



## What's changed - Charter transport

Under the new parliamentary expenses framework, travel by chartered transport is now referred to as 'unscheduled commercial transport'. This includes chartered aircraft, self-drive hire cars, taxis and regulated rideshare services such as Uber.

### Submitting an expense claim for unscheduled commercial transport

Parliamentarians must determine that the dominant purpose of their unscheduled commercial transport is for parliamentary business and whether it achieves value for money.

### Passengers on unscheduled commercial transport

Passenger costs are covered in the following circumstances

- Where the passenger is required for the parliamentarian to conduct their Parliamentary Business (for example, a parliamentarian may need to be accompanied by an employee or industry expert); or
- Where there are no additional costs for the passenger (for example, additional costs may be incurred for a larger aircraft).

If additional costs are incurred to allow for travel by a passenger, the passenger or the parliamentarian must meet the additional costs personally.

Please note that a family member accompanying a parliamentarian is not a 'required' passenger, and could only travel if there were no additional costs OR if the parliamentarian met the additional cost OR the family reunion limit/s were used.

### Unscheduled commercial transport previously needing SMOS approval

Chartered transport within Australia that previously needed approval from the Special Minister of State is now a decision for parliamentarians and will be subject to the dominant purpose and value for money principles.

### Limits on unscheduled commercial transport within the Electorate

When travelling on electorate duties on unscheduled commercial transport, costs will not be covered if a member could have reasonably used their PPV or allowance in lieu of the PPV.

In addition, the Transport in Large Electorate budget may be used for transport within the electorate on electorate duties – a subset of Parliamentary Business. The budget limits that currently exist still apply.

### Taxis

Parliamentarians will need to make a decision about the reasonableness of using taxis in their local area, with the general principle being that if a Private Plated Vehicle or allowance in lieu is able to be used, then it should be used.