



## **Self-Drive Hire Cars**

The use of a self-drive hire car is subject to the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017* (PBR Act). Under the PBR Act, unscheduled commercial transport, including self-drive hire cars, may be used anywhere in Australia subject to the parliamentarian meeting the following principles:

- use public resources for the **dominant purpose** of parliamentary business
- conduct parliamentary business in a way that achieves **value for money**
- meet **any conditions** connected to expenses and allowances they claim
- be **personally responsible and accountable** for the use of public resources for parliamentary business
- be prepared to **publicly justify** the use of public resources in conducting parliamentary business, and
- **act ethically and in good faith** in using, and accounting for the use of, public resources in the conduct of parliamentary business.

A self-drive hire car may be used by a parliamentarian in Canberra during sitting weeks, and for the weekend between sitting weeks if they remain in Canberra.

While in Canberra this would reasonably include a parliamentarian travelling to and from the airport, a restaurant, the supermarket, or a medical appointment. This may also include a partner or staff member providing support to prepare for Parliament.

### **Further Information**

A definition of parliamentary business is available in the [Parliamentary Business Resources \(Parliamentary Business\) Determination 2017](#).



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Further information on the principles is also available on IPEA's website at <https://www.ipea.gov.au/travel/parliamentarians-travel> and in the '[What are the Obligations?](#)' fact sheet.

If you have further queries or require specific advice on the use of self-drive hire cars, please contact IPEA on (02) 6215 3000 or [enquiries@ipea.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@ipea.gov.au)