

Member	Martin Cameron	Electorate	Morwell
Period	1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$13,115.76
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$0.00

Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance	
Total amount paid to member for motor vehicle allowance	\$0.00
Member did not receive the motor vehicle allowance in the previous quarter and member has elected to receive the motor vehicle allowance for this quarter	No

Regulation 9 - Parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	
Total amount paid to member for parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	\$0.00
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located	n/a

Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Town or city in which accommodation was located	Value of the accommodation
18-Mar-24	21-Mar-24	Parliamentary Sitings and Committee Meeting	\$1,096.20	Melbourne	\$1,080.00
06-May-24	07-May-24	Parliamentary Sitings	\$198.00	Melbourne	\$198.00
29-Apr-24	03-May-24	Parliamentary Sitings and Committee Meeting	\$780.00	Melbourne	\$780.00
13-May-24	15-May-24	Parliamentary Sitings	\$358.00	Melbourne	\$358.00
27-May-24	30-May-24	Parliamentary Sitings	\$537.00	Melbourne	\$537.00
17-Jun-24	21-Jun-24	Parliamentary Sitings	\$687.60	Melbourne	\$687.60

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims **17**
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance **\$3,656.80**

Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Mode of transport	Value of transport

Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims **0**
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance **\$0.00**

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
17-Apr-24	27-Apr-24	Return flights from Melbourne to Istanbul on electorate business to undertake research and represent the views and interests of constituents at various ANZAC events and activities.	\$2,602.30
18-Apr-24	26-Apr-24	Accommodation on electorate business to undertake research and represent the views and interests of constituents at various ANZAC events and activities in Turkiye.	\$1,568.30

Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims **10**
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance **\$4,170.60**
See attached travel report for further details

International Travel Report

Türkiye 2024

Martin Cameron MP, State Member for Morwell

18 April 2024 – 26 April 2024



Statement of Objectives:

In April 2024, I took part in a cross-party Victorian Members of Parliament Delegation to Türkiye to attend the Anzac Memorial Services, visit places of cultural significance, and engage with the Turkish Government and Parliament.

This Victorian Members of Parliament Anzac Delegation is an annual tradition for State Members of Parliament. After a pause on travel due to the pandemic, this tradition has returned in 2024. It was my pleasure to represent the people of Morwell on this delegation.

Türkiye and Australia share a unique bond – through the shared experience that began on the battlefields of Çanakkale (Gallipoli). This year marks the 109th anniversary since

the Gallipoli campaign that forged the spirit of the Anzacs of mateship, camaraderie and mutual respect. Values that now form part of the national identity of Australia, New Zealand and Türkiye.

Since that time, Australia and Türkiye have become close friends and share in commemorations on Anzac Day and throughout the year as thousands of Australians make the pilgrimage to Gallipoli to pay their respects and honour the fallen.

Victoria is home to the largest Turkish community in Australia.

By fostering these economic and cultural ties between Victoria and Türkiye, we can develop further economic opportunities for both communities.

Summary of meetings and visits:

18 April 2024

Melbourne to Istanbul

Stayed in Istanbul

19 April 2024

Dinner, hosted by the Australian Consulate General in İstanbul.



Pictured above: Meeting with Mr Miles Armitage, Australian Ambassador to Türkiye

20 April 2024 – 21 April 2024

The Delegation visited the major cultural and historical sites of Istanbul which included the Dolmabahçe Palace, Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Ayasofya Mosque, Basilica Cistern, Topkapı Palace, the Bosphorus and the Grand Bazaar. These are places of immense historical and cultural significance for Türkiye.

We met with the chair of the Council of Foreign Economic Relations of the Türkiye-Australia Business Council. Mr Steven Young is an Australian of Turkish heritage based

in Istanbul, we spoke about growing business ties between Australia and Türkiye. He noted the opportunities that direct flights between Melbourne and Istanbul presented for business, trade and tourism.



22 April 2024

Depart Istanbul, travel to Ankara (flight)
Stayed in Ankara

The Delegation had the honour of visiting the Mausoleum of Atatürk (Anıtkabir) to pay our respects, lay a wreath, and sign the Book of Honour. It serves as the resting place of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.





Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was the founder of the Republic of Türkiye and served as its first President from 1923 until his death in 1938.

During the ANZAC campaign, Atatürk was the commander in charge of Turkish forces.

After the Gallipoli campaign, Atatürk famously said:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...

You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.

Therefore rest in peace.

There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours...

You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears;

Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.

After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.

The Delegation paused to view the words inscribed into the stone of the Mausoleum and reflect on the significance of this statement which has become an enduring symbol of the relationship between Türkiye and Australia.

We joined with the Australian Ambassador Mr Miles Armitage from the Embassy of Australia in Ankara, and Parliamentarians of the Türkiye Australia friends group from the Turkish Grand Assembly.

23 April 2024

Delegation members visited the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA).

The TGNA has 600 members and is located in Ankara, the capital city of Türkiye.

The Delegation joined a reception hosted by HE Halil Eldemir, the President of the Türkiye-Australia Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Member of Parliament for Bilecik. Other Parliamentarians also joined this reception.

We also attended the TGNA General Assembly Special Session for the Anniversary of Foundation of the TGNA and a guided tour of the TGNA. This coincides with National Sovereignty and Children's Day in Türkiye – a very significant day in Türkiye that celebrates democracy and the importance of young people.

Finally, we met with HE Bekir Bozdağ, the Deputy Speaker of TGNA.

We then departed Ankara to Çanakkale (domestic flight).





Pictures above: Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA), Meeting with Members of Parliament of the Grand Assembly, including Halil Eldemir, Sureyya Ones Derici, Ismail Faruk Aksu, Dr. Muzeyyen Sevkin, Onder Aksakal.

24 April 2024 Turkish Service.

The Delegation attended the Ceremony for the 109th Anniversary of the Land Wars of Çanakkale, where the President of the Gallipoli Historic Site, Ismail Kasdemir, delivered a moving speech. Mr Kasdemir particularly spoke about the common ground that Gallipoli now represents as a sacred meeting place to reflect and commemorate.

Following the ceremony, I attended the Ari Burni Cemetery and Shrapnel Valley Cemetery and paid respects to fallen soldiers from my electorate who died in the campaign and were buried on the Gallipoli peninsula in Türkiye. This was a personal highlight of the trip honouring and paying respect to those men who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Pictured below are gravesites of men from Morwell electorate buried in Türkiye.



Charles Wilkinson, 463, 8th Light Horse, of Trafalgar, Grave C.4, age 20, died 23rd June 1915, buried at Ari Burni Cemetery



George Seager, 62, 9th Horse, of Moe, Grave A.18, Age 17, died on 7th August 1915, buried at Ari Burni Cemetery



Herb Guyatt, 802, 6th Battalion of Toongabbie, Grave II.B.21, age 24 years, died July 14th 1915, buried at Shrapnel Valley Cemetery.



Arthur Paulet, 520, 4th Light Horse, of Tyres, Grave III.E.17, age Unknown, died June 5th 1915, buried at Shrapnel Valley Cemetery.



David Crawford, 231, 8th Light Horse of Traralgon, Grave C.1, age 40, died on 23rd June 1915, buried at Ari Burni Cemetery.

25 April 2024

Dawn Service

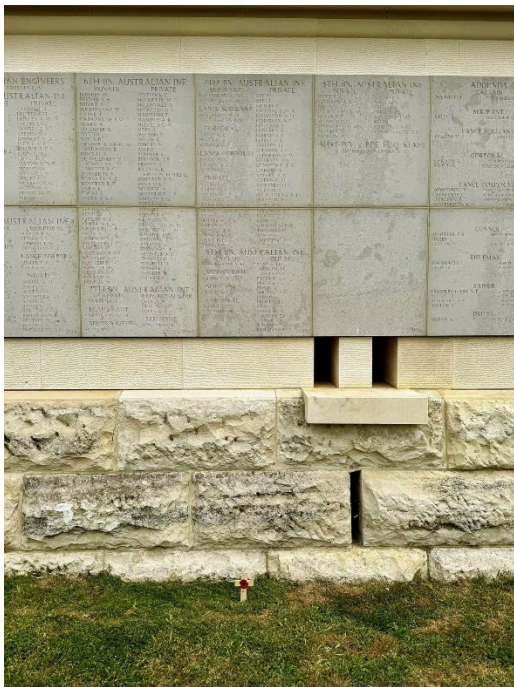
The Delegation attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Anzac Cove.

The Dawn Service is an important time for reflection on the service and sacrifice of our state's veterans.

The Delegation joined over 1500 travellers from Australia and New Zealand joined Turkish and other dignitaries at the former World War I battlefields at Gallipoli for a solemn service at dawn. As the sun rose, participants held a minute of silence to reflect on the sacrifices of tens of thousands of soldiers from the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, who landed at the beaches at Gallipoli, in north-west Türkiye.



It is so important that Australians continue to make the journey to Gallipoli, to pay their respects to our ANZACs, and remember our significant wartime history and we should continue to support Australians join this service in the future.



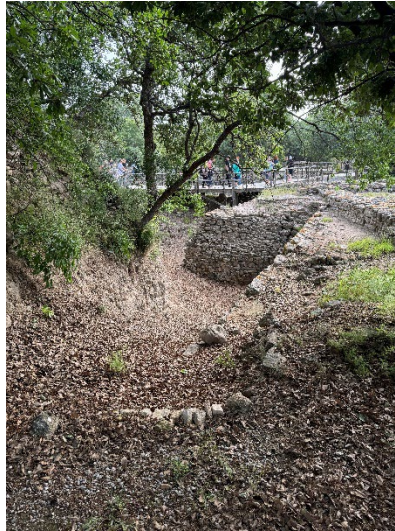


Following the Dawn Service, we paid our respects at the Lone Pine Monument, commemorating the 3,268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who died in the campaign and have no known grave, and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea. This was a significant service with many Delegation members visiting the graves of soldiers from their electorates honoured at Lone Pine.

The Australian Dawn service was followed by services for the the armed forces of France, United Kingdom and New Zealand.



I also attended the ancient city of Troy. We heard about when archaeologists excavated the site, they discovered that this is not just one city, but nine, built one on top of the other. These defensive walls were designed to keep attackers from getting inside the city of Troy.



Pictured: Walls of Troy.

26 April 2024

Depart Instabul for Melbourne

Commercial transport and accommodation details

Commercial flights

Domestic

- Istanbul to Ankara - Turkish Airlines TK 2142, Economy – Tuesday 22 April 2024 - \$63.26
- Ankara to Çanakkale - Turkish Airlines VF 4128, Economy – Wednesday 23 April 2024 - \$84.80

Accommodation

- Accomodation in Istanbul - Arrive 19 April 2024, depart 22 April 2024 - \$1,627.99
- Accomodation in Ankara - Arrive 22 April 2024, depart 23 April 2024 - \$264.55
- Accommodation in Çanakkale, Arrive 23 April 2024, depart 26 April 2024 - \$ 690.67

Reason: Domestic flights in Türkiye and accommodation on electrorate business to understake research and respresent the view and interests of constituents at various ANZAC events and activities

Concluding remarks:

Victoria and Türkiye have long had strong cultural, historical, social and economic ties which can be strengthened even further between our communities and governments.

It was an honour to travel to Türkiye to follow in the footsteps of the ANZACs, lay a wreath on behalf of the Latrobe Valley and visit the graves of fallen men from the Morwell electorate.

It was very moving to visit the grave sites of local men who perished. These men were young, naive and unaware of the harsh conditions they were entering.

It is important that we never forget their sacrifice and service to our great country.

Lest we forget