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Subject: Assurance Review of office resources [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hon Ged Kearney MP

Assistant Minister for Social Services

Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence

Dear Assistant Minister

Please find attached correspondence from the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

Sincerely

Nicole Pearson

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20 March 2026

Hon Ged Kearney MP
Member for Cooper
159 High Street
Preston, VIC, 3072

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Assistant Minister

Assurance Review of travel and travel-related resources

The Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) has a 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 office resources provided under regulation 74 and office expenses provided under regulation 66 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*, used by you between 1 January 2024 and 9 October 2025.

Legislative framework

The obligations that apply to parliamentarians using public resources for conducting their parliamentary business are set out in sections 25 to 28 of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (the PBR Act). Section 6 of the PBR Act defines the meaning of parliamentary business and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017 (the Determination) defines the four streams of parliamentary business.

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Information required by IPEA

Can you please provide IPEA with your assurance that between 1 January 2024 and 9 October 2025 that all work expenses used in your office were used for the dominant purpose of your parliamentary business having regard to the definition in the Determination. This includes all office equipment and stationery, including paper.

Please provide a written response via email to assurance@ipea.gov.au, by close of business on **10 April 2026**, or advise us prior to the date if you need more time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Nicole Pearson on [REDACTED] or assurance@ipea.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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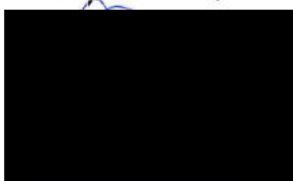
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Hi Nicole

Thank you for sending this through.

I am following this up as a matter of urgency

Gabriel

[REDACTED] (He/ Him) | Adviser

Office of the Hon Ged Kearney MP

Assistant Minister for Social Services

Assistant Minister for Prevention of Family Violence

M: [REDACTED]

From: Pearson, Nicole

Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2026 12:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for calling me back this morning. Please see the email trail below and attached documents relating to an assurance review that IPEA is conducting.

IPEA's initial letter was sent on 20 March 2026, and the matter has now been outstanding for some time despite IPEA contacting the office.

It would be most helpful if IPEA could receive a response by this Friday 22 May 2026. If the Assistant Minister requires longer, could you please advise me by this Friday.

Kind regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2026 10:59 AM

To: Pearson, Nicole <Nicole.Pearson@ipea.gov.au>

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Here is a) the letter originally sent on March 20 and b) a written reminder on 30 April below

referencing my first follow-up call. And c) the record of my second follow up call.

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