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Assurance Review 2025/016

Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP - family reunion travel

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023

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Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP - family reunion travel

Executive summary

1. The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) conducted an assurance review of Ms Louise Miller-Frost 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 Ms Miller-Frost and her family between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. 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

3. As part of IPEA's review of parliamentarians' use of family reunion travel resources, IPEA undertook a preliminary assessment into family reunion travel by Ms Miller-Frost and her 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 the period in scope.
4. On 4 February 2025, IPEA commenced an assurance review of Ms Miller-Frost's family reunion travel.

Outcome*

5. IPEA found that:
 - a. The use of travel resources for Ms Miller Frost's and her spouse's flights from Adelaide to Perth on 26 January 2023 was not consistent with the legislative framework.
 - b. The use of travel resources for Ms Miller Frost's and her spouse's travel to Albany and Perth between 29 January and 1 February 2023 was consistent with the legislative framework.
6. Ms Miller-Frost was invoiced a total of \$4,183.10 to recover the cost of airfares for herself and her spouse for the specified travel, including a 25% penalty loading under section 38 of the PBR Act.

*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. Ms Miller-Frost and her spouse flew from Adelaide to Perth on 26 January 2023 using parliamentary work resources. No travel allowance (TA) was claimed in Perth between 26 and 29 January 2023.
13. Ms Miller-Frost then travelled from Perth to Albany on 29 January 2023, using parliamentary work resources for the flight, ground transport and one night of TA in Albany. She returned from Albany to Perth on 30 January 2023 using parliamentary work resources for the flight, ground transport and two nights of TA in Perth.
14. Ms Miller-Frost's spouse flew from Perth to Adelaide on 31 January 2023, while Ms Miller-Frost flew from Perth to Adelaide on 1 February 2023, using parliamentary work resources for flights and ground transport.
15. IPEA corresponded with Ms Miller-Frost on a number of occasions (**Attachments 1 to 5**). Ms Miller-Frost was asked about the dominant purpose of her travel and the nature of her parliamentary business with reference to the Determination. Ms Miller-Frost was also asked to advise whether her family member's travel met the three-part test in Section 6 of the PBR Regulations.
16. Ms Miller-Frost advised that the purpose of her travel to Perth and Albany in January 2023 was for site visits and hearings for the Workforce Australia Employment Services Select Committee, of which she was a member. Ms Miller-Frost also confirmed that her spouse travelled for family reunion purposes. A link to the Hansard record of the committee meeting was included in support of this response.
17. IPEA notes Ms Miller-Frost's advice that the dominant purpose of her travel to Perth and Albany from 29 January to 1 February 2023 was parliamentary business, and that her spouse accompanied her for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.
18. In response to further questions, Ms Miller-Frost advised IPEA that her parliamentary business in Western Australia began on 29 January 2023, and that:

"I travelled to Perth earlier than the site visits and hearings to attempt to acclimatise to the time difference. Having come off ten months of campaigning, an election and then a rather hectic first nine months of my new role, I was exhausted and did not feel the significant time difference between Adelaide and Perth was going to be able to be managed."
19. IPEA notes that Ms Miller-Frost and her spouse could reasonably have travelled to Perth the day of, or the day prior to the commencement of her parliamentary business.
20. However, Ms Miller-Frost and her spouse travelled to Perth on 26 January 2023, three days prior to the commencement of her parliamentary business, for personal reasons. The travel therefore contravenes section 26(1) of the PBR Act.
21. Under section 26(1) of the PBR Act, a member must not claim expenses, an allowance or any other public resources unless the expenses are incurred, or the allowance or resources are claimed, for the dominant purpose of conducting the member's parliamentary business.
22. If a parliamentarian chooses to travel to a location several days prior to the commencement of their parliamentary business, they no longer meet the dominant purpose test and cannot claim Commonwealth resources.
23. As Ms Miller-Frost's travel to Perth on 26 January 2023 was not for the dominant purpose of parliamentary business, her spouse's travel the same day contravenes section 28(1) of the PBR Act, as it does not meet the three-part test set out in section 6 of the PBR Regulations.

24. Under section 28(1) of the PBR Act, a member must not make a claim, or incur expenses, under this Act in relation to public resources if:
 - a. one or more conditions must be met (whether or not by the member) for the public resources to be provided in relation to the claim or expenses; and
 - b. not all of the conditions have been met.
25. Under section 38(4), the member is liable to pay the Commonwealth, by way of penalty for the contravention of section 26, 27 or 28, an amount equal to 25% of the amount to which this section applies.
26. Consequently, IPEA raised an invoice to recover \$4,183.10, which was for the cost of the airfares for Ms Miller-Frost and her spouse from Adelaide to Perth on 26 January 2023, plus a 25% penalty loading.
27. IPEA's final letter and invoice was sent to Ms Miller-Frost on 30 January 2026 (**Attachment 5**).

Conclusion

28. Based on IPEA's records, publicly available information and the information provided by Ms Miller-Frost, IPEA found that:
 - a. The use of travel resources for flights from Adelaide to Perth on 26 January 2023 was not consistent with the legislative framework.
 - b. The use of travel resources for travel to Albany and Perth between 29 January and 1 February 2023 was consistent with the legislative framework.
29. Ms Miller-Frost was invoiced a total of \$4,183.10 to recover the cost of airfares for herself and her spouse for the specified travel, including a 25% penalty loading under section 38 of the PBR Act. The invoice has been repaid in full.

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From: Assurance
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 4:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]@aph.gov.au'
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 Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP - 5 February 2025.pdf; Attachment B - Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP Travel Data.pdf

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Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP
Member for Boothby

Dear Ms Miller-Frost

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

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5 February 2025

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

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

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Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
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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.

OFFICIAL: Sensitive**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 – QANTAS Self	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Adelaide	26/01/2023	07:30 PM	Perth	26/01/2023	08:20 PM	\$1,673.24
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Adelaide	26/01/2023	07:30 PM	Perth	26/01/2023	08:20 PM	\$1,673.24
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Perth	29/01/2023	03:50 PM	Albany	29/01/2023	05:00 PM	\$331.96
Taxi	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	A/P	29/01/2023		Albany	29/01/2023	05:13 PM	\$20.90
Travel Allowance – 1 night – commercial	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Perth	29/01/2023		Albany	29/01/2023	05:14 PM	\$353.00
Airfare – Regional Express Self	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Albany	30/01/2023	05:25 PM	Perth	30/01/2023	06:35 PM	\$217.58
Travel Allowance – 2 nights – commercial	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Albany	30/01/2023		Perth	30/01/2023	06:30 PM	\$838.00
Coach	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Perth	31/01/2023	08:00 AM	Perth	31/01/2023	05:10 PM	\$183.33
Airfare – QANTAS Spouse	[REDACTED]	Perth	31/01/2023	09:35 AM	Adelaide	31/01/2023	02:55 PM	\$1,298.10
Airfare – QANTAS Self	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Perth	1/02/2023	01:20 PM	Adelaide	1/02/2023	06:40 PM	\$1,298.10
COMCAR	Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP	Adelaide A/P	1/02/2023	06:40 PM	Blackwood	1/02/2023	07:23 PM	\$80.52

Attachment B

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

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth and Albany between 26 January and 1 February 2023?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Perth and Albany between 26 January and 1 February 2023?
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.

[Redacted]

From: Miller-Frost, Louise (MP) <[Redacted]@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 5:01 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: RE: HPE CM: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear [Redacted]

With regard my travel to Perth and Albany in January 2023:

1. The purpose of my travel was for site visits and hearings for the Workforce Australia Employment Services Select Committee, of which I was a member.
2. My spouse [Redacted] travelled with me for the purposes of family reunion

Reference to the hearing in Perth is available here: [ParlInfo - Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services : 01/02/2023](#)

Site visits were undertaken by Committee members including myself in preceding days in Perth and Albany (cited in the Committee report).

I hope that is satisfactory.

Louise



From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 4:41 PM
To: Miller-Frost, Louise (MP) [Redacted]@aph.gov.au>
Cc: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: Assurance review of travel and travel-related resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

Attached please find correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

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To: [REDACTED]@aph.gov.au
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Subject: CM: Correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Assurance Review of family reunion travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: IPEA to Louise Miller-Frost MP 090925.pdf

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your attention.

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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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9 September 2025

Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP
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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

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

Thank you for your response to IPEA's letter of 5 February 2025 regarding the Assurance Review of your use of travel and travel-related resources for family reunion travel.

In IPEA's original correspondence we requested that you provide copies of documentation to support your response, such as diary notes, invitations or media reporting. IPEA acknowledges that you have provided the Hansard record of the meeting of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Workforce Australia Employment Services held in Perth on 1 February 2023, however IPEA is seeking further clarification of specific aspects of your travel as follows:

1. IPEA records show that you used Commonwealth-funded travel resources for yourself and your spouse to travel to Perth on 26 January 2023, but you did not claim Travel Allowance for the overnight stays in Perth on 26, 27 and 28 January 2023. Please confirm the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth from 26 to 29 January 2023 and provide details about the nature of any parliamentary business for this period.
2. IPEA records then show you travelled to Albany on 29 January 2023 claiming Travel Allowance at commercial accommodation before returning to Perth on 30 January 2023, however your spouse did not accompany you to Albany. Please confirm the dominant purpose of your travel to Albany from 29 to 30 January 2023 and provide details about the nature of any parliamentary business for this period.
3. Please provide supporting documentation in relation to the site visits you referred to in your email that you undertook in the days preceding the Committee meeting that was held on 1 February 2023. This may include diary notes, invitation or media reporting.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, including any other comments or information that may be relevant, by close of business on 15 September 2025 or advise us prior to this date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact [REDACTED] Director, Assurance and Audit, on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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From: Miller-Frost, Louise (MP) <[REDACTED]@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 15 September 2025 4:05 PM
To: Assurance
Subject: CM: RE: Correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Assurance Review of family reunion travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your correspondence.

Unfortunately, given the amount of time that has passed since this travel, all of my diary notes have been deleted by the parliamentary system (I use the electronic diary associated with my parliamentary email). I am therefore reconstructing this timeline based on the Workforce Australia Employment Services Committee Report and my memory of over two and a half years ago.

The dominant purpose of the travel to Perth and to Albany was to fulfill my Parliamentary Committee duties.

I travelled to Perth with my husband for the purposes of attending the site visits and hearings associated with my work on the Workforce Australia Employment Services Select Committee. I travelled from Perth to Albany on the 29th January for site visits and (I think) returned on the 30th January. The Committee then conducted site visits and hearings in Perth which I believe were held on the 31st of January and the 1st of February. We then travelled back to our home in Adelaide.

You would be able to cross reference my travel to Albany (and Perth) with that of the Chair Julian Hill and a couple of the other committee members – I recall that the Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie and the former Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent were both on the site visits to Perth and to Albany.

As per my previous correspondence, I travelled to Perth earlier than the site visits and hearings to attempt to acclimatise to the time difference. Having come off ten months of campaigning, an election and then a rather hectic first nine months in my new role, I was exhausted and did not feel the significant time difference between Adelaide and Perth was going to be able to be managed. I claimed the flights because we would not have been travelling to Perth (or Albany) except for the Committee hearings and site visits, and I claimed for the nights in Perth around the Perth hearings and the night in Albany where I would not have travelled except for the Committee schedule.

I elected not to claim for the earlier days because I consider my managing my energy in this way not to be appropriate to charge the taxpayer for. My husband did not travel with me to Albany. I cannot clearly recall why but I think he had some Board meetings that he needed to zoom into, and the committee's busy visit schedule in Albany made it illogical for him to accompany me there. If he was going to sit in a hotel waiting for me it might as well be in Perth and save the cost and inconvenience of the flights to and from Albany.

The Committee Chair, Julian Hill, makes reference to a site visit to Albany in his speech tabling the report: [Hansard - House of Representatives 30/11/2023 Parliament of Australia](#)

I am sorry I can't provide any better references - had this been queried within a year after the trip I would have had access to the electronic diary which contained the details of the site visits. I don't know if you have some way of retrieving them. The report of the committee refers to site visits in "Perth and regional Western Australia" – I assume regional WA refers to Albany as I do not recall any other WA regional sites (certainly I did not attend any other WA regional sites).

Yours sincerely

Louise Miller-Frost



Louise Miller-Frost
MP Labor

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Louise Miller-Frost's office is on the lands of the Kaurna people.

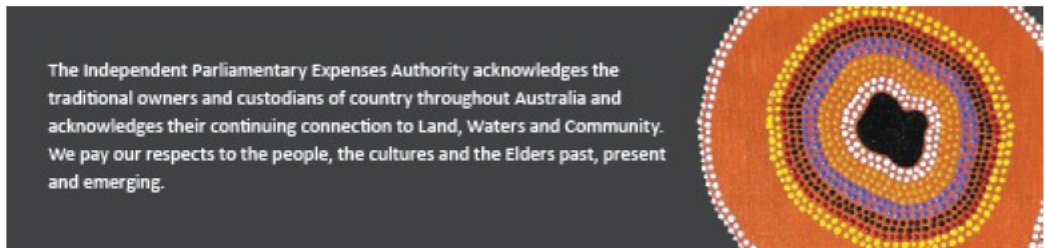
From: [redacted]@ipea.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 9 September 2025 1:42 PM
To: Miller-Frost, Louise (MP) <[redacted]@aph.gov.au>
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Subject: Correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Assurance Review of family reunion travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

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Subject: RE: RE: Correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Assurance Review of family reunion travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Third Letter - IPEA to Ms Miller-Frost.pdf; Miller-Frost, Louise MP_xx0020338077.pdf

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority for your attention.

Kind regards

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From: Miller-Frost, Louise (MP) <[REDACTED]@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 15 September 2025 4:05 PM
To: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Subject: CM: RE: Correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority - Assurance Review of family reunion travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thank you for your correspondence.

Unfortunately, given the amount of time that has passed since this travel, all of my diary notes have been deleted by the parliamentary system (I use the electronic diary associated with my parliamentary email). I am therefore reconstructing this timeline based on the Workforce Australia Employment Services Committee Report and my memory of over two and a half years ago.

The dominant purpose of the travel to Perth and to Albany was to fulfill my Parliamentary Committee duties.

I travelled to Perth with my husband for the purposes of attending the site visits and hearings associated with my work on the Workforce Australia Employment Services Select Committee. I travelled from Perth to Albany

on the 29th January for site visits and (I think) returned on the 30th January. The Committee then conducted site visits and hearings in Perth which I believe were held on the 31st of January and the 1st of February. We then travelled back to our home in Adelaide.

You would be able to cross reference my travel to Albany (and Perth) with that of the Chair Julian Hill and a couple of the other committee members – I recall that the Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie and the former Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent were both on the site visits to Perth and to Albany.

As per my previous correspondence, I travelled to Perth earlier than the site visits and hearings to attempt to acclimatise to the time difference. Having come off ten months of campaigning, an election and then a rather hectic first nine months in my new role, I was exhausted and did not feel the significant time difference between Adelaide and Perth was going to be able to be managed. I claimed the flights because we would not have been travelling to Perth (or Albany) except for the Committee hearings and site visits, and I claimed for the nights in Perth around the Perth hearings and the night in Albany where I would not have travelled except for the Committee schedule.

I elected not to claim for the earlier days because I consider my managing my energy in this way not to be appropriate to charge the taxpayer for. My husband did not travel with me to Albany. I cannot clearly recall why but I think he had some Board meetings that he needed to zoom into, and the committee's busy visit schedule in Albany made it illogical for him to accompany me there. If he was going to sit in a hotel waiting for me it might as well be in Perth and save the cost and inconvenience of the flights to and from Albany.

The Committee Chair, Julian Hill, makes reference to a site visit to Albany in his speech tabling the report: [Hansard - House of Representatives 30/11/2023 Parliament of Australia](#)

I am sorry I can't provide any better references - had this been queried within a year after the trip I would have had access to the electronic diary which contained the details of the site visits. I don't know if you have some way of retrieving them. The report of the committee refers to site visits in "Perth and regional Western Australia" – I assume regional WA refers to Albany as I do not recall any other WA regional sites (certainly I did not attend any other WA regional sites).

Yours sincerely

Louise Miller-Frost



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ipea.gov.au>
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30 January 2026

Ms Louise Miller-Frost MP

Member for Boothby

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Dear Ms Miller-Frost

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

Thank you for your response of 15 September 2025 to IPEA's 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 response to IPEA's questions, you have advised:

"I travelled to Perth earlier than the site visits and hearings to attempt to acclimatise to the time difference. Having come off ten months of campaigning, an election and then a rather hectic first nine months in my new role, I was exhausted and did not feel the significant time difference between Adelaide and Perth was going to be able to be managed."

Under section 26 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act), a member must not claim expenses, an allowance or any other public resources unless the expenses are incurred, or the allowance or resources are claimed, for the dominant purpose of conducting their parliamentary business.

Your parliamentary business in Western Australia did not begin until 29 January 2023. Therefore, it would only have been reasonable for you to travel on the day your parliamentary business started, or the day before.

Your travel from Adelaide to Perth on 26 January 2023, three days prior to your parliamentary business commencing on 29 January 2023, was in contravention of section 26 of the PBR Act.

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Parliamentarians must only use travel resources for the dominant purpose of undertaking their parliamentary business, and there are no provisions allowing for the use of travel resources for personal reasons prior to the commencement of that parliamentary business.

Your spouse's flight on 26 January 2023 does not meet the three-part test set out in regulation 6 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017, because at the time of the travel you were not travelling for the dominant purpose of your parliamentary business. As a result, you have not met the conditions in relation to that travel, which is a contravention of section 28 of the PBR Act.

Under section 28(1) of the PBR Act, a member must not make a claim, or incur expenses, under this Act in relation to public resources if:

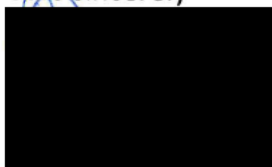
- (a) One or more conditions must be met (whether or not by the member) for the public resources to be provided in relation to the claim or expenses; and
- (b) Not all of the conditions have been met.

If section 26, 27 or 28 of the Act are contravened, IPEA must apply a non-discretionary penalty loading of 25% to the amount to be repaid.

An invoice for the amount of \$4,183.10 is attached, for the recovery of the two airfares and a 25% penalty loading.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Nicole Pearson

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Invoice Date: 29.01.2026
Phone number: (02) 6215 3000
Invoice Reference: [REDACTED]
Payment Reference: 3100003593
Customer No: [REDACTED]
Payment Due Date: 28.02.2026
Email: finance@ipea.gov.au

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 please quote the Invoice Reference.

Please pay within 30 days of the invoice date

Item Description	Net Amount	GST Amount	Total Amount
001 *Recovery of Airfare 26/1/23	\$1,521.13	\$152.11	\$1,673.24
002 *Recovery of Airfare 26/1/23	\$1,521.12	\$152.11	\$1,673.23
003 *25 percent penalty loading 26 Jan 23	\$836.62	\$0.01	\$836.63

Total: **\$3,878.87** **\$304.23** **\$4,183.10**

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