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Mr Graham Perrett

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Dear Mr Perrett

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

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Assurance Review of Members of Parliament work resources – Interstate travel

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Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Townsville – 4 to 5 September 2024								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	4 September 2024	12:56pm	Brisbane airport	4 September 2024	1:26pm	\$70.38
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	4 September 2024	2:30pm	Townsville	4 September 2024	4:35pm	\$542.07
Travel allowance – Non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Townsville	4 September 2024		\$124.00
Travel fares - coach	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	8:00am	Townsville	5 September 2024	6:00pm	\$230.67
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	7:00pm	Garbutt	5 September 2024	7:15pm	\$113.64
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	8:15pm	Brisbane	5 September 2024	10:05pm	\$542.07
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	5 September 2024	10:05pm	Moorooka	5 September 2024	11:03pm	\$112.57

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Townsville between 4-5 September 2024?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Townsville between 4-5 September 2024? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.

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Darwin, Cairns and Townsville – 16 to 24 September 2024								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	16 September 2024	7:27am	Brisbane airport		8:00am	\$80.38
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	16 September 2024	9:05am	Darwin	16 September 2024	12:50pm	\$2235.57
Travel fares - Airnorth	Mr Graham Perrett	Darwin	19 September 2024	8:30am	Cairns	19 September 2024	12:30pm	\$1609.00
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Aeroglen	19 September 2024	12:30pm	Smithfield, Cairns		1:03pm	\$122.27
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	19 September 2024		Cairns	19 September 2024	7:00pm	\$15.75
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	19 September 2024		Cairns North	19 September 2024	9:18pm	\$18.27
Travel allowance – non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Cairns	19 September 2024		\$120.00
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	20 September 2024		Cairns	20 September 2024	7:52am	\$12.50
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	23 September 2024	5:40am	Aeroglen		5:55am	\$94.50
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	23 September 2024	6:30am	Townsville	23 September 2024	7:25am	\$399.59
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COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Aeroglen	23 September 2024	3:50pm	Cairns North		4:15pm	\$68.10
Travel allowance – non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Cairns	23 September 2024		\$120.00
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	24 September 2024	12:45pm	Brisbane	24 September 2024	2:55pm	\$372.15
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane airport	24 September 2024	2:55pm	Moorooka		3:55pm	\$100.78

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Darwin, Cairns and Townsville between 16-24 September 2024?
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Perth – 20 to 22 February 2025								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	20 February 2025	11:50am	Brisbane Airport		12:20pm	\$70.76
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	20 February 2025	1:25pm	Perth	20 February 2025	4:40pm	\$3275.59
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth Airport	20 February 2025	4:40pm	Perth		5:29pm	\$78.12
Travel allowance – Commercial (2 nights)	Mr Graham Perrett		20 February 2025		Perth	20 February 2025		\$884.00
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Garden Island	21 February 2025	2:59pm	Fremantle		3:44pm	\$97.65
Travel expenses- Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Fremantle	21 February 2025		East Perth	21 February 2025	11:58pm	\$63.11
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth	22 February 2025	8:51am	Perth Airport		9:11am	\$130.20
Travel fares – Virgin Australia	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth	22 February 2025	10:45am	Brisbane	22 February 2025	5:20pm	\$1314.80
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	22 February 2025	5:16pm	Moorooka		5:49pm	\$147.29

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth between 20-22 February 2025?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment B**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Perth between 20-22 February 2025? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.

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Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Darwin and Jabiru – 2 to 5 March 2025								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	2 March 2025	7:15am	Brisbane Airport		7:50am	\$141.14
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	2 March 2025	8:45am	Darwin	2 March 2025	12:30pm	\$1712.42
Travel allowance – Commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett		2 March 2025		Darwin	2 March 2025		\$490.00
Travel allowance – Commercial (2 nights)	Mr Graham Perrett				Jabiru	3 March 2025		\$826.00
Travel fares – Virgin Australia	Mr Graham Perrett	Darwin	5 March 2025	1:20pm	Brisbane	5 March 2025	5:55pm	\$1039.45
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	5 March 2025	5:55pm	Moorooka		6:35pm	\$93.04

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Darwin and Jabiru between 2-5 March 2025?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment B**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Darwin and Jabiru between 2-5 March 2025? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.



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	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament: 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. <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>

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): 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.



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025

I, Don Farrell, Special Minister of State, make the following determination.

Dated 12 February 2025

Don Farrell
Special Minister of State

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after this instrument is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 6(3) and 6(4) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

4 Repeal

The *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (F2017L01691) is repealed from the date this instrument commences.

5 Interpretation

- (1) In this instrument:

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 - (b) which may occur in the context of a federal election.

Note: ***Dominant purpose*** has the meaning set out in section 26 of the Act.

Note: The Act and related instruments set out other limitations on the circumstances in which resources may be provided.

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Schedule 3—Party political duties

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Item	Member (or class)	Party political duties
1	All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	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 a political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); (b) A national, state or territory conference of a political party.
2	All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	Participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives as a member of a political party or in collaboration with another group of members: (a) Developing policies, proposals and plans, and engaging in related activities including when the policies, proposals and plans may be used by the member or a member's political party or group in the context of a federal election; (b) Engaging or working with an administrative support function or headquarters used by a political party or by a group of members, including in the context of a federal election; (c) Participating in an event, activity or function concerning matters identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.
3	A member of the House of Representatives whose electoral division will be abolished or changed because of a redistribution	Communicating with persons provided that: (a) those persons would be constituents in a new or altered electoral division created or changed because of that redistribution; and (b) the communication does not occur until the day after the date on which the final determination of the name and boundaries of the new electoral division is made in accordance with section 73 of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i>.

Note: Schedule 3 determines the meaning of party political duties in paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act.

Schedule 4—Official duties

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Member (or class)	Official duties
1	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): (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.

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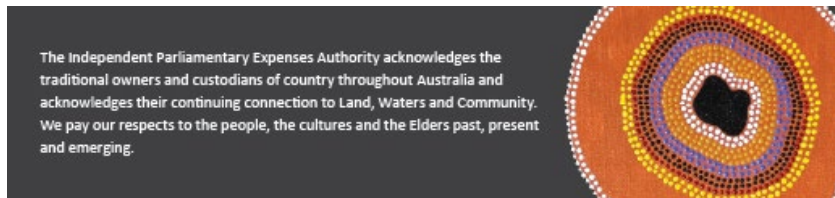
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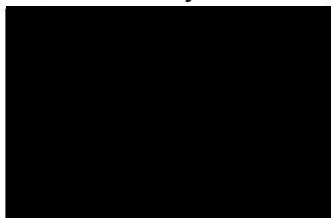
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Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Townsville – 4 to 5 September 2024								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	4 September 2024	12:56pm	Brisbane airport	4 September 2024	1:26pm	\$70.38
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	4 September 2024	2:30pm	Townsville	4 September 2024	4:35pm	\$542.07
Travel allowance – Non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Townsville	4 September 2024		\$124.00
Travel fares - coach	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	8:00am	Townsville	5 September 2024	6:00pm	\$230.67
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	7:00pm	Garbutt	5 September 2024	7:15pm	\$113.64
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	5 September 2024	8:15pm	Brisbane	5 September 2024	10:05pm	\$542.07
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	5 September 2024	10:05pm	Moorooka	5 September 2024	11:03pm	\$112.57

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Townsville between 4-5 September 2024?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Townsville between 4-5 September 2024? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.

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Assurance Review of work resources – Mr Graham Perrett

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Darwin, Cairns and Townsville – 16 to 24 September 2024								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	16 September 2024	7:27am	Brisbane airport		8:00am	\$80.38
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	16 September 2024	9:05am	Darwin	16 September 2024	12:50pm	\$2235.57
Travel fares - Airnorth	Mr Graham Perrett	Darwin	19 September 2024	8:30am	Cairns	19 September 2024	12:30pm	\$1609.00
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Aeroglen	19 September 2024	12:30pm	Smithfield, Cairns		1:03pm	\$122.27
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	19 September 2024		Cairns	19 September 2024	7:00pm	\$15.75
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	19 September 2024		Cairns North	19 September 2024	9:18pm	\$18.27
Travel allowance – non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Cairns	19 September 2024		\$120.00
Travel expenses - Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	20 September 2024		Cairns	20 September 2024	7:52am	\$12.50
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns North	23 September 2024	5:40am	Aeroglen		5:55am	\$94.50
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	23 September 2024	6:30am	Townsville	23 September 2024	7:25am	\$399.59
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Garbutt	23 September 2024	7:25am	Townsville		7:35am	\$113.64

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Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Townsville	23 September 2024	2:55pm	Cairns	23 September 2024	3:50pm	\$399.59
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Aeroglen	23 September 2024	3:50pm	Cairns North		4:15pm	\$68.10
Travel allowance – non commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett				Cairns	23 September 2024		\$120.00
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Cairns	24 September 2024	12:45pm	Brisbane	24 September 2024	2:55pm	\$372.15
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane airport	24 September 2024	2:55pm	Moorooka		3:55pm	\$100.78

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Darwin, Cairns and Townsville between 16-24 September 2024?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment A**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Darwin, Cairns and Townsville between 16-24 September 2024? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.

Attachment C

Assurance Review of work resources – Mr Graham Perrett

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Perth – 20 to 22 February 2025								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	20 February 2025	11:50am	Brisbane Airport		12:20pm	\$70.76
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	20 February 2025	1:25pm	Perth	20 February 2025	4:40pm	\$3275.59
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth Airport	20 February 2025	4:40pm	Perth		5:29pm	\$78.12
Travel allowance – Commercial (2 nights)	Mr Graham Perrett		20 February 2025		Perth	20 February 2025		\$884.00
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Garden Island	21 February 2025	2:59pm	Fremantle		3:44pm	\$97.65
Travel expenses- Cabcharge	Mr Graham Perrett	Fremantle	21 February 2025		East Perth	21 February 2025	11:58pm	\$63.11
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth	22 February 2025	8:51am	Perth Airport		9:11am	\$130.20
Travel fares – Virgin Australia	Mr Graham Perrett	Perth	22 February 2025	10:45am	Brisbane	22 February 2025	5:20pm	\$1314.80
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	22 February 2025	5:16pm	Moorooka		5:49pm	\$147.29

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Perth between 20-22 February 2025?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment B**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Perth between 20-22 February 2025? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.

Attachment C

Assurance Review of work resources – Mr Graham Perrett

Work Resource	Traveller	Departure Location	Departure Date	Departure Time	Arrival Location	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Total Amount
Darwin and Jabiru – 2 to 5 March 2025								
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Moorooka	2 March 2025	7:15am	Brisbane Airport		7:50am	\$141.14
Travel fares – Qantas Airways	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane	2 March 2025	8:45am	Darwin	2 March 2025	12:30pm	\$1712.42
Travel allowance – Commercial (1 night)	Mr Graham Perrett		2 March 2025		Darwin	2 March 2025		\$490.00
Travel allowance – Commercial (2 nights)	Mr Graham Perrett				Jabiru	3 March 2025		\$826.00
Travel fares – Virgin Australia	Mr Graham Perrett	Darwin	5 March 2025	1:20pm	Brisbane	5 March 2025	5:55pm	\$1039.45
COMCAR	Mr Graham Perrett	Brisbane Airport	5 March 2025	5:55pm	Moorooka		6:35pm	\$93.04

1. What was the dominant purpose of your travel to Darwin and Jabiru between 2-5 March 2025?
2. With reference to the Determination at **Attachment B**, what was the nature of your parliamentary business in Darwin and Jabiru between 2-5 March 2025? Please provide copies of documentation to support your response.



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	Column 2
Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament: 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. <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>

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): 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.



Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025

I, Don Farrell, Special Minister of State, make the following determination.

Dated 12 February 2025

Don Farrell
Special Minister of State

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2025*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after this instrument is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsections 6(3) and 6(4) of the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

4 Repeal

The *Parliamentary Business Resources (Parliamentary Business) Determination 2017* (F2017L01691) is repealed from the date this instrument commences.

5 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
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6 Parliamentary business of members

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- (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.
- (5) For the avoidance of doubt, a member may make a claim for and use public resources under Part 3 of the Act for an activity:
 - (a) undertaken for the dominant purpose of the member's parliamentary business as defined by section 6 of the Act and specified in a Schedule to this determination and to the extent that subsections 26(1) and 26(3) of the Act apply; and
 - (b) which may occur in the context of a federal election.

Note: ***Dominant purpose*** has the meaning set out in section 26 of the Act.

Note: The Act and related instruments set out other limitations on the circumstances in which resources may be provided.

Schedule 1—Parliamentary duties

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Member (or class)	Parliamentary duties
1	All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	In the member's capacity as a member of the Parliament: (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. 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).

Note: Schedule 1 determines the meaning of parliamentary duties in paragraph 6(4)(a) of the Act.

Schedule 2—Electorate duties

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Member (or class)	Electorate duties
1	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.

Note: Schedule 2 determines the meaning of electorate duties in paragraph 6(4)(b) of the Act.

Schedule 3—Party political duties

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Member (or class)	Party political duties
1	All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	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 a political party (including a meeting of the party executive, a committee or a subcommittee); (b) A national, state or territory conference of a political party.
2	All members who are a senator or member of the House of Representatives	Participating in any of the following in their capacity as an elected Senator or member of the House of Representatives as a member of a political party or in collaboration with another group of members: (a) Developing policies, proposals and plans, and engaging in related activities including when the policies, proposals and plans may be used by the member or a member's political party or group in the context of a federal election; (b) Engaging or working with an administrative support function or headquarters used by a political party or by a group of members, including in the context of a federal election; (c) Participating in an event, activity or function concerning matters identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.
3	A member of the House of Representatives whose electoral division will be abolished or changed because of a redistribution	Communicating with persons provided that: (a) those persons would be constituents in a new or altered electoral division created or changed because of that redistribution; and (b) the communication does not occur until the day after the date on which the final determination of the name and boundaries of the new electoral division is made in accordance with section 73 of the <i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i> .

Note: Schedule 3 determines the meaning of party political duties in paragraph 6(4)(c) of the Act.

Schedule 4—Official duties

	Column 1	Column 2
Item	Member (or class)	Official duties
1	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): (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.

Note: Schedule 4 determines the meaning of official duties in paragraph 6(4)(d) of the Act.

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Will do. I'll go hunting my diaries on the weekend.

On Fri, 27 Feb 2026 at 11:16 am, Assurance <Assurance@ipea.gov.au> wrote:

Good morning Mr Perrett

The questions are at the bottom of each data sheet – Attachment C. Please scroll down the letter to the next pages.

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When I read through the correspondence I couldn't find any questions. Are you sure they were attached?

Please call to discuss. [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Perrett

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NB - I am just going off my physical diaries and don't have access to my electronic diary, emails, briefing notes provided by the secretariats or other pertinent information about the people the committee met and who was in attendance. Nevertheless, answers to Questions in order asked:

Townsville

1. Chair of the Public Works Committee inspecting RAAF Base Townsville and the Australian Institute of Marine Science at Cape Ferguson (and maybe Lavararch Barracks - but that also might have been another time)
2. As above. I don't have any documentation other than my physical diary. Secretariat at Parliament House could provide the travel packs.

Darwin, Cairns, Townsville

1. Darwin was the launching point for me spending a few days on **HMAS Stuart (FFH 153)**, an [Anzac-class frigate](#) in the [Royal Australian Navy](#). This was part of the Parliamentary Placement Program where MP's spend time with the military.

I then flew on to Cairns where I joined the Brisbane Olympic Games Organising Committee as the PM's representative. The Committee was inspecting sporting facilities in Cairns.

Then, as a member of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, I joined the sub-committee chair, Brendan O'Connor and inspected the Cairns Naval defence facility.

I then flew onto Townsville, as a member of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee. The Sub-committee chair, Brendan O'Connor and I then inspected some Defence facilities in Townsville - mainly army and navy.

2. As above. I don't have any documentation other than my physical diary. I have extensive notes from the Olympic Committee meetings, but not much from the Defence visits. However, the current Secretariat at Parliament House could provide the travel packs for the visit. Also, from memory, they were not classified visits.

Perth

1. As a member of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, I joined the sub-committee chair, Brendan O'Connor and met with Curtin University about Defence opportunities and then inspected the Henderson Naval defence and shipping yards.
Chair of the Public Works Committee visiting RAAF Base Townsville and the Australian Institute of Marine Science at Cape Ferguson
2. As above. I don't have any documentation other than my physical diary. The Secretariat at Parliament House could provide the travel packs.

Darwin and Jabiru

1. Chair of the Public Works Committee inspecting the Department of Environment's Public Works at Kakadu National Park.

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Please let me know if you require photocopies of my physical diary.

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