



Australian Government
**Independent Parliamentary
Expenses Authority**

Assurance Review 2025/004

Mr Tony Pasin MP - family reunion travel

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023

Independent Parliamentary
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Mr Tony Pasin MP - family reunion travel

Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an assurance review of Mr Tony Pasin 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 Pasin 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 Tony Pasin 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 for travel to Melbourne from 13 to 14 July 2022.
5. On 4 February 2025, IPEA commenced an assurance review of Mr Pasin's family reunion travel.

Outcome*

6. IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was consistent with the legislative framework.

*Potential outcomes

There are three potential outcomes of an assurance review:

1. Consistent with the framework (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 framework (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 framework (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 Pasin and his spouse undertook one trip using work resources for which IPEA required additional information to assess whether their use of family reunion travel was consistent with the legislative framework.
13. Mr Pasin and his spouse flew from Mount Gambier to Melbourne on 13 July 2022. Parliamentary work resources were used for flights, ground transport and one night of travel allowance in Melbourne.
14. Mr Pasin and his spouse then returned from Melbourne to Mount Gambier on 14 July 2022. Parliamentary work resources were used for flights and ground transport.
15. IPEA corresponded with Mr Pasin on a number of occasions (**Attachments 1 to 6**). Mr Pasin was asked about the dominant purpose of his travel and the nature of his parliamentary business, with reference to the Determination. Mr Pasin was also asked to advise whether his spouse's travel met the three-part test in Section 6 of the PBR Regulations.
16. Mr Pasin advised that the travel was for the dominant purpose of conducting his parliamentary business (electorate and official duties), and that he travelled to Melbourne in his capacity as Assistant Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to participate in meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Office. He further advised that his wife travelled with him to facilitate their family life.
17. Mr Pasin provided details of the meetings, diary entries and file notes in support of his response.
18. Based on the information provided by Mr Pasin, IPEA notes that the dominant purpose of the travel undertaken by Mr Pasin to Melbourne in July 2022 was parliamentary business, and that his spouse accompanied him for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Conclusion

19. Based on IPEA's records, publicly available information and the information provided by Mr Pasin, IPEA found that the use of family reunion travel resources was consistent with the legislative framework.

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From: Assurance
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To: [REDACTED]
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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 Tony Pasin MP - 5 February 2025.pdf; Attachment B - Mr Tony Pasin MP Travel Data.pdf

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Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Barker

Dear Mr Pasin

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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5 February 2025

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Pasin

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

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to undertake assurance activities in relation to the work expenses of members of parliament.

Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews.

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Legislative framework

The use of travel expenses for family reunion must meet the three-part test below, set out in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

A family member of a member travels for family reunion purposes if:

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

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

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

Action Required

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

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

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<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
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COMCAR	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Melbourne	14/07/2022	09:13 AM	East Melbourne	14/07/2022	09:32 AM	\$61.20
COMCAR	Mr Tony Pasin MP	East Melbourne	14/07/2022	12:50 PM	Melbourne A/P	14/07/2022	01:33 PM	\$89.41
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Melbourne	14/07/2022	03:20 PM	Mount Gambier	14/07/2022	04:00 PM	\$404.80
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Please advise whether your spouse's travel expenses meet the three-part test in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

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

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Sincerely

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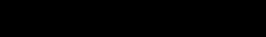
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On 5 February 2025, IPEA wrote to you about an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

A response was requested from you by 28 February 2025. There was a provision in the letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension has not been requested and your response to this matter is now overdue.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Monday 28 April 2025**. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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

Yours sincerely

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Dated 14 December 2017

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] (T. Pasin, MP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 10:45 AM
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Subject: CM: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Nicole

Thank you for your email.

I am responding on behalf of Tony and his [REDACTED].

I have looked into the first email but have been unable to find that this was received. I then forwarded on the second email to [REDACTED] but due to the election process she has been moved to the central campaign team with Mr Dutton and is unable to process this request.

We are asking that an extension be approved until [REDACTED] returns back into the electorate office and is able to process this.
1)

Waiting for your response.

Thanking you

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Mt Gambier, SA, 5290

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Pasin

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

On 5 February 2025, IPEA wrote to you about 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.

A response was requested from you by 28 February 2025. There was a provision in the letter for you to request an extension if you required more time to prepare a written response. An extension has not been requested and your response to this matter is now overdue.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **Monday 28 April 2025**. If a response is not received by this date, IPEA may consider other options for progressing this matter.

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

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

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to undertake assurance activities in relation to the work expenses of members of parliament.

Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews.

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Legislative framework

The use of travel expenses for family reunion must meet the three-part test below, set out in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

A family member of a member travels for family reunion purposes if:

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

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

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

Action Required

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

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

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Yours sincerely

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<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))

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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
Airfare – Regional Express Spouse	[REDACTED]	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022	09:50 AM	Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$404.80
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022	09:50 AM	Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$404.80
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Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022		Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$392.00
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3 July 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

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In particular I note IPEA seeks response to the following:

- a. *You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and*
My dominant purpose in travelling to Melbourne between the dates of 13 and 14 July 2022 was to discharge official duties in my capacity as the Assistant Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport as per schedule 4 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.
- b. *Your family member was travelling to accompany or join you; and*
My wife [REDACTED] accompanied me during this travel.
- c. *Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.*
I note this travel took place following the 2022 Federal Election after which I was appointed by the then Leader of the Opposition Hon. Peter Dutton to his Shadow Executive.

In addition you would be aware that I service a large electorate spanning some 64,000 km².

These factors combined in mid July 2022 to result in real familial pressures and in order to ameliorate the same my wife accompanied me to Melbourne regarding the travel in question.

Your sincerely

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Thank you for providing the attached response.

I note that the response addresses question 3 of IPEA's original correspondence (confirmation that the travel meets the three-part test in relation to family travel), however it has not answered questions 1 and 2 (the dominant purpose of the travel and the nature of any parliamentary business, with evidence such as diary entries, invitations, or media articles, in support of the response).

In order to progress this matter, please provide a response to questions 1 and 2 on page 10 of IPEA's original correspondence (attached for ease of reference) to assurance@ipea.gov.au by COB on Friday 25 July 2025.

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Subject: RE: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Please see attached correspondence from Mr Tony Pasin MP.

Kind regards

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3 July 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 5 February 2025 received by my office on 11 April 2025.

I note IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources relating to my family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

In particular I note IPEA seeks response to the following:

- a. *You were travelling for the dominant purpose of conducting your parliamentary business; and*
My dominant purpose in travelling to Melbourne between the dates of 13 and 14 July 2022 was to discharge official duties in my capacity as the Assistant Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport as per schedule 4 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017*.
- b. *Your family member was travelling to accompany or join you; and*
My wife [REDACTED] accompanied me during this travel.
- c. *Your family member's travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.*
I note this travel took place following the 2022 Federal Election after which I was appointed by the then Leader of the Opposition Hon. Peter Dutton to his Shadow Executive.

In addition you would be aware that I service a large electorate spanning some 64,000 km².

These factors combined in mid July 2022 to result in real familial pressures and in order to ameliorate the same my wife accompanied me to Melbourne regarding the travel in question.

Your sincerely

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5 February 2025

Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Barker
27 Commercial Street
Mt Gambier, SA, 5290

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Pasin

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

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has responsibility under the *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Act 2017* to undertake assurance activities in relation to the work expenses of members of parliament.

Please note that IPEA publishes completed assurance reviews on the website at www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews.

IPEA is undertaking an Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources accessed in relation to your family reunion travel between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023.

Legislative framework

The use of travel expenses for family reunion must meet the three-part test below, set out in section 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017:

A family member of a member travels for family reunion purposes if:

- (a) the member is travelling within Australia for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business; and*
- (b) the family member travels to accompany or join the member; and*
- (c) the travel by the family member is for the dominant purpose of facilitating the family life of the member's family.*

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

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

Action Required

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

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

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Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017

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

Dated 14 December 2017

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

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

2 Commencement

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

3 Authority

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

4 Interpretation

(1) In this instrument:

Act means the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

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

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

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

5 Parliamentary business of members

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

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

(Act s 6(4)(a))

Column 1 Member (or class)	Column 2 Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	<p>In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Preparing for, participating in and attending to business arising from proceedings of the Parliament, whether by committee of the whole or otherwise;b) Developing, reviewing or amending legislation or proposed legislation, and activities engaged in for that purpose;c) Undertaking research, communication (including with stakeholders) or administration connected with the business of the Parliament, the member's policy portfolio, or their role as a member;d) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to matters arising from an official government, parliamentary or vice regal meeting, event or function;e) Preparing for, participating in and attending to matters arising from a meeting (including with stakeholders), event or function for the purposes of their role as a member, including in relation to the member's policy portfolio;f) Preparing for, participating in, or attending to business arising from a non-Parliamentary committee, taskforce or other formal group in which the member participates;g) Representing the Parliament, in accordance with an approval of the Parliament or a House of the Parliament, and engaging in associated activities for that purpose;h) Representing a Minister or office holder in their official capacity, at the request of that Minister or office holder, at a meeting, event or function;i) Representing the Government or Australia, with the approval of the Prime Minister. <p><i>Note: For Ministers representing the Government or Australia in their capacity as a Minister, this would be part of the member's official duties (see Schedule 4).</i></p>

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

(Act s 6(4)(b))

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

Schedule 3—Party political duties

(Act s 6(4)(c))

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

Schedule 4—Official duties

(Act s 6(4)(d))

Column 1	Column 2
Member (or class)	Official duties
All office holders and Ministers of State	In the member's official capacity (being their capacity as a Minister or office holder, as the case may be): <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Exercising the powers or functions, or performing the duties, of the member's office, or activities engaged in for the purposes of doing so;b) Attending an event to which the member has been invited in their official capacity;c) Other activities directly related to, and engaged in for the purposes of, performing the member's official role.

Attachment B

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

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Airfare – Regional Express Spouse	[REDACTED]	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022	09:50 AM	Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$404.80
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022	09:50 AM	Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$404.80
COMCAR	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Melbourne A/P	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	Melbourne	13/07/2022	12:23 PM	\$177.66
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Mount Gambier	13/07/2022		Melbourne	13/07/2022	11:30 AM	\$392.00
COMCAR	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Melbourne	14/07/2022	09:13 AM	East Melbourne	14/07/2022	09:32 AM	\$61.20
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1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Melbourne from 13 to 14 July 2022?
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Federal Member for Barker



25 July 2025

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By email only: assurance@ipea.gov.au

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to previous communication in this matter and in particular your email dated 10 July 2025.

I provide the following information further to my letter to you dated 3 July 2025.

The dominant purpose of my travel to Melbourne on 13 and 14 July 2022 was to facilitate electorate and official duties pursuant to the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017.

On Thursday 14 July 2022, I participated in two meetings at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices at 4 Treasury Place, East Melbourne. I enclose a copy of my office diary for Wednesday 13 July and Thursday 14 July 2022 for your information.

The first meeting took place at 10am with [REDACTED] the former Senior Infrastructure Adviser to the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP.

During the course of that meeting, [REDACTED] facilitated a handover as I had recently been appointed Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure with particular responsibility inter alia for Road Safety.

[REDACTED] was living in Melbourne and as she was within her deferment period at that time was unable to travel.

Despite a comprehensive search of our office records, I have been unable to locate the notes that I made at the time of the that meeting.

The second meeting took place at 11.30am and related to electorate duties. At that time, I meet with the Hon. Michael Sukkar MP, Shadow Minister for Social Services, National Disability Insurance Scheme, Housing and Homelessness and my constituent [REDACTED] who was accompanied by [REDACTED]

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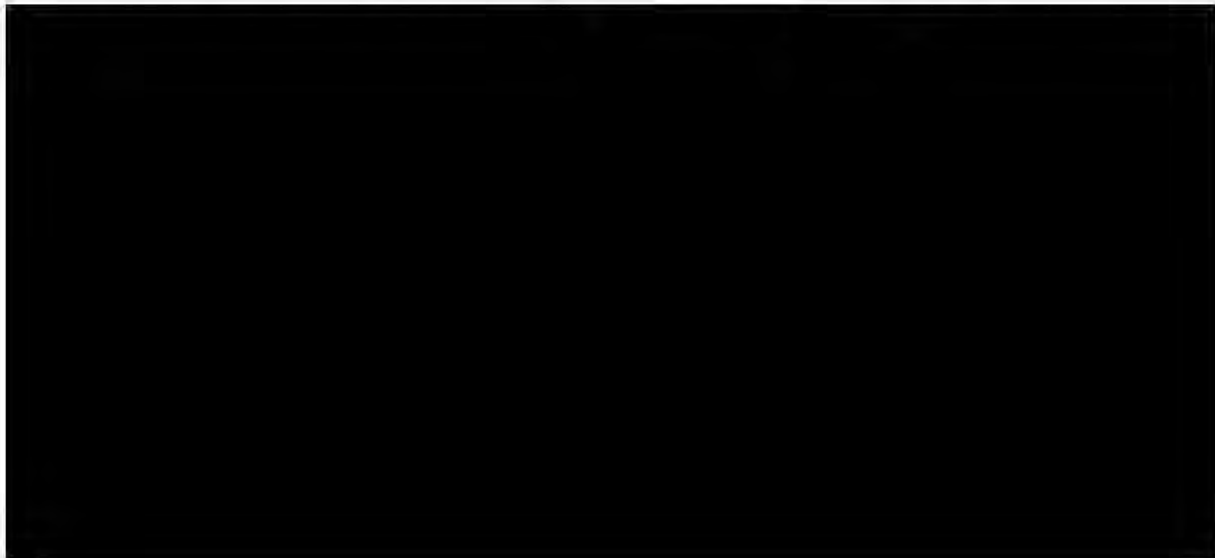
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[REDACTED] lives in Mount Gambier and specifically requested that this meeting take place in person.

[REDACTED] is based in Melbourne as is Mr Sukkar. In the lead up to this meeting it was determined that Melbourne was the most appropriate location for this meeting avoiding the costs and delay associated with Mr Sukkar and [REDACTED] travelling to Mount Gambier.



Finally, I note that travel on Wednesday 13 July 2022 was necessary together with an overnight stay because of the fact that air travel out of the Mount Gambier Airport in winter is notoriously unreliable owing to frequent and severe fog which regularly grounds aircraft often for very long periods.

Given this I determined that travelling the day prior was an appropriate precaution to avoid my attendance at the scheduled meetings being frustrated.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED signature]

Tony Pasin MP
Federal Member for Barker

Enc.

13 July 2022

Wednesday

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11	Comcar - Airport to Hotel; Trip Reference: [REDACTED]
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14 July 2022

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11	11.30am - Meeting with Michael Sukkar MP and [Redacted]
	Pasin, Tony (MP)
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Please find further correspondence in relation to assurance review of travel from Mr Pasin.

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Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2025 1:48 PM
To: [REDACTED] (T. Pasin, MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Cc: Pasin, Tony (MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon Mr Pasin and [REDACTED],


Thank you for providing the attached response.

I note that the response addresses question 3 of IPEA's original correspondence (confirmation that the travel meets the three-part test in relation to family travel), however it has not answered questions 1 and 2 (the dominant purpose of the travel and the nature of any parliamentary business, with evidence such as diary entries, invitations, or media articles, in support of the response).

In order to progress this matter, please provide a response to questions 1 and 2 on page 10 of IPEA's original correspondence (attached for ease of reference) to assurance@ipea.gov.au by COB on Friday 25 July 2025.

Sincerely


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W: www.ipea.gov.au

From:  (T. Pasin, MP)
Sent: Thursday, 3 July 2025 4:15 PM
To: Assurance
Cc: Pasin, Tony (MP)
Subject: RE: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

Please see attached correspondence from Mr Tony Pasin MP.

Kind regards


Office of Tony Pasin MP
Federal Member for Barker

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 June 2025 1:06 PM
To: Howell, Suzy (T. Pasin, MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: Pasin, Tony (MP) [REDACTED]; Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: RE: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Mr Pasin,

This is a reminder that a response to this matter has not yet been received and is now overdue.

Please provide a response to assurance@ipea.gov.au by COB on Friday 4 July.

Sincerely

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

Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 11:06 AM

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

Cc: Pasin, Tony (MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning [REDACTED]
1)

Thank you for your email.

As requested below, an extension has been granted to the 19 of May 2025. Please advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on the below details.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
One Canberra Avenue, FORREST ACT 2603

[REDACTED]

E: assurance@ipea.gov.au

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From: [REDACTED] (T. Pasin, MP) [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 10:45 AM

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

Cc: Pasin, Tony (MP) [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning Nicole

Thank you for your email.

I am responding on behalf of Tony and his [REDACTED].

I have looked into the first email but have been unable to find that this was received. I then forwarded on the second email to [REDACTED] but due to the election process she has been moved to the central campaign team with Mr Dutton and is unable to process this request.

We are asking that an extension be approved until [REDACTED] returns back into the electorate office and is able to process this.
1)

Waiting for your response.

Thanking you

[REDACTED]

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

Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 2:22 PM

To: Pasin, Tony (MP) [REDACTED]

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

Subject: RE: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Barker

Dear Mr Pasin

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

Sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 4:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Barker

Dear Mr Pasin

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

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TONY PASIN MP

Federal Member for Barker



31 July 2025

[REDACTED]
A/g Branch Manager, Transparency, Assurance and Legal
Independent Parliamentary Expense Authority
One Canberra Avenue
FORREST ACT 2603

By email only: assurance@ipea.gov.au

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to my letter to you dated 25th July 2025.

I forward herewith the calendar entry of [REDACTED] relevant to the meeting referred to in my previous correspondence together with the contemporaneous handwritten notes made by [REDACTED] during the same.

[REDACTED]

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Tony Pasin MP
Federal Member for Barker

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