



What's changed - Domestic Travel

The new expenses framework for parliamentarians makes domestic travel easier to understand, and more flexible to access. There are three types of domestic travel:

1. Scheduled
2. Unscheduled (e.g. charter)
3. Commonwealth Transport Services (COMCAR or RAAF Aircraft)

Refer to IPEA fact sheet *What's changed – charter travel* for more information on unscheduled domestic travel. From 1 January 2018, all domestic travel for parliamentarians will be subject to the dominant purpose and value for money requirements as set out in the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017*.

All Parliamentarians are now able to travel to external territories (excluding Antarctica) for Parliamentary Business.

Travel Allowance

From 1 January, Travel Allowance (TA) is payable for each night of accommodation where an overnight stay is needed for Parliamentary Business, noting there is a ten night limit for party political duties outside Canberra and electorate duties outside the parliamentarians electorate.

The new expenses framework requires parliamentarians to make an assessment of the dominant purpose of their claim for TA, and that an overnight stay is value for money.

Previously, TA claims had to be submitted with 60 days of the completion of travel – this will change. IPEA will advise the new timeframes shortly.

Parking Costs

The limit on parking costs up to a maximum of \$240 is to be removed, with the responsibility on the Member to achieve value for money. Parking costs will now be able to be claimed at other locations when travelling to For example, a Member from an outer metro area needing to drive to the CBD for a meeting would be able to claim parking costs.

Parliamentarians should always undertake a value for money assessment to determine the best option for parking while undertaking parliamentary business.

Further information on changes to domestic travel is available at www.ipea.gov.au.