusion

26. Based on IPEA's records, publicly available information and the information provided by Mr Georganas, IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was not inconsistent with the legislative framework.

Mr Georganas' request to repay

27. During the course of the assurance review, on 8 October 2025, Mr Georganas wrote to IPEA requesting to repay expenses associated with his travel to Cairns from 7 to 10 October 2022 (**Attachment 11**).

28. IPEA notes Mr Georganas' advice that the dominant purpose of his travel to Queensland from 7 to 10 October 2022 was parliamentary business, and that his spouse accompanied him for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life. The travel is therefore assessed as being not inconsistent with the legislative framework, and the repayment is voluntary.

29. Section 39 of the PBR Act deals with voluntary repayments – when a parliamentarian seeks to repay a resource, and:

- a. the repayment does not relate to a contravention of section 26, 27 or 28 of the PBR Act;
- b. the provision of the public resource was not attributable to an administrative error within the Commonwealth; and
- c. the repayment is made more than 28 days from the date of the claim.

30. In accordance with Section 39 of the PBR Act, IPEA may apply a penalty loading of up to 25% of the resource amount following consultation with the parliamentarian.

31. IPEA engaged with Mr Georganas on several occasions to establish which expenses he wished to repay and consult him on the penalty loading (**Attachments 12 to 15**).

32. Following consultation with Mr Georganas, a penalty loading of 25% was applied to the repayment. The invoice for \$886.26 (comprising the repayment of \$709.01 plus a penalty loading of \$177.25) was sent to Mr Georganas on 10 December 2025 (**Attachment 16**). The invoice has been repaid in full.

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From: Assurance
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2025 11:03 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Attachment A - Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination.pdf; Letter - IPEA to Mr Steve Georganas MP - 5 February 2025.pdf; Attachment B - Mr Steve Georganas MP Travel Data.pdf

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Mr Steve Georganas MP
Member for Adelaide

Dear Mr Georganas

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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5 February 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP
Member for Adelaide
161 Main North Road
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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Georganas

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]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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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.

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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
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022	9:14 AM	Adelaide A/P	4/10/2022	9:34 AM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022	10:25 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:15 PM	\$323.76
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Adelaide	4/10/2022	10:25 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:15 PM	\$323.76
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022		Brisbane	4/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$431.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane A/P	4/10/2022	11:45 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:59 PM	\$162.77
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:45 AM	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:09 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:30 AM	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:30 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	5:00 PM	Brisbane A/P	5/10/2022	6:26 PM	\$179.06
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:55 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	9:55 PM	\$265.36
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse		Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:55 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	9:55 PM	\$265.36
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022		Townsville	5/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$317.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Garbutt	5/10/2022	9:45 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	10:30 PM	\$108.64

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	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	12:20 PM	Murray	6/10/2022	12:50 PM	\$108.64
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Murray	6/10/2022	4:15 PM	Garbutt	6/10/2022	5:00 PM	\$108.64
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	5:15 PM	Garbutt	6/10/2022	5:15 PM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	6:25 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	\$329.62
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Townsville	6/10/2022	6:25 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	\$329.62
Travel Allowance – 2 nights – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022		Cairns	6/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$674.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Aeroglen	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	8:30 PM	\$67.50
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Cairns	7/10/2022	8:15 AM	Portsmith	7/10/2022	8:35 AM	\$67.50
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Portsmith	7/10/2022	12:45 PM	Cairns	7/10/2022	1:15 PM	\$67.50
Airfare – Jetstar Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Cairns	10/10/2022	10:55 AM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	\$709.01
Airfare – Jetstar Spouse	[REDACTED]	Cairns	10/10/2022	10:55 AM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	\$709.01
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide A/P	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	3:44 PM	\$94.80

Attachment B

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

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns between 4 and 10 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns between 4 and 10 October 2022?
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.

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	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022	2:30 PM	Adelaide A/P	1/11/2022	2:53 PM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022	4:05 PM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$219.08
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Adelaide	1/11/2022	4:05 PM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$219.08
Travel Allowance – 2 nights – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022		Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$804.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Melbourne A/P	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	Southbank	1/11/2022	6:59 PM	\$131.70
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Southbank	2/11/2022	8:30 AM	Hmas Cerberus	2/11/2022	10:09 AM	\$484.37
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Hmas Cerberus	2/11/2022	3:30 PM	Southbank	2/11/2022	4:48 PM	\$453.77
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Southbank	3/11/2022	10:23 AM	Melbourne A/P	3/11/2022	11:08 AM	\$98.10
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Melbourne	3/11/2022	12:35 PM	Adelaide	3/11/2022	1:25 PM	\$219.08
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	3/11/2022	12:35 PM	Adelaide	3/11/2022	1:25 PM	\$219.08
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide A/P	3/11/2022	1:25 PM	Adelaide	3/11/2022	1:55 PM	\$77.40

Attachment B

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

4. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
5. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
6. 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] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Member for Adelaide I write to respond to the review of travel and travel related resources - Family Reunion Travel..

I can confirm that travel taken by Steve Georganas MP during the period of 4-7 October 2022 falls within the legislative framework as the purpose of this travel was for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee business.

His wife, [REDACTED], also took travel accompanying him and the purpose was for facilitating the family life of the Member.

Attached are the papers and agendas for the committee meetings for the travel during that time.

I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

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[REDACTED]
Parliament House, Canberra

[REDACTED]



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
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Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

Please get in touch if you require any additional information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely



Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

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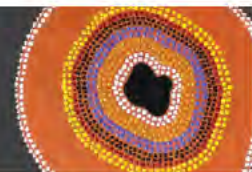
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The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and acknowledges their continuing connection to Land, Waters and Community. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures, and the elders past, present and emerging.



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FORTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT
DEFENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Site Inspection

Wednesday, 5 October 2022

08:30am, Brisbane Convention Centre

Thursday, 6 October 2022

1:05pm Lavarack Barracks, Townsville

Friday, 7 October 2022

08:40am, HMAS Cairns, Cairns

Present:

Mr Julian Hill MP (Chair)
Hon Andrew Wallace MP (Deputy Chair)

Mr Steve Georganas MP
Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP
Mr Graham Perrett MP

Senator the Hon David Fawcett (*ex officio*)
Senator Fatima Payman
Senator Hon Linda Reynolds CSC
Senator David Van

Apologies:

Hon Shayne Neumann MP (*ex officio*)
Mr Colin Boyce MP
Mr Peter Khalil MP
Mr Rob Mitchell MP
Mr Gavin Pearce MP
Ms Susan Templeman MP
Ms Kate Thwaites MP
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP
Mr Josh Wilson MP

Senator Raff Ciccone
Senator Ralph Babet
Senator Jim Molan AO DSC
Senator Nita Green
Senator Deborah O'Neill

The inspection commenced at 08.30am.

1. SITE INSPECTION

At 08:30am the Subcommittee commenced its inspection of Land Forces Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre in accordance with the inspection program. The Committee received multiple briefings from Industry and inspected the exhibition floor.

The following witnesses were in attendance:

- Mr Byron Kennedy, CEO SPEE3D
- Mr Ryan Stephenson, Managing Director of Bohemia Interactive Australia
- Ms Vanessa Konig, Director Corporate Affairs Kongsberd Defence Australia
- Mr Matt Jones, Acting Executive Vice President Defence Systems EOS Australia
- Mr Nigel Everingham, Corporate Affairs & Strategy Manager NIOA Australia
- Mr Richard Cho, Managing Director Hanwa Defence Australia
- Mr Andrew Gresham, Managing Director BAE Systems Australia
- Mr Gary Stewart, Managing Director Rheinmetall Australia
- Mr Travis Reddy, CEO DefendTex

At 2:00pm the Subcommittee received a private briefing from SAS Group relating to a Central Queensland Councils submission to the Defence Strategic Review.

The following witnesses were in attendance:

- Councillor Tony Williams, Mayor [Rockhampton Regional Council](#)
- Councillor Neil Fisher, Deputy Mayor, Rockhampton Regional Council
- Mr Greg Bowden, Executive Manager, Advance Rockhampton
- Mr James Baker, Senior Consultant and Defence Specialist, SAS Group
- Ms Shayne Sutton, Associate Director SAS Group.

2. SUSPENSION OF MEETING

At 10:00pm, proceedings were suspended to enable transportation to Townsville

3. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

On Thursday 6 October 2022 at 1:05pm proceedings recommenced with an inspection of Lavarack Barracks Townsville. The Subcommittee received a tour and briefings from 3rd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and 3rd Combat Support Service Battalion.

The following witnesses were in attendance:

- Lieutenant Colonel Tom Biedermann, Deputy Commander 3rd Brigade
- Ms Michelle Miller, Base Manager Lavarack Barracks

4. SUSPENSION OF MEETING

At 4:40pm, proceedings were suspended to enable transportation to Cairns

5. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

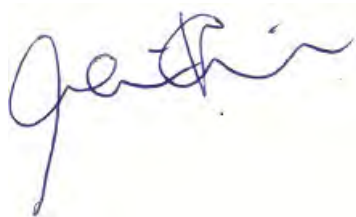
On Friday 7 October 2022 at 08:40am proceedings recommenced with an inspection of the Regional Maintenance Centre North East and HMAS Cairns. The Subcommittee received a tour and briefings from HMAS Cairns, The Australian Hydrographic Service and HMAS Shepparton.

The following witnesses were in attendance:

- Captain Adam Muckalt RAN Deputy Hydrographer Australia
- Commander Alfonso Santos RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Cairns
- Ms Megan Hayes, Base Manager HMAS Cairns
- Mr Stewart Barr, NORSTA Maritime
- Mr Mick Saunders, Director Regional Maintenance Centre North East
- Mr Andrew Hayes, Plan Galileo

During the inspection the Chair and Deputy Chair agreed to publish on the Committee website, the Minister of Defence's referral letter relating to the Inquiry into international armed conflict decision making.

At 12:45pm the Committee adjourned.



Julian Hill MP
Chair

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 September 2022 11:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] (S.
Georganas, MP)
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL] FW: OFFICIAL: FW: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast
Attachments: 5DD7873E-AA58-4CC7-87E5-B2F41E964F2F.jpeg

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentleman,

Please find attached invitations for your Committee Member to attend the Victorian State Government Industry Breakfast 0700-0830 Wed 5th Oct in Brisbane. Please note the location is different from the Land Forces Conference.

Warm regards,

[REDACTED]

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
PO Box 6021 | R1.120 Parliament House | Canberra ACT 2600
www.aph.gov.au

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 18 September 2022 1:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: OFFICIAL: FW: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast

Good morning [REDACTED],

Hoping this email finds you well,

I have also thought to add the breakfast details here for your reference (see attached).

Also, as mentioned by [REDACTED], would you happen to have the email addresses of the committee members so that we might send a reminder prior to the event?

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 12:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL: FW: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast

OFFICIAL

Good morning [REDACTED]

Hoping this email finds you well,

Confirming the guests below have been registered on our end.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or requests,

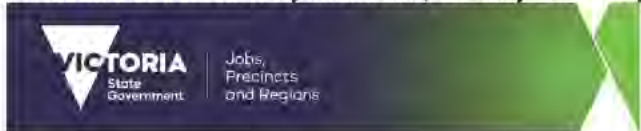
Kind regards,

[REDACTED] Defence Industry Support | Defence, Aviation, and Aerospace
Jobs, Innovation and Business Engagement Group
Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

[REDACTED]

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Please note: I work Monday afternoons, Tuesday and Friday



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 4:31 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL: FW: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast

OFFICIAL

Hi [REDACTED]

Would you like me to send invitations to the below guests so they have the event details and RSVP? Or would you like me to RSVP on their behalf?

Please share their contact emails, if you have them. We usually send a reminder closer to the event so attendees have the event details and know how to find the venue on the day.


Cheers,

[REDACTED]

Please note: I work part-time on Wednesdays & Thursdays



  NEWSLETTER

 We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria, their ongoing connection to this land and we pay our respects to their culture and their Elders past, present and future.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 9:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: OFFICIAL: FW: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast

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Hi [REDACTED]

Could we please add the following to the breakfast?

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 16 September 2022 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: JSCFADT - Invitations to Victorian Government Industry Breakfast

Good morning [REDACTED],

I'm hoping you can assist me with an enquiry from the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

A number of the committee members will be attending Land Forces on Wednesday 5 October and members from Victoria would like to attend the Victorian Government Industry Breakfast (0700 – 0830).

Please see the list of members from Victoria below:

- [REDACTED]

- Mr Steve Georganas MP VIC

- [Redacted]

Grateful if you could reach out to [Redacted] regarding invitations for this event.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]



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- **LAND FORCES 2022 Victorian Government Defence Industry Breakfast**



Wednesday, 5 October

7:00 AM → 8:30 AM (1h 30m)



7:00am registration for 7:10am start. >

Concludes 8:30am



The Frangipani Ballroom - Emporium
Hotel, 267 Grey Street, South Brisbane,
QLD 4101

[REDACTED]

From: Assurance
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 9:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP); Assurance
Subject: CM: RE: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Mr Steve Georganas MP - Second Correspondence.pdf; Mr Steve Georganas - First Correspondence.pdf

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas

Attached please find further correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

Nicole Pearson

Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603
E: assurance@ipea.gov.au
W: www.ipea.gov.au & www.ipea.gov.au/ed

From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Member for Adelaide I write to respond to the review of travel and travel related resources - Family Reunion Travel..

I can confirm that travel taken by Steve Georganas MP during the period of 4-7 October 2022 falls within the legislative framework as the purpose of this travel was for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee business.

His wife, [REDACTED] also took travel accompanying him and the purpose was for facilitating the family life of the Member.

Attached are the papers and agendas for the committee meetings for the travel during that time.

I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

161 Main North Road, Nailsworth, SA,
5083



Parliament House, Canberra



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

Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM

To: [Redacted] (S. Georganas, MP) [Redacted]

Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon [Redacted],

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

Please get in touch if you require any additional information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely



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One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

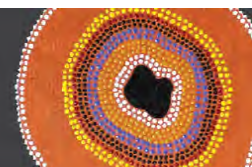
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Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

21 May 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP
Member for Adelaide
161 Main North Road
Nailsworth, SA, 5083

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Georganas

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

As advised in our correspondence, of 5 February 2025 (attached), IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

In our original correspondence, IPEA outlined six questions for your response.

Your staff member responded to IPEA on 19 February 2025, advising that between 4 and 7 October 2022 you were in Queensland for Parliamentary Committee business, and providing evidence in support of this.


However, the response does not account for the entire period which IPEA has asked about (4 to 10 October 2022), and does not address questions 4 to 6 in relation to travel for you and your spouse to Melbourne from 1 to 3 November 2022.

In order to progress this matter, please provide responses to the following questions. 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.

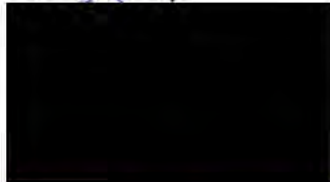
1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Cairns from 7 to 10 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Cairns between 7 and 10 October 2022?

3. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
4. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
5. 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.

Please provide a personal written response to IPEA's questions via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Wednesday 4 June 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
Chief of Transparency, Integrity and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603



Australian Government
Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority

5 February 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP
Member for Adelaide
161 Main North Road
Nailsworth, SA, 5083

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Georganas

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]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance & Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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 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
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022	9:14 AM	Adelaide A/P	4/10/2022	9:34 AM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022	10:25 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:15 PM	\$323.76
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Adelaide	4/10/2022	10:25 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:15 PM	\$323.76
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	4/10/2022		Brisbane	4/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$431.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane A/P	4/10/2022	11:45 AM	Brisbane	4/10/2022	12:59 PM	\$162.77
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:45 AM	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:09 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:30 AM	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	8:30 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	South Brisbane	5/10/2022	5:00 PM	Brisbane A/P	5/10/2022	6:26 PM	\$179.06
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:55 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	9:55 PM	\$265.36
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Brisbane	5/10/2022	7:55 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	9:55 PM	\$265.36
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Brisbane	5/10/2022		Townsville	5/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$317.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Garbutt	5/10/2022	9:45 PM	Townsville	5/10/2022	10:30 PM	\$108.64

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Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	12:20 PM	Murray	6/10/2022	12:50 PM	\$108.64
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Murray	6/10/2022	4:15 PM	Garbutt	6/10/2022	5:00 PM	\$108.64
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	5:15 PM	Garbutt	6/10/2022	5:15 PM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022	6:25 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	\$329.62
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Townsville	6/10/2022	6:25 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	\$329.62
Travel Allowance – 2 nights – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Townsville	6/10/2022		Cairns	6/10/2022	9:00 AM	\$674.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Aeroglen	6/10/2022	7:20 PM	Cairns	6/10/2022	8:30 PM	\$67.50
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Cairns	7/10/2022	8:15 AM	Portsmith	7/10/2022	8:35 AM	\$67.50
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Portsmith	7/10/2022	12:45 PM	Cairns	7/10/2022	1:15 PM	\$67.50
Airfare – Jetstar Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Cairns	10/10/2022	10:55 AM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	\$709.01
Airfare – Jetstar Spouse	[REDACTED]	Cairns	10/10/2022	10:55 AM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	\$709.01
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide A/P	10/10/2022	2:40 PM	Adelaide	10/10/2022	3:44 PM	\$94.80

Attachment B

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

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns between 4 and 10 October 2022?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns between 4 and 10 October 2022?
3. Please advise whether your spouse's travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
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Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022	2:30 PM	Adelaide A/P	1/11/2022	2:53 PM	\$61.20
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022	4:05 PM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$219.08
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Adelaide	1/11/2022	4:05 PM	Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$219.08
Travel Allowance – 2 nights – commercial	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Adelaide	1/11/2022		Melbourne	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	\$804.00
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Melbourne A/P	1/11/2022	5:50 PM	Southbank	1/11/2022	6:59 PM	\$131.70
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Southbank	2/11/2022	8:30 AM	Hmas Cerberus	2/11/2022	10:09 AM	\$484.37
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Hmas Cerberus	2/11/2022	3:30 PM	Southbank	2/11/2022	4:48 PM	\$453.77
COMCAR	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Southbank	3/11/2022	10:23 AM	Melbourne A/P	3/11/2022	11:08 AM	\$98.10
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Mr Steve Georganas MP	Melbourne	3/11/2022	12:35 PM	Adelaide	3/11/2022	1:25 PM	\$219.08
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Melbourne	3/11/2022	12:35 PM	Adelaide	3/11/2022	1:25 PM	\$219.08
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Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel

4. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
5. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Melbourne between 1 and 3 November 2022?
6. Please advise whether your spouse's travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:
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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:34 AM
To: Assurance
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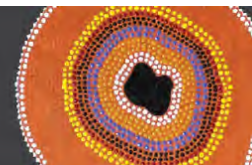
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Subject: FW: [SEC=OFFICIAL] Defence Sub-Committee - Inspection No 3 - Land Forces International Exhibition, Brisbane, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville & HMAS Cairns - Wed 5th Oct - Fri 7th October 2022

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Committee, JSCFADT (REPS)

Sent: Monday, 26 September 2022 10:12 AM

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Cc: [REDACTED]

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

**Inspection Program – Wednesday 5th October, Land Forces International Exhibition, Brisbane
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Warm regards,

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Subject: FW: [SEC=OFFICIAL] Defence Sub-Committee - Inspection No 6 - HMAS Cerberus VIC 2 Nov 22

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, 21 October 2022 2:10 PM

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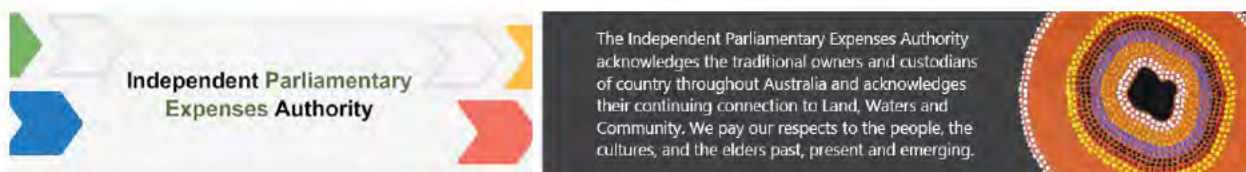
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Australian Government
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21 May 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP
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161 Main North Road
Nailsworth, SA, 5083

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Georganas

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

As advised in our correspondence, of 5 February 2025 (attached), IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

In our original correspondence, IPEA outlined six questions for your response.

Your staff member responded to IPEA on 19 February 2025, advising that between 4 and 7 October 2022 you were in Queensland for Parliamentary Committee business, and providing evidence in support of this.


However, the response does not account for the entire period which IPEA has asked about (4 to 10 October 2022), and does not address questions 4 to 6 in relation to travel for you and your spouse to Melbourne from 1 to 3 November 2022.

In order to progress this matter, please provide responses to the following questions. 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.

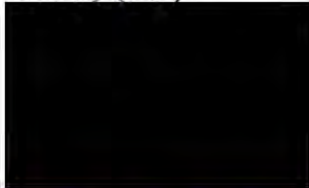
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 - a. You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and
 - b. Your family member was travelling to accompany or join you; and
 - c. Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Please provide a personal written response to IPEA's questions via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Wednesday 4 June 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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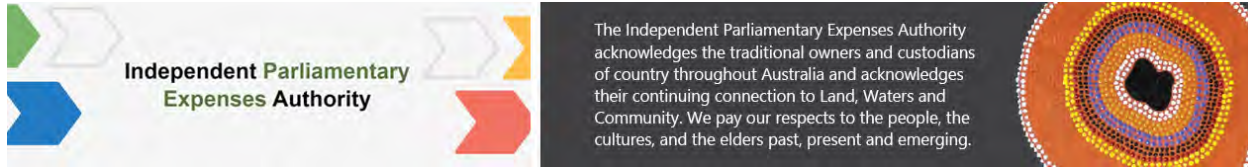
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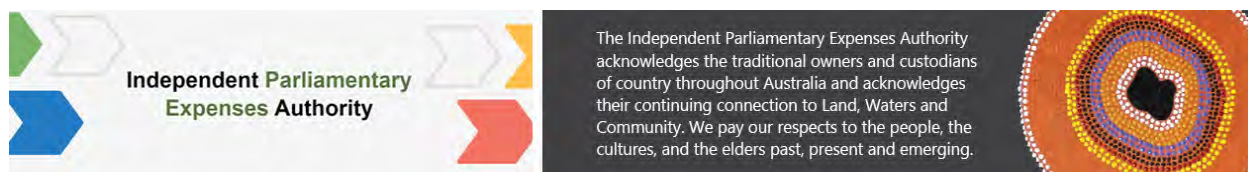
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Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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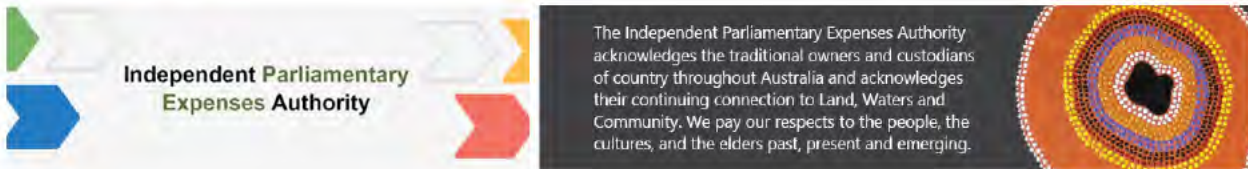
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21 May 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP
Member for Adelaide
161 Main North Road
Nailsworth, SA, 5083

Email: [REDACTED]

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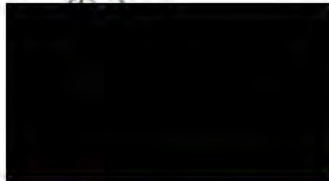
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Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact 

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP)
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Mr Steve Georganas MP - Second Correspondence.pdf

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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
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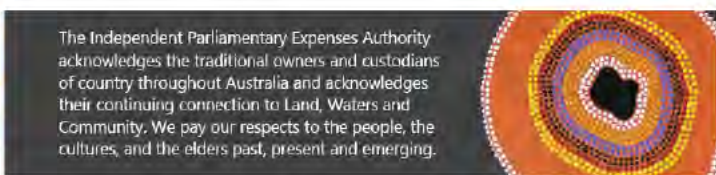
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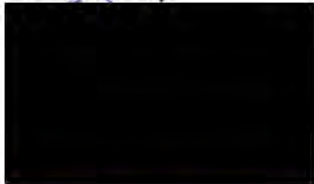
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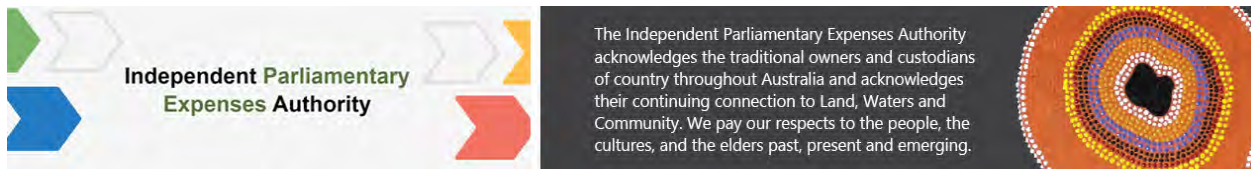
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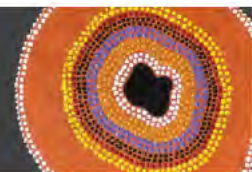
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Attachments: IPEA to Mr Georganas - Third Letter - September 2025.pdf

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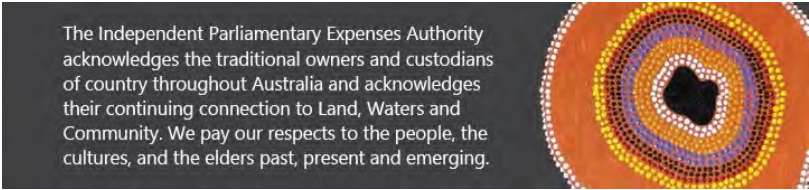
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Kind Regards,



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Parliament House, Canberra

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

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:01 AM

To: [Redacted] (S. Georganas, MP) [Redacted]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [Redacted]

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [Redacted]

This is a reminder that a response in relation to the below has not yet been received.

Please provide further details in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached by **Friday 1 August 2025**.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:24 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED]
I will do

Steve is away at the moment, but I will get onto it as soon as he returns on 1 June

Kind Regards,



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Sincerely



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Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

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Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely



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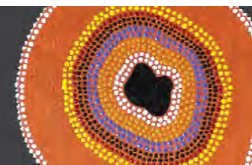
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Australian Government
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9 September 2025

Mr Steve Georganas MP

Member for Adelaide
161 Main North Road
Nailsworth, SA, 5083

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Georganas

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

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Please provide via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Friday 26 September 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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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 2:04 PM
To: Assurance; Georganas, Steve (MP)
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: IPEA to Mr Georganas - Third Letter - September 2025.pdf; ipea response assurance review.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Member for Adelaide for your consideration.

Please excuse the delay in responding and I sincerely appreciate your patience whilst we investigated this matter.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

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[REDACTED]
Parliament House, Canberra

[REDACTED]



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Sent: Tuesday, 9 September 2025 3:08 PM
To: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

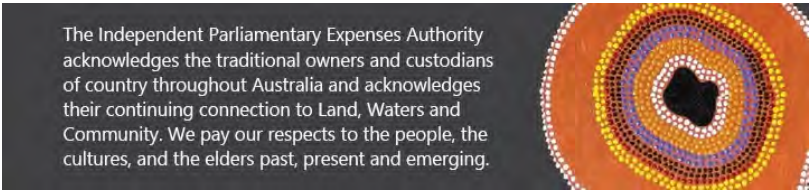
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Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2025 6:15 PM
To: ██████████ (S. Georganas, MP)'; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) ██████████
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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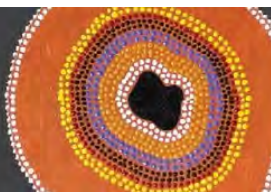
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Please provide these to Assurance@ipea.gov.au by **COB on Friday 22 August 2025**.

Sincerely

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Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 3:08 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: Engagement in the Cairnes Regions- October 2022

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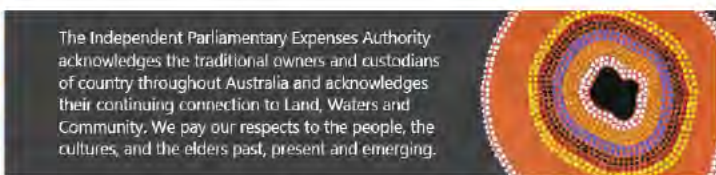
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Member for Adelaide
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Steve Georganas MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ADELAIDE

[REDACTED]
Director, Audit and Assurance
Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue,
FORREST ACT 2603

[Via email: assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au)

Dear Dr Winternitz

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 September 2025. I appreciate the additional time you have provided for me to respond.

As with the query or audit, I have undertaken a search of my diary and records to identify my activities and parliamentary business on the dates mentioned.

Due to my office having had significant staffing changes and the fact that this audit goes back a number of years, it is difficult to establish my actual movements across the days identified.

I do have clear recollections of my activities on those dates including meeting with several stakeholders including tourism operators that I referred to the relevant Minister, however, out of an abundance of caution, I would like to personally pay for any expenses incurred.

Could you please issue an invoice for repayment at your earlier convenience.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

8 October 2025

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Subject: CM: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: ipea response assurance review.pdf

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your correspondence, in which you have indicated that you wish to be invoiced for expenses incurred.

Are you able to please confirm which of the following you wish to repay?

- Your return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 November 2022
- Your spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022
- Your COMCAR from Adelaide Airport to Adelaide on 10 October 2022

Sincerely

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 2:04 PM
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Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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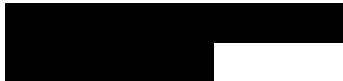
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Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email.

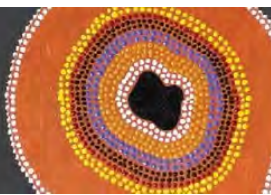
As requested in IPEA's earlier correspondence, could you please provide copies of documentation in support of your response, such as diary entries, invitations or media articles?

Please provide these to Assurance@ipea.gov.au by **COB on Friday 22 August 2025**.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 3:08 PM

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

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: Engagement in the Cairnes Regions- October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to you about the parliamentary engagements of the Member for Adelaide during the week of 3 October 2022, specifically on the 8th and 9th of October, in the Cairns region, Queensland.

Prior to travel, Steve was contacted by a businessperson known to him, as such was approached and asked to meet with a group of businesses.

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

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:01 AM

To: [Redacted] (S. Georganas, MP) [Redacted]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [Redacted]

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED],

This is a reminder that a response in relation to the below has not yet been received.

Please provide further details in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached by **Friday 1 August 2025**.

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:24 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED]
I will do

Steve is away at the moment, but I will get onto it as soon as he returns on 1 June

Kind Regards,



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Federal Member for Adelaide

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[REDACTED]



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 10:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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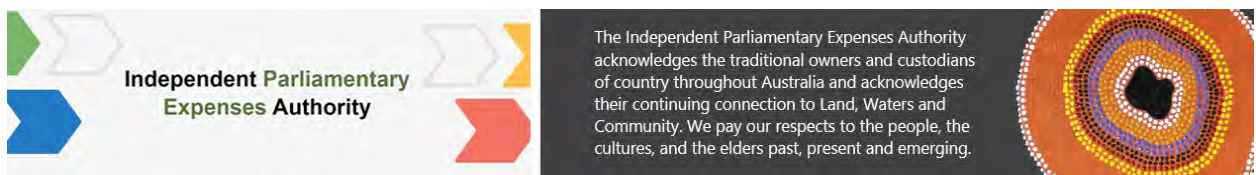
Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

On behalf of Mr Georganas, I thank you for your email.

In response to your questions, I provide the following:

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2. **Nature of Parliamentary Business in Cairns was for the Defence Sub-Committee - Inspection No 3 - Land Forces International Exhibition, Brisbane, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville & HMAS Cairns - Wed 5th Oct - Fri 7th October 2022 (attachment -email agenda)**
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Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

Please get in touch if you require any additional information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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Steve Georganas MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ADELAIDE

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[Via email: assurance@ipea.gov.au](mailto:assurance@ipea.gov.au)

Dear Dr Winternitz

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 September 2025. I appreciate the additional time you have provided for me to respond.

As with the query or audit, I have undertaken a search of my diary and records to identify my activities and parliamentary business on the dates mentioned.

Due to my office having had significant staffing changes and the fact that this audit goes back a number of years, it is difficult to establish my actual movements across the days identified.

I do have clear recollections of my activities on those dates including meeting with several stakeholders including tourism operators that I referred to the relevant Minister, however, out of an abundance of caution, I would like to personally pay for any expenses incurred.

Could you please issue an invoice for repayment at your earlier convenience.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

8 October 2025

From: Assurance
Sent: Friday, 24 October 2025 12:48 PM
To: Georganas, Steve (MP)
Cc: Assurance; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP); Parl Repayments
Subject: CM: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

I am writing in response to your letter of 8 October 2025. IPEA has taken this to mean that you wish to repay the following expenses:

- Your return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 November 2022
- Your spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022
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You have advised that you wish to repay these expenses notwithstanding that they were incurred for the dominant purpose of your parliamentary business. IPEA has taken this to indicate that the repayment is not associated with a contravention of your obligations under sections 26, 27 and 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2107* (the Act).

Section 39 of the Act deals with voluntary repayments i.e. a repayment not made as a result of a parliamentarian's contravention of their obligations under the Act. Section 39 provides that where a parliamentarian makes a repayment in relation to a claim for a public resource and that repayment is made more than 28 days after the day of the claim, a penalty loading of up to 25% may be applied.

As it is more than 28 days since the date of the claims you are seeking to repay, I am now seeking your comments in relation to the application of a penalty loading.

The expressed intent of the penalty loading provisions in relation to voluntary repayments is to ensure "*consistent treatment for all members when making repayments*".

To finalise this matter, please provide any comments you might wish to make to assist me in my consideration of the amount, up to 25%, that should be applied in this instance. You might wish to comment about the circumstances in which the claim was made and your reasons for repayment.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this request by **7 November 2025**. If I have not received your advice by that date, I may proceed to make a decision on the penalty loading in the absence of your input.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 2:24 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Georganas, Steve (MP)
[REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your correspondence, in which you have indicated that you wish to be invoiced for expenses incurred.

Are you able to please confirm which of the following you wish to repay?

- Your return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 November 2022
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Sincerely

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 2:04 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Member for Adelaide for your consideration.

Please excuse the delay in responding and I sincerely appreciate your patience whilst we investigated this matter.

Kind Regards,



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

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

Sent: Tuesday, 9 September 2025 3:08 PM

To: Georganas, Steve (MP) [redacted]

Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [redacted] (S. Georganas, MP) [redacted]

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

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Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2025 6:15 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email.

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Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 3:08 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: Engagement in the Cairnes Regions- October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:01 AM

To: [Redacted] (S. Georganas, MP) [Redacted] Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [Redacted]

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]


OFFICIAL




Good morning Mr Georganas and [Redacted]


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From:  (S. Georganas, MP) 
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To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc:  (MP) 
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) 
Subject: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

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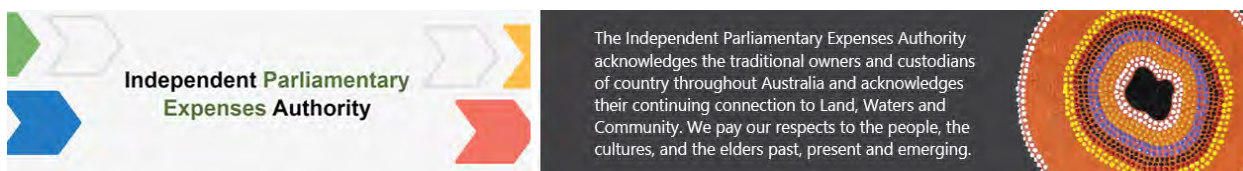
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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

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Subject: RE: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas

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Sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]



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

Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 October 2025 4:33 PM
To: Assurance; Georganas, Steve (MP)
Cc: Parl Repayments
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

Thank you for your email.

I wish to clarify the Member would like to repay the spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything further you require.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

161 Main North Road, Nailsworth, SA,
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 24 October 2025 12:18 PM
To: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Parl Repayments <ParlRepayments@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Yours sincerely

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Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 2:24 PM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Georganas, Steve (MP)

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

Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Georganas,

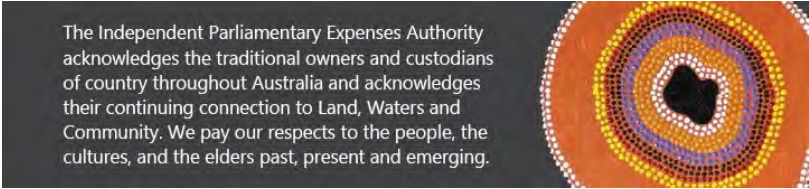
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To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Member for Adelaide for your consideration.

Please excuse the delay in responding and I sincerely appreciate your patience whilst we investigated this matter.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



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Federal Member for Adelaide

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Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED],

As a result of these meetings, the individuals and groups were provided with the opportunity to meet with the Minister personally, enabling them to address the critical matters they had raised on essential issues in the tourism sector.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [Redacted]

This is a reminder that a response in relation to the below has not yet been received.

Please provide further details in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached by **Friday 1 August 2025**.

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Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED]
I will do

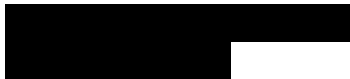
Steve is away at the moment, but I will get onto it as soon as he returns on 1 June

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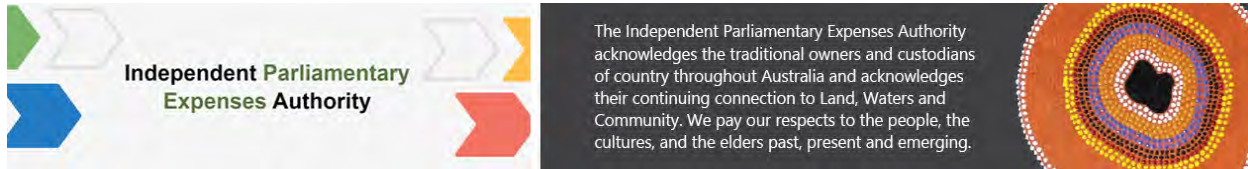
Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier.

As discussed, in addition to the below, please provide further information in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached letter by **Wednesday 4 June**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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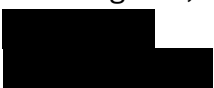
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I trust the above responses are satisfactory, should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Subject: RE: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Georganas

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Nicole Pearson

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To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Member for Adelaide I write to respond to the review of travel and travel related resources - Family Reunion Travel..

I can confirm that travel taken by Steve Georganas MP during the period of 4-7 October 2022 falls within the legislative framework as the purpose of this travel was for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee business.

His wife, [REDACTED], also took travel accompanying him and the purpose was for facilitating the family life of the Member.

Attached are the papers and agendas for the committee meetings for the travel during that time.

I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



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Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

Please get in touch if you require any additional information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely

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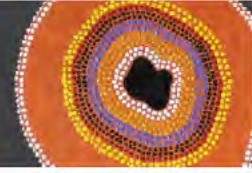
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From: Assurance
Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 10:46 AM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP); Assurance; Georganas, Steve (MP)
Cc: Parl Repayments
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your staff member's email clarifying that you wish to repay your spouse's airfare from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022.

I refer to the below correspondence in relation to the penalty loading.

To finalise this matter, please provide any comments you might wish to make to assist me in my consideration of the amount, up to 25%, that should be applied in this instance. You might wish to comment about the circumstances in which the claim was made and your reasons for repayment.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this request by **7 November 2025**. If I have not received your advice by that date, I may proceed to make a decision on the penalty loading in the absence of your input.

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Wednesday, 29 October 2025 4:33 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Parl Repayments <ParlRepayments@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

Thank you for your email.

I wish to clarify the Member would like to repay the spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything further you require.

Kind Regards,



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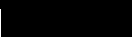

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 24 October 2025 12:18 PM

To: Georganas, Steve (MP) 

Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>;  (S. Georganas, MP) ; Parl
Repayments <ParlRepayments@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

I am writing in response to your letter of 8 October 2025. IPEA has taken this to mean that you wish to repay the following expenses:

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You have advised that you wish to repay these expenses notwithstanding that they were incurred for the dominant purpose of your parliamentary business. IPEA has taken this to indicate that the repayment is not associated with a contravention of your obligations under sections 26, 27 and 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2107* (the Act).

Section 39 of the Act deals with voluntary repayments i.e. a repayment not made as a result of a parliamentarian's contravention of their obligations under the Act. Section 39 provides that where a parliamentarian makes a repayment in relation to a claim for a public resource and that repayment is made more than 28 days after the day of the claim, a penalty loading of up to 25% may be applied.

As it is more than 28 days since the date of the claims you are seeking to repay, I am now seeking your comments in relation to the application of a penalty loading.

The expressed intent of the penalty loading provisions in relation to voluntary repayments is to ensure “consistent treatment for all members when making repayments”.

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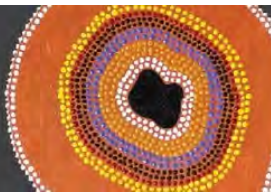
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Good morning Mr Georganas and ██████████

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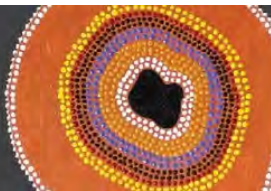
As requested in IPEA's earlier correspondence, could you please provide copies of documentation in support of your response, such as diary entries, invitations or media articles?

Please provide these to Assurance@ipea.gov.au by **COB on Friday 22 August 2025**.

Sincerely

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Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: Engagement in the Cairnes Regions- October 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to you about the parliamentary engagements of the Member for Adelaide during the week of 3 October 2022, specifically on the 8th and 9th of October, in the Cairns region, Queensland.

Prior to travel, Steve was contacted by a businessperson known to him, as such was approached and asked to meet with a group of businesses.

The purpose of travel for that week was that the Member was involved in significant parliamentary committee meetings, in Cairns, with local businesses in the region aware of his presence in the area. Steve agreed to meet after his Committee commitments.

Steve met with individuals and groups relating to various business and tourism matters, seeking the Member's support in advocating for their issues with the tourism minister.

Recognising the importance of these discussions, the Member took the initiative to meet with both the individuals and groups on those two dates, and through these meetings, he successfully facilitated connections with the Minister.

As a result of these meetings, the individuals and groups were provided with the opportunity to meet with the Minister personally, enabling them to address the critical matters they had raised on essential issues in the tourism sector.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



Steve Georganas MP
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Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED]

This is a reminder that a response in relation to the below has not yet been received.

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Kind Regards,



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Subject: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [Redacted]

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier.

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[Redacted signature line]

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Kind Regards,

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Attached are the papers and agendas for the committee meetings for the travel during that time.

I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Federal Member for Adelaide

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, Attachments A and B for your attention – the questions are detailed below the travel data in Attachment B, and Attachment A details the four streams of parliamentary business which will help to answer the second question in each set of questions.

If you are able to please attach any evidence to support the response that would also be very helpful in our assessment.

Please get in touch if you require any additional information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely

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From: Assurance
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 1:34 PM
To: Assurance; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP); Georganas, Steve (MP)
Cc: Parl Repayments
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: PEMS_claim_xx0020328230.pdf

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your staff member's email of 29 October 2025, in which you clarified that you wish to repay your spouse's airfare from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022. As you are aware, IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

Section 39 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the Act) provides that where a repayment is made to the Commonwealth in relation to a claim for a public resource under the Act, and that claim was not subject to s38 of the Act (i.e. was not made in contravention of s26, 27 or 28), the resource provider may determine that an amount up to 25% be applied to the repayment as a penalty loading.

IPEA contacted you on 24 October 2025 to consult with you in relation to the penalty loading that should apply to your repayment.

Your staff member confirmed in a phone call on 3 December 2025 that you had no further comments in relation to the penalty loading.

In the absence of any additional information, the delegate has applied a 25% penalty loading to the repayment.

An invoice for the amount of \$886.26 is attached, for the recovery of the airfare and the 25% penalty loading.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 10:46 AM
To: ██████████ (S. Georganas, MP)'; ██████████; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Georganas, Steve (MP) ██████████
Cc: Parl Repayments <ParlRepayments@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your staff member's email clarifying that you wish to repay your spouse's airfare from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022.

I refer to the below correspondence in relation to the penalty loading.

To finalise this matter, please provide any comments you might wish to make to assist me in my consideration of the amount, up to 25%, that should be applied in this instance. You might wish to comment about the circumstances in which the claim was made and your reasons for repayment.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this request by **7 November 2025**. If I have not received your advice by that date, I may proceed to make a decision on the penalty loading in the absence of your input.

Yours sincerely

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From: ██████████ (S. Georganas, MP)
Sent: Wednesday, 29 October 2025 4:33 PM
To: Assurance ; Georganas, Steve (MP)

Cc: Parl Repayments

Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

Thank you for your email.

I wish to clarify the Member would like to repay the spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything further you require.

Kind Regards,



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

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

Sent: Friday, 24 October 2025 12:18 PM

To: Georganas, Steve (MP) 

Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>;  (S. Georganas, MP)

; Parl Repayments <ParlRepayments@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

I am writing in response to your letter of 8 October 2025. IPEA has taken this to mean that you wish to repay the following expenses:

- Your return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 November 2022
- Your spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022
- Your COMCAR from Adelaide Airport to Adelaide on 10 October 2022

You have advised that you wish to repay these expenses notwithstanding that they were incurred for the dominant purpose of your parliamentary business. IPEA has taken this to indicate that the repayment is not associated with a contravention of your obligations under sections 26, 27 and 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2107* (the Act).

Section 39 of the Act deals with voluntary repayments i.e. a repayment not made as a result of a parliamentarian's contravention of their obligations under the Act. Section 39 provides that where a parliamentarian makes a repayment in relation to a claim for a public resource and that repayment is made more than 28 days after the day of the claim, a penalty loading of up to 25% may be applied.

As it is more than 28 days since the date of the claims you are seeking to repay, I am now seeking your comments in relation to the application of a penalty loading.

The expressed intent of the penalty loading provisions in relation to voluntary repayments is to ensure "*consistent treatment for all members when making repayments*".

To finalise this matter, please provide any comments you might wish to make to assist me in my consideration of the amount, up to 25%, that should be applied in this instance. You might wish to comment about the circumstances in which the claim was made and your reasons for repayment.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this request by **7 November 2025**. If I have not received your advice by that date, I may proceed to make a decision on the penalty loading in the absence of your input.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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

Sent: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 2:24 PM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED] Georganas, Steve (MP)

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

Subject: RE: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas,

Thank you for your correspondence, in which you have indicated that you wish to be invoiced for expenses incurred.

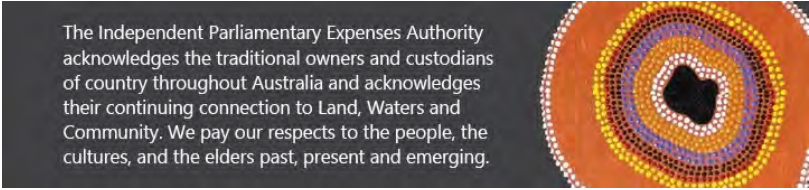
Are you able to please confirm which of the following you wish to repay?

- Your return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 November 2022
- Your spouse's return flight from Cairns to Adelaide on 10 October 2022

- Your COMCAR from Adelaide Airport to Adelaide on 10 October 2022

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 2:04 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; Georganas, Steve (MP)
[REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached correspondence from the Member for Adelaide for your consideration.

Please excuse the delay in responding and I sincerely appreciate your patience whilst we investigated this matter.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

 **Steve Georganas MP**
Federal Member for Adelaide

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 September 2025 3:08 PM
To: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>; [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP)
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

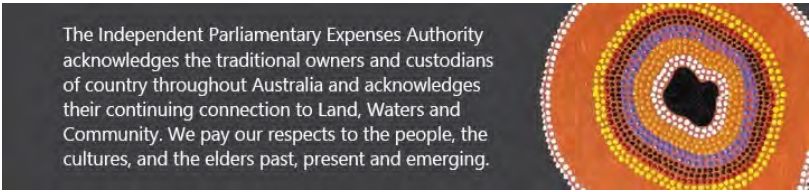
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Dear Mr Georganas,

Please find attached further correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA).

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 7 August 2025 6:15 PM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP)' [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

As requested in IPEA's earlier correspondence, could you please provide copies of documentation in support of your response, such as diary entries, invitations or media articles?

Please provide these to Assurance@ipea.gov.au by **COB on Friday 22 August 2025**.

Sincerely

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From: ██████████ (S. Georganas, MP) ██████████ >
Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 3:08 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) ██████████
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Subject: Engagement in the Cairnes Regions- October 2022

Dear ██████████

I am writing to respond to you about the parliamentary engagements of the Member for Adelaide during the week of 3 October 2022, specifically on the 8th and 9th of October, in the Cairns region, Queensland.

Prior to travel, Steve was contacted by a businessperson known to him, as such was approached and asked to meet with a group of businesses.

The purpose of travel for that week was that the Member was involved in significant parliamentary committee meetings, in Cairns, with local businesses in the region aware of his presence in the area. Steve agreed to meet after his Committee commitments.

Steve met with individuals and groups relating to various business and tourism matters, seeking the Member's support in advocating for their issues with the tourism minister.

Recognising the importance of these discussions, the Member took the initiative to meet with both the individuals and groups on those two dates, and through these meetings, he successfully facilitated connections with the Minister.

As a result of these meetings, the individuals and groups were provided with the opportunity to meet with the Minister personally, enabling them to address the critical matters they had raised on essential issues in the tourism sector.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,



Steve Georganas MP
Federal Member for Adelaide

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

Sent: Wednesday, 16 July 2025 11:01 AM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good morning Mr Georganas and [REDACTED],

This is a reminder that a response in relation to the below has not yet been received.

Please provide further details in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached by **Friday 1 August 2025**.

Sincerely



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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 11:24 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED]
I will do

Steve is away at the moment, but I will get onto it as soon as he returns on 1 June

Kind Regards,



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Federal Member for Adelaide

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2025 10:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier.

As discussed, in addition to the below, please provide further information in relation to questions 1 and 2 in the attached letter by **Wednesday 4 June**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

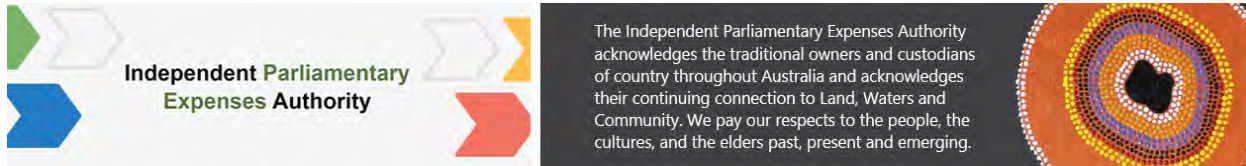
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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 10:34 AM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Nicole

On behalf of Mr Georganas, I thank you for your email.

In response to your questions, I provide the following:

1. To travel for Parliamentary business, in particular being for the Defence Sub-Committee.
2. **Nature of Parliamentary Business in Cairns was for the Defence Sub-Committee - Inspection No 3 - Land Forces International Exhibition, Brisbane, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville & HMAS Cairns - Wed 5th Oct - Fri 7th October 2022 (*attachment -email agenda*)**
3. To travel for Parliamentary business, in particular being for the Defence Subcommittee Meeting
4. Defence Subcommittee Meeting in Melbourne - Inspection Program – HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, VIC (*attachment -email agenda*)
5. a) travelling for the purpose of the Defence Sub-Committee; and
b) Mr Georganas' wife, [REDACTED], was travelling to accompanying the Member for his parliamentary business;
c) Mr Georganas' wife, [REDACTED], was travelling with the Member for the purpose of facilitating family life

I trust the above responses are satisfactory, should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]



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

Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2025 9:18 AM

To: Georganas, Steve (MP) [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance

<Assurance@ipea.gov.au>

Subject: RE: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Georganas

Attached please find further correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 4:23 PM

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

Subject: HPE CM: RESPONSE: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Member for Adelaide I write to respond to the review of travel and travel related resources - Family Reunion Travel..

I can confirm that travel taken by Steve Georganas MP during the period of 4-7 October 2022 falls within the legislative framework as the purpose of this travel was for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee business.

His wife, [REDACTED], also took travel accompanying him and the purpose was for facilitating the family life of the Member.

Attached are the papers and agendas for the committee meetings for the travel during that time.

I trust this satisfies the travel and should you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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

Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2025 12:22 PM

To: [REDACTED] (S. Georganas, MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: Assurance Review - Family travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time on the phone.

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Many thanks in advance.

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Invoice Date: 10.12.2025
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Invoice Reference: [REDACTED]
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Email: finance@ipea.gov.au

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Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

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001 *25 percent penalty loading 10 Oct 22	\$177.25		\$177.25
002 *Recovery of Airfare 10 Oct 22	\$644.55	\$64.46	\$709.01

Total: \$821.80 \$64.46 \$886.26

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