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Sincerely

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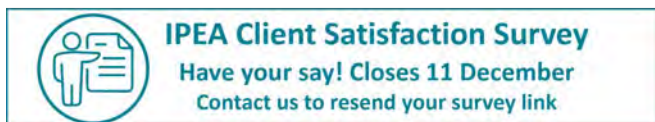
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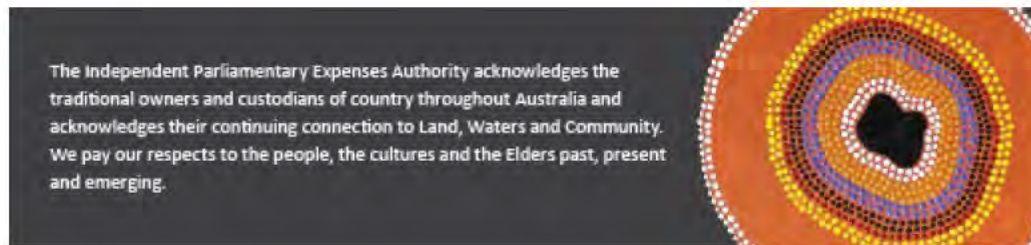
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The Senator had every intention to carry out her parliamentary duties in Canberra in this week. However, changes in the Senators schedule mean't she travelled interstate to attend another event.

It was the change in scheduling which was not properly executed by our office to review her claims made prior to the change in schedule.

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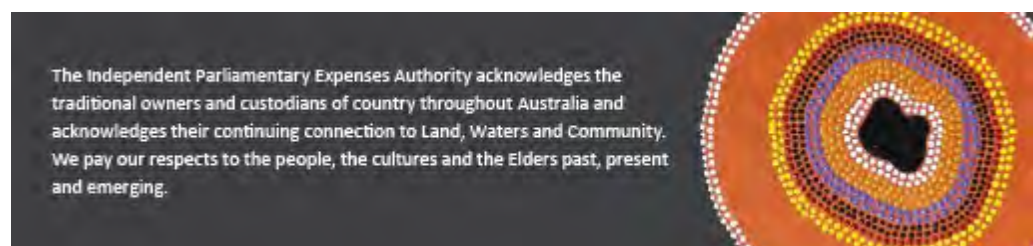
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To finalise this matter, please provide any comments you might wish to make to assist me in my consideration of the amount, up to 25%, that should be applied in this instance. You might wish to comment about the circumstances in which the claim was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

I would be grateful if you could respond to this request by **17 December 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.

Sincerely



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