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From: Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 June 2025 2:47 PM
To: 'Hanson-Young, Sarah (Private)'
Cc: Assurance
Subject: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: IPEA to Senator Hanson-Young - 26 June 2025.pdf; Assurance Review.pdf

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Dear Senator Sarah Hanson-Young

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority in relation to an Assurance Review of your travel and travel-related expenses.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Hanson-Young, Sarah (Private) s47F
Subject: HPE CM: Re: Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources – Family Reunion Travel [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s22(1),

Please find below and attached responses to your questions. Please contact me directly if you have any questions and need clarification. I am available on s47F.

Thank you,

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young

*Senator for South Australia.
Greens Manager of Parliamentary Business.
Greens Spokesperson for Environment, Communications and the Arts.
Chair, Senate Environment & Communications References Committee.
Deputy Chair, Senate Environment & Communications Legislation Committee.*

Responses to Assurance questions:

Gold Coast

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to the Gold Coast on 3 May 2023?

The dominant purpose for my travel was "Parliamentary Duties", as per Schedule 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Determination.

2. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business on the Gold Coast between 3 and 7 May 2023?

Parliamentary Duties, as per Schedule 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Determination. Relating to my role Chair of Senate Environment & Communication References Committee and as Greens policy portfolio holder for Arts and Communications.

My travel to the Gold Coast was to attend the Screen Forever Conference as both a guest speaker and to engage and consult stakeholders and industry representatives in the screen production, film and media sector.

The Screen Forever Conference is hosted annually by Australia's leading film and screen industry body, Australian Screen Producers Association (SPA).

I participated in the formal program as guest speaker and panelist, and attended the various conference dinners and events. I also engaged in a number of side events and meetings with various industry representatives and stakeholders.

Attached Documentation:

- *invitation to the Conference.*
- *Media article providing a summary of the conference here: <https://www.screenhub.com.au/news/opinions-analysis/screen-forever-2023-need-to-know-2613542/>*
- *Press release issued after the event: <https://greens.org.au/news/media-release/quotas-local-content-streaming-platforms-are-long-overdue>*

3. Please advise whether your family members' 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;
- b. Your family members were travelling to accompany or join you; and
- c. Your family members' travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Yes, my husband's travel meets this test.

Sydney

4. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Sydney on 6 June 2023?

The dominant purpose for my travel was "Parliamentary Duties", as per Schedule 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Determination.

5. With reference to the Determination at Attachment A, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in the Sydney between 6 and 7 June 2023

Parliamentary Duties, as per Schedule 1, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of the Determination. Relating to my role Chair of Senate Environment & Communication References Committee and as Greens policy portfolio holder for Arts and Communications.

I was in Sydney as a guest speaker and panelist for a public forum on the future of media regulation, relevant parliamentary legislation and impact of the Murdoch empire on the Australian media landscape. The event was hosted by the Australian media company "Crikey".

Attached Documentation:

- Official panelist briefing document for the event.
- Media coverage of the event here: <https://www.crikey.com.au/2023/06/07/malcolm-turnbull-crikey-event-ben-roberts-smith/>

6. Please advise whether your family members' 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 members were travelling to accompany or join you; and
- c. Your family members' travel was for the dominant purpose of facilitating family life.

Yes, my husband's travel meets this test.

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

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Sincerely

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26 June 2025

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Dear Senator Hanson-Young

Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work 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 use of parliamentary business resources.

As you may be aware, IPEA has been undertaking an Assurance Review of parliamentary business resources accessed by you for family reunion purposes between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023. This matter has now been finalised.

As advised in our original correspondence, IPEA publishes completed Assurance Reviews on the IPEA website at www.ipea.gov.au/assurance-audit/published-assurance-reviews. I am providing you with the attached copy of the Assurance Review prior to publication for your information.

If you have any queries or comments in relation to this matter, please email assurance@ipea.gov.au, or contact §22(1), Assistant Director, Assurance and Audit, on §22(1) by close of business on 10 July 2025.

Yours sincerely

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