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

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Member for Lindsay

Dear Mrs McIntosh

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

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Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mrs McIntosh

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. In particular, IPEA is seeking information in relation to travel undertaken by you and your designated person, [REDACTED] from Sydney to the Gold Coast, between 9 and 12 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

IPEA is aware that your office sought advice from our Travel, Education and Advice Branch prior to undertaking the travel to the Gold Coast in June 2023. In seeking that advice, you advised IPEA that you would be undertaking portfolio and parliamentary business on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 June 2023. You also advised IPEA that you would be presenting medals as Deputy Chair of the Health, Aged Care and Sports Committee at the Australian National Judo Championships on Sunday 11 June 2023, at which your son, [REDACTED] would be competing. However, IPEA is not aware of any information being sought, prior to your travel, about the nature of your parliamentary business on Monday 12 June 2023.

Noting the above, IPEA is seeking additional information from you regarding the nature of your parliamentary business for the period 9 to 12 June 2023. **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. IPEA asks that for each day of the abovementioned period, you set out and evidence the particular activities that you undertook, including when you received invitations to specific engagements relating to your parliamentary business.

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

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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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))

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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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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	Ms Melissa McIntosh	[REDACTED]	9 June 2023	5:00am	Mascot		6:10am	\$256.46
Travel fares – Virgin Australia Airlines - Self	Ms Melissa McIntosh	Sydney	9 June 2023	7:20am	Gold Coast	9 June 2023	8:40am	\$459.24
Travel fares – Virgin Australia Airlines - Designated Person	[REDACTED]	Sydney	9 June 2023	7:20am	Gold Coast	9 June 2023	8:40am	\$649.81
Unscheduled Commercial Transport – Self-drive hire car	Ms Melissa McIntosh	Gold Coast	9 June 2023	8:40am	Gold Coast	12 June 2023	12:50pm	\$524.04
Travel expenses – Toll charges	Ms Melissa McIntosh	Gold Coast	9 June 2023	8:40am	Gold Coast	12 June 2023	12:50pm	\$49.72
Travel allowance – Commercial – (2 nights)	Ms Melissa McIntosh				Coolangatta	9 June 2023		\$766.00
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2. On 10 June 2023, as part of official duties as the Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, the following event took place in which Mrs McIntosh attended with the Federal Member for Petrie in the **Petrie electorate**:
- 9am to 11am – St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School in Bracken Ridge – attended the school fete and met with parents and community organisations to discuss kids’ mental health and sport. (Attachment 5)
3. On 10 June 2023, as part of official duties as the Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport the following event took place in which Mrs McIntosh attended with the Federal Member for Longman in the **Longman electorate**:
- 1pm to 3pm – Caboolture Show Caboolture – attended the Show to support the local MP and discuss Opposition policy and portfolio matters with the community. (Attachment 6)
4. On 11 June 2023, as part of official duties as the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, the following event took place in the **Moncrieff electorate**:
- 9am to 3pm – National Judo Championships in Carrara – presented medals as the Deputy Chair of the House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care, Sport, a member of the Health Opposition team and a Federal Member of Parliament to athletes. (Attachment 7)
5. On 12 June 2023, as part of official duties as the Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport the following events took place in which Mrs McIntosh attended with the Federal Member for Moncrieff and Shadow Minister

for Youth in the **Moncrieff electorate:**

- 9:30am to 11am – Headspace Southport in Southport – a site visit and discussed local youth mental health matters with youth and staff. (Attachment 8)

6. On 12 June 2023, as part of official duties as the Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, representing the Opposition, the following events took place in which Mrs McIntosh attended with the then Liberal candidate in the Fadden by-election in the **Fadden electorate:**

- 11:15am to 12:30pm – Stall at Labrador Park shopping centre in Labrador Park – assisted the Liberal candidate in discussing Opposition policies with community members. (Attachment 9)

In addition, please see Attachments 10 and 11 detailing the CTM logs of Melissa McIntosh MP and [REDACTED] and Attachment 12 with additional information for the McPherson electorate visits

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The dominant purpose of the trip was to conduct parliamentary business as official duties in the capacity as an Opposition frontbencher as the then Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and as the Deputy Chair of the House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport.

Per the above information, attendance across all four days included multiple events in to discuss matters in relation to the portfolio held of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and aspects of the being a member of the House Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, specifically mental health, health and sport. These events included meeting with multiple mental health organisations, attending events with parliamentary colleagues to discuss mental health and sport and present medals at a sporting championship.

[REDACTED] attended events with Melissa as the photographer as staff did not attend the trip. He is a photographer and at the time was studying Visual Communications at Western Sydney University.

[REDACTED] attending the trip facilitated family life as he had a competition to attend for judo, assisting with his health matters and also assisted Mrs McIntosh in her official duties by photographing events.

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(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: LIVIN - Karen Andrews MP
Location: TDL Law 19/99 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads
Start: Fri 9/06/2023 10:30 AM
End: Fri 9/06/2023 11:30 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

10:30am to 11:30am

LIVIN
TDL Law
17/99 West Burleigh Road
Burleigh Heads
Qld

Attend LIVIN meeting with Federal Member for McPherson, the Hon Karen Andrews MP.

Discuss LIVIN's mental health programs and initiatives across the Gold Coast.

10:30am - 11:30am Livin: LIVIN | Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health - Date: 9 June 2023 - Time: 10:30am – 11:30am - Location: TDL Law 17/99 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads. - Contact: [REDACTED], CEO, [REDACTED] - Purpose: Meeting with this organisation which delivers a range of mental health programs including “It Ain’t Weak to Speak” in schools etc. - In attendance: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] sits on the advisory board for Livin)



Karen Andrews MP

9 Jun 2023



Great to welcome Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, [Melissa McIntosh MP](#) to the Southern Gold Coast today. We met with the dedicated teams at [LIVIN](#) and [Lives Lived Well](#) who are doing vital work addressing the mental health challenges many Australians are facing.



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(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Lives Lived Well - Karen Andrews MP
Location: 191 W Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220
Start: Fri 9/06/2023 11:45 AM
End: Fri 9/06/2023 12:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

11:45am to 12:30pm

Lives Lived Well
191 W Burleigh Road
Burleigh Heads
QLD

Attend Lives Lived Well discussion with Federal Member for McPherson, the Hon Karen Andrews MP.

Discuss Lives Lived Well programs for mental health and health.

11:45am - 12:30pm Lives Lived Well: Lives Lived Well - Support for Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health problems - Date: 9 June 2023 - Time: 11:45pm – 12:30pm - Location: 191 W Burleigh Rd, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220 - Contact: [REDACTED], Manager, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - Purpose: Meeting and site visit - In attendance: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (CEO, Lives Lived Well)

Visit to Lives Lived Well.



(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Mental Health Roundtable - Karen Andrews MP
Location: 47 Watts Drive, Varsity Lakes
Start: Fri 9/06/2023 2:00 PM
End: Fri 9/06/2023 3:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

2pm to 3pm

McPherson electorate office
47 Watts Drive
Varsity Lakes
QLD

McPherson mental health roundtable with the Federal Member for McPherson, the Hon Karen Andrews MP.

Discuss issues for mental health professionals and cuts to Medicare funded psychology sessions.

2:00pm - 3:30pm Mental Health Roundtable – McPherson Electorate Office - 47 Watts Drive, Varsity Lakes
Roundtable with mental health professionals and community organisations to discuss issues of concern, including the cuts to Medicare funded psychology sessions.

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Melisa McIntosh

Assistant Shadow Minister for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Visit to McPherson

MENTAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE/AFTERNOON TEA

McPherson Electorate Office, 47 Watts Drive, Varsity Lakes

- Invited: local mental health service providers and community organisations

- 2:00 – 2:05 Participants welcomed and encouraged to get tea/coffee (as provided)
- 2:05 – 2:10 Welcome and Introduction to Shadow Minister – Karen Andrews
- 2:10 – 2:20 Shadow Minister Brief Address – Melissa McIntosh
- 2:20 – 3:15 Policy discussion/input from local Principals – Karen to co-ordinate, responses from [REDACTED]
- 3:15 – 3:30 Summary & Thank you – Melissa McIntosh & Karen Andrews

Participants

1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Provisional Psychologist - Bond University
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Heal.ed Tribe
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Virtual Psychologist
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Horse Whispering Youth Program
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Horse Whispering Youth Program
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Horse Whispering Youth Program
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Psychiatric Registrar - Advanced Trainee – Child and Youth Mental Health
8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Complete Men - Founder
9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Complete Men - Admin and Facilitator
10	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Complete Men - Group leader
11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Independent Psychologist
12	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bond
13	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Bond

Subject: Community mental health event - Karen Andrews MP
Location: Two Mates Taphouse, Varsity Lakes
Start: Fri 9/06/2023 5:30 PM
End: Fri 9/06/2023 7:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

5:30pm to 7pm

Two Mates Taphouse
235 Varsity Parade
Varsity Lakes
QLD

Attend community mental health event with Federal Member for McPherson, the Hon Karen Andrews MP.

Speech and Q&A discussion mental health and suicide prevention portfolio and Opposition policies with community members in McPherson.

RUN SHEET

Melisa McIntosh


Assistant Shadow Minister for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

Visit to McPherson

TWO MATES – RELAXED DINNER FUNCTION

Two Mates Taphouse, 235 Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes

–function in private room, approx. 45 members, supporters and community

- 5:30 – 5:45 Guests arrive, are encouraged to order food/drinks
- 5:45 – 5:50 Welcome and Introduction to Shadow Minister – Karen Andrews
- 5:50 – 5:55 Shadow Minister Brief Address – Melissa McIntosh
- 5:55 – 6:30 Input/questions from attendees – Karen to co-ordinate, responses from
 
- 6:30 – 6:35 Summary & Thank you – Karen Andrews
- 6:35 – 7:00 Informal mingling with guests



Karen Andrews → Evening forerun

(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: St Josephs fete - Luke Howarth MP
Location: St Joseph's Catholic Primary school
Start: Sat 10/06/2023 9:00 AM
End: Sat 10/06/2023 11:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

9am to 11am

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bracken Ridge
30 Eldorado Street
Bracken Ridge
QLD

Attend school fete with Federal Member for Petrie, the Hon Luke Howarth MP, to discuss youth, mental health and sport and Opposition policy with parents and community organisations.

Hi [REDACTED]

That is great.

I contacted the school fete organisers, and they are very happy to have Melissa help as well 😊

Saturday 10 June 2023.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bracken Ridge
30 Eldorado Street, Bracken Ridge QLD 4017
<https://www.stjosephsfete.com.au/>

9am Meet Luke at St Joseph's Catholic Primary school
9:20am Attending Official opening with Luke in school hall.
10am – until Melissa must go – Help at Hot Food section and tour Fete with Luke.

The fete goes until 3pm

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED] | Office / Diary Manager
Office of Hon. Luke Howarth MP | Federal Member for Petrie

Shadow Minister for Defence Industry | Shadow Minister for Defence Personnel

Office: 40 Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf QLD 4019

T 07 3284 8008 | **Post** PO Box 321, Clontarf QLD 4019

(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Caboolture Show - Terry Young MP
Location: 140 Beerburrum Road, Caboolture

Start: Sat 10/06/2023 1:00 PM
End: Sat 10/06/2023 3:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)

Categories: Campaign

1pm to 3pm

Caboolture Show
Caboolture Showground
140 Beerburrum Road
Caboolture
QLD

Attend Caboolture Show with the Federal Member for Longman, Terry Young MP. Attend the stall discuss Opposition policy and portfolio matters with community members and organisations.



Terry Young MP's post



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[REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: National Judo Championships
Location: 296 Nerang Braodbeach Road, Carrara, QLD
Start: Sun 11/06/2023 9:00 AM
End: Sun 11/06/2023 3:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)

9am to 3pm

National Judo Championships

Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
296 Nerang Broadbeach Road
Carrara
QLD

Attend [REDACTED] competing and presenting medals at the National Judo Championships.



Melissa McIntosh MP 9+



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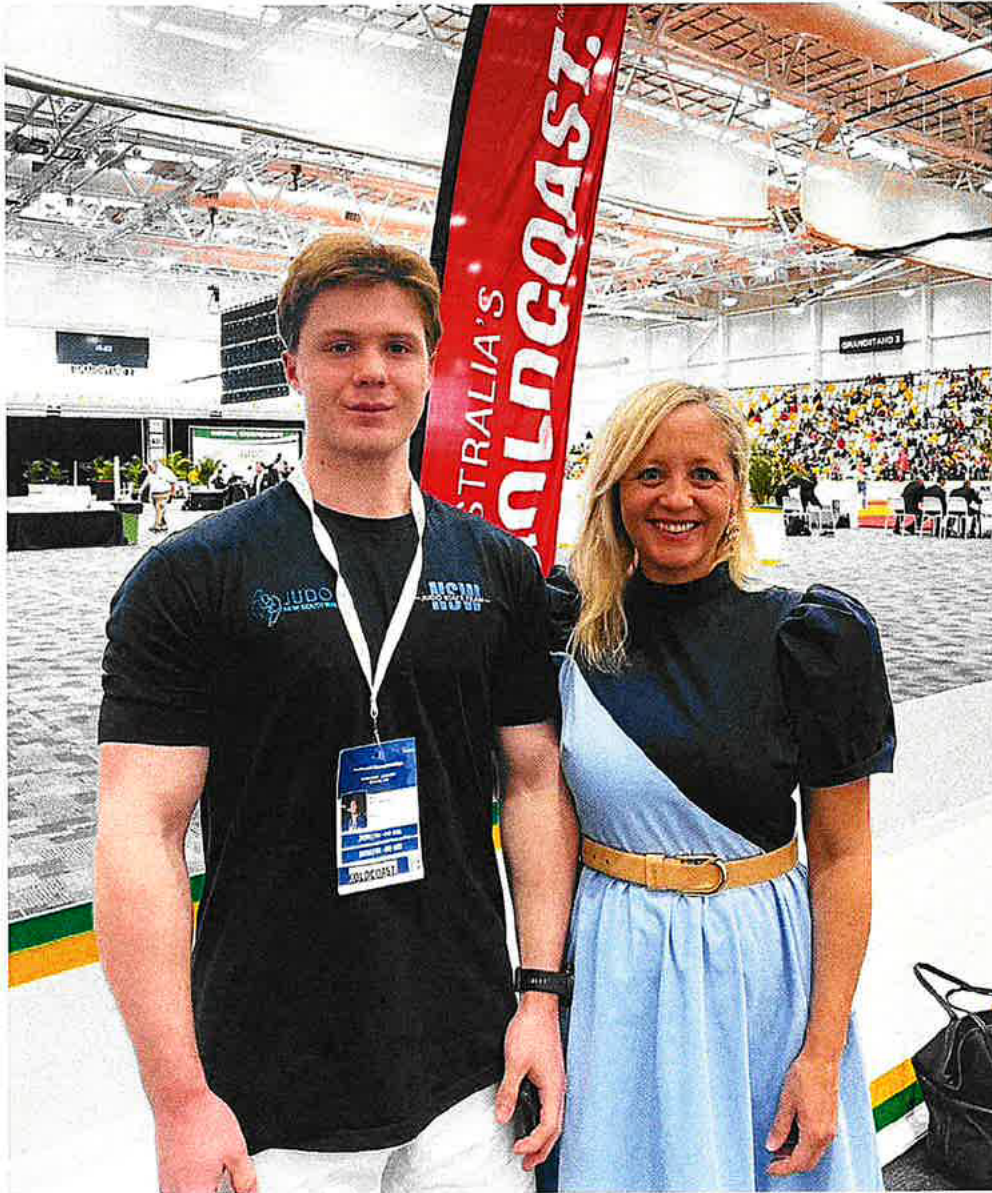
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(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Headspace Southport - Angie Bell MP
Location: 2 Nind Street, Southport, Qld
Start: Mon 12/06/2023 9:30 AM
End: Mon 12/06/2023 11:00 AM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

9:30am to 11am

Headspace Southport

Level 1
H2O Broadwater 1
2 Nind Street
Southport QLD

Attend Headspace Southport with Federal Member for Moncrieff and Shadow Minister for Youth, Angie Bell MP.

Site visit and speak with youth and Headspace Southport staff about concerns and policy matters.

[REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)

From: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)
Sent: Monday, 10 February 2025 9:23 AM
To: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)
Subject: FW: Moncrieff Visit 12/6: Headspace Southport

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From: [REDACTED] (A. Bell, MP) [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2023 2:36 PM
To: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP) [REDACTED] >
Subject: Moncrieff Visit 12/6: Headspace Southport

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for your time over the phone today regarding your boss's visit to the Moncrieff electorate, specifically Headspace Southport.

Below are some below points to assist you with the diary entry for Monday 12 June 9:30am – 10:30am

LOCATION

Level 1, H20 Broadwater building, 1 / 2 Nind Street Southport Qld

PARKING

There is no reserved parking, but there will be ample spaces available.

Parking is accessible via Welch Street. Drive into the driveway and then turn left into the multi-level car park.



Our bosses will meet and take a tour with [REDACTED], the clinical services manager.

Let me know if you have any more questions.

Thanks again.

Warm regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Constituent Management Officer

Office of Angie Bell MP
Federal Member for Moncrieff
Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education
Shadow Minister for Youth
+61 7 5504 6000
67 Thomas Drive, Chevron Island Qld 4217
PO Box 4922 Gold Coast MC Qld 9726

Please use the following email address for any new enquiries:
angie.bell.mp@aph.gov.au.



Angie Bell MP is at headspace Southport.

12 Jun 2023

Always a pleasure to visit Headspace Southport

It was great to show Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Melissa McIntosh MP the facilities and services provided by our local headspace and to have a chat with the team about the fantastic work they do to support young people.

The team spoke about the key issues currently affecting young people including:

- 📈 Increased cost of living
- 🏠 Housing crisis
- 🧠 Mental health
- ❓ Uncertainty about the future

Right now, young people are struggling and they need our support more than ever.

Thank you to headspace Southport for the fantastic work that you undertake. Our community is a better place because of you



Comment as [redacted]



(M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Labrador Park Shopping Centre - Cameron Caldwell
Location: 100 Brisbane Road, Labrador, Qld
Start: Mon 12/06/2023 11:15 AM
End: Mon 12/06/2023 12:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

11:15am to 12:30pm

Labrador Park Shopping Centre
100 Brisbane Road
Labrador
QLD

Campaigning, discussing Opposition policies and portfolio matters with Fadden residents alongside the Liberal candidate for Fadden by-election, Cameron Caldwell



Cameron Caldwell MP



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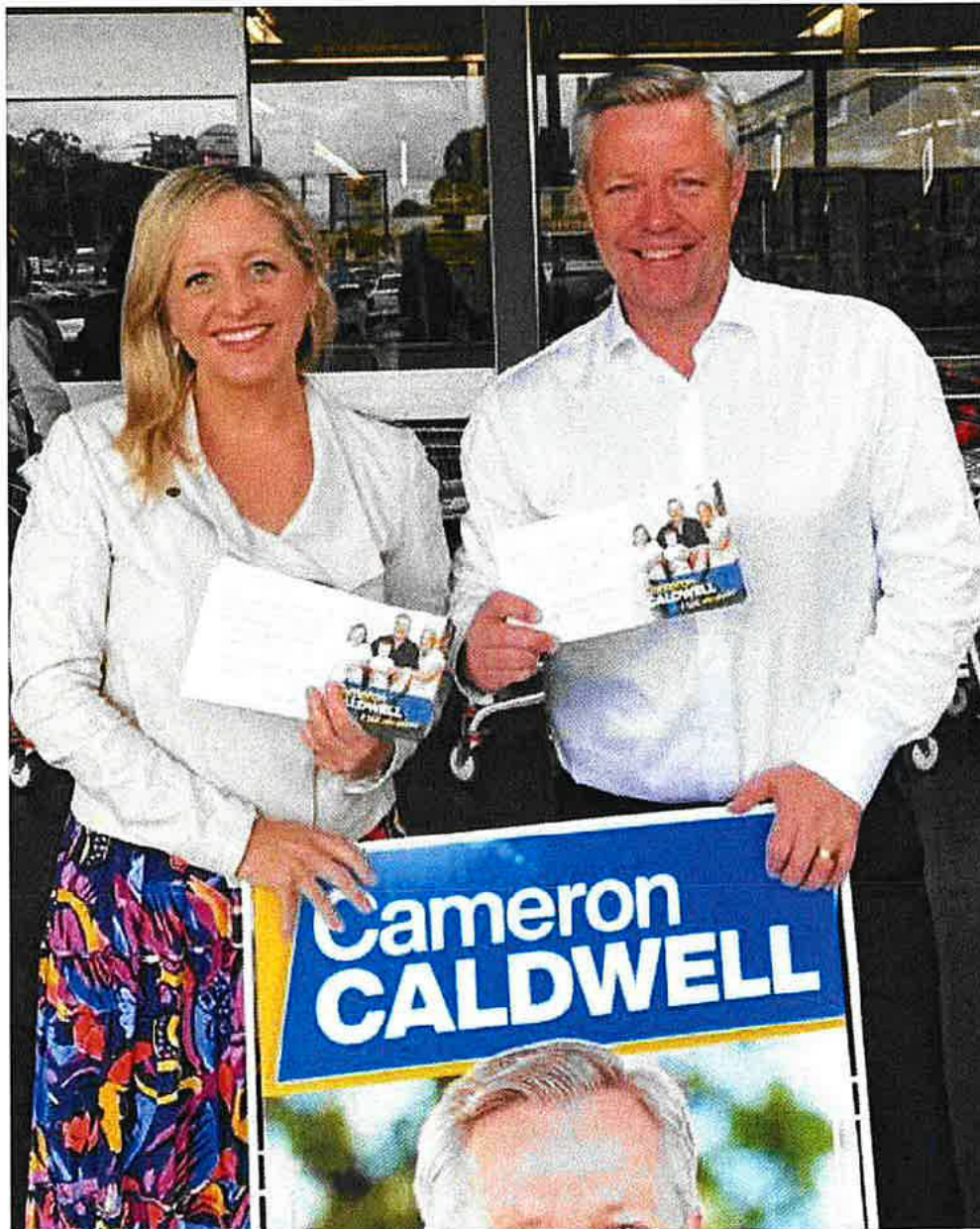
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Cameron Caldwell MP

13 Jun 2023

Terrific to welcome Shadow Minister Melissa McIntosh MP to Labrador Park. The message from locals is clear: Labor is failing to address rising crime and cost of living in our community. If elected, I will take that message to Canberra.



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Thursday 08 June 2023 15:12 - Sydney, NSW

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Departure Date: 09 Jun 23
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Friday **Hotel**
09 Jun 23

Hotel Name: ██████████
Check-In Date: **Fri 09 Jun 23**
Check-Out Date: **Mon 12 Jun 23**
Hotel Address: ██████████
 Carrara
 QLD, 4211, Australia
 P-61756188800

Room Type: STANDARD
Rooms: 1
Booking Reference: 43425
Status: Confirmed
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Local Rate: AUD209.00 Per Night
Rate: AUD209.00 Per Night
Duration: 3 (Nights)

Monday **Flight**
12 Jun 23

Airline: **VIRGIN AUSTRALIA** **Flight** VA0524
Departure Date: **Mon 12 Jun 23 at 13:20** COOLANGATTA - GOLD COAST
Arrival Date: **Mon 12 Jun 23 at 14:50** SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
Aircraft: Boeing 737-800 (winglets)
Class: J - Business Class
Stops: Non-Stop
Airline Reference: QYZGYJ
Status: Confirmed
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Due		1799.15	136.74	193.60	2129.49
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Wednesday 07 June 2023 13:23 - Sydney, NSW

Itinerary for

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Wednesday 14 Jun 23	Flight	Airline: VIRGIN AUSTRALIA Departure Date: Wed 14 Jun 23 at 10:20 Arrival Date: Wed 14 Jun 23 at 11:50 Aircraft: Boeing 737-800 (winglets) Class: L - Economy Class - Flex Stops: Non-Stop Airline Reference: AYGJND Status: Confirmed Baggage: 1 piece Details: COOLANGATTA - GOLD COAST (TERMINAL - TERMINAL 1) SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (TERMINAL - TERMINAL 2 DOMESTIC), Dept Time 14-06-2023 10:20, Arrival Time 14-06-2023 11:50 - Travelling time: 1 hr 30 mins - Meal Service: Food for Purchase	Flight VA0516 COOLANGATTA - GOLD COAST SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA	

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<http://www.jetstar.com/au/en/planning-and-booking/checking-in/web-check-in>

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www.jetstar.com/au/en/planning-and-booking/checking-in/domestic

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<http://www.qantas.com.au/travel/airlines/checkin/global/en>

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<https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/travel-info/bookings/check-in/>

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[REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)

Subject: Gold Coast visit - Karen Andrews
Start: Fri 9/06/2023 8:00 AM
End: Fri 9/06/2023 8:30 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Organizer: McIntosh, Melissa (MP)
Categories: Campaign

From: [REDACTED] (Karen Andrews, MP) <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 8 June 2023 3:19 PM
To: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (Karen Andrews, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Visit to McPherson tomorrow

Hi [REDACTED]

Just touching base.

Attached is an updated itinerary list and two run sheets for the events.

Just wanted to check a few things: who is travelling with Melissa, so we have a contact number? What time is her flight due into the Gold Coast? Will Melissa have a comcar or self-drive?

Parking should be fairly straightforward at the visits and then once at our office, we can walk to the "Two Mates" event, as it's just around the corner.

I'll be travelling with the boss tomorrow, so feel free to contact me at any stage.

Oh – finally, does melissa have any dietary requirements, so we can organise a lunch for them between events?

Thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mob: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



ITINERARY

Melissa McIntosh, Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

Friday 9th June

10:30am - 11:30am

Livin: LIVIN | Breaking the Stigma of Mental Health

- **Date:** 9 June 2023
- **Time:** 10:30am – 11:30am
- **Location:** TDL Law_17/99 West Burleigh Road, Burleigh Heads.
- **Contact:** [REDACTED], CEO, [REDACTED]
- **Purpose:** Meeting with this organisation which delivers a range of mental health programs including “It Ain’t Weak to Speak” in schools etc.
- **In attendance:** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] sits on the advisory board for Livin)

11:45am - 12:30pm

Lives Lived Well: Lives Lived Well - Support for Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health problems

- **Date:** 9 June 2023
- **Time:** 11:45pm – 12:30pm
- **Location:** 191 W Burleigh Rd, Burleigh Heads QLD 4220
- **Contact:** [REDACTED] Manager, [REDACTED]
- **Purpose:** Meeting and site visit
- **In attendance:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (CEO, Lives Lived Well)

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Mental Health Roundtable – McPherson Electorate Office - 47 Watts Drive, Varsity Lakes

Roundtable with mental health professionals and community organisations to discuss issues of concern, including the cuts to Medicare funded psychology sessions.

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Two Mates Members function – Two Mates Taphouse, Varsity Lakes

Informal gathering for branch members and supporters – short speech then Q&A.

From: [Assurance](#)
To: [McIntosh, Melissa \(MP\)](#)
Cc: [Assurance](#)
Subject: CM: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 4 July 2025 11:04:05 AM
Attachments: [Correspondence Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel 4 July 2025.pdf](#)

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Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP
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Dear Mrs McIntosh

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Would you please provide any response to this letter to assurance@ipea.gov.au by **18 July 2025** or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

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

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [McIntosh, Melissa \(MP\)](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Subject: CM: RE: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 18 July 2025 4:23:57 PM
Attachments: [Andrews office travel request.pdf](#)

Dear Ms Pearson,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 July 2024.

The predominate purpose of my June 2023 Queensland travel was work related. I attended events across five electorates: Fadden, Longman, McPherson, Moncrieff and Petrie.

I began planning the travel in February 2023 upon a request from the Hon Karen Andrews to visit the electorate of McPherson she then represented in my capacity as the then Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. Please see attached an e-mail with further information on this. Most of the events and meetings were scheduled via phone between electorate offices.

The comments in the letter are despite the multiple assurances with IPEA via phone with electorate office staff that my son could travel in line with the standards. I am disappointed that this is now the situation as my office tried very hard to ensure everything was within the rules. If required, I'll pay for [REDACTED] travel, noting the above.

In addition, please refer to previous correspondence and attachments from 28 February 2025 and 3 March 2025.

Kind regards,

Melissa McIntosh MP
Federal Member for Lindsay

From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 11:03 AM
To: McIntosh, Melissa (MP) <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence - Assurance Review of Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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(M. McIntosh, MP)

From: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)
Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 2:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP)
Subject: FW: Visit to the McPherson Electorate.

From: [REDACTED] (Karen Andrews, MP) <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 February 2023 5:36 PM
To: [REDACTED] (M. McIntosh, MP) [REDACTED]
Subject: Visit to the McPherson Electorate.

Hi [REDACTED]

Last week Karen spoke with Melissa regarding a potential visit to her electorate on the southern Gold Coast. I wanted to check whether Monday 13th March or 14/15 March would suit, or alternatively, during the week of June 5-9?

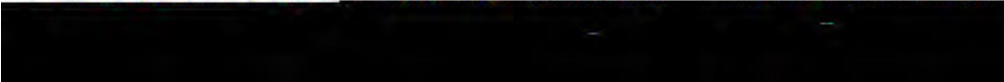
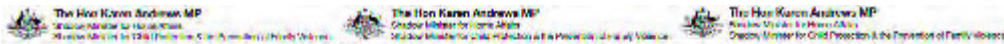
We are looking to lock in visits from a number of colleagues, so if you can let me know if either of those dates would be suitable, I'd greatly appreciate it. We anticipate 1 or 2 events in the community and an evening function as well.

Kind regards and thanks

[REDACTED]

– Chief of Staff

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To: [McIntosh, Melissa \(MP\)](#)
Cc: [Assurance](#)
Subject: CM: Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 August 2025 3:48:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[External correspondence Mrs Melissa McIntosh Assurance review of Family Reunion Travel August 2025.pdf](#)
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From: [McIntosh, Melissa \(MP\)](#)
To: [Assurance](#)
Subject: CM: Re: Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work resources - Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Saturday, 23 August 2025 4:18:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[External correspondence_Mrs Melissa McIntosh_Assurance review of Family Reunion Travel_August 2025.pdf](#)

Dear Nicole,

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2025 regarding the assurance review of my family reunion travel.

Your letter sought confirmation the proposal to visit the McPherson electorate was initiated by the then member for McPherson, the Hon Karen Andrews MP. I can confirm Ms Andrews, emailed me requesting I visit her electorate as per the evidence provided.

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Regards,

Melissa

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