

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984

**TRAVEL COSTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW
INTO COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACES**

I, SIMON BIRMINGHAM, Minister for Finance, for and on behalf of the Prime Minister determine under subsections 13(2) and 20(2) of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* that, with effect on and from the date of this Determination

Determination of travel costs

1. The associated travel costs of an employee:
 - (a) who is participating in the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces (Independent Review); and
 - (b) whose travel is subject to the electorate support budget (ESB)may not be debited from the ESB of the employing Senator or Member when the employee travels to participate in the Independent Review, provided that the travel to the meeting location is not also for other official business.
2. Where the travel is also for other official business, only the *additional* travel costs associated with the activities may not be debited from the employing Senator or Member's ESB.
3. The determination under item 1 as to whether costs will not be debited from the ESB will be made on a case-by-case basis taking into account, but not limited to, the following factors:
 - (a) the ability for the employee to otherwise participate (e.g. through a written submission, video or teleconference);
 - (b) the proximity of the employee to a location where the Independent Review will be conducting interviews; and
 - (c) any other relevant matters.
4. 'Associated travel costs' are costs under *Determination 2020/15: Staff travel and relief staff arrangements* (or its successor determinations), including domestic flights and taxis, and entitlements under the *Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019* (or successor agreements), including travelling allowance or motor vehicle allowance.

Authorisation

5. I authorise persons from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of an office specified below to determine whether associated travel costs are debited from the ESB:

- (a) Deputy Secretary, Business Enabling Services, Department of Finance.
- (b) SES employees, Ministerial and Parliamentary Services, Department of Finance.

Dated this  day of June 2021



SIMON BIRMINGHAM
Minister for Finance