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| <b>Member</b> | Will Fowles                  | <b>Electorate</b> | Burwood/Ringwood |
| <b>Period</b> | 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 |                   |                  |

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| <b>Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance</b> |             |
| Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance             | \$12,079.83 |
| Total amount paid to member for expense allowance                | \$0.00      |

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| <b>Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance</b>   |        |
| 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     |

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

| <b>Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims</b> |            |   |                   |   |                            |
|--|------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Date from                                      | Date until | Reason for travel   | Total amount paid | Town or city in which accommodation was located | Value of the accommodation |
| 11-Apr-24                                      | 12-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP. | \$450.00          | Sydney  | \$450.00                   |
| 12-Apr-24                                      | 13-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP. | \$286.34          | Sydney  | \$199.00                   |

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims **2**  
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance **\$736.34**  
60cent underpayment, retified in quarter 4

| <b>Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims</b> |            |  |                   |                   |                    |
|--|------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Date from  | Date until | Reason for travel  | Total amount paid | Mode of transport | Value of transport |
| 11-Apr-24  | 13-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP.                      | \$146.44          | Flights           | \$146.44           |
| 11-Apr-24  | 13-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP.                      | \$46.42           | Public Transport  | \$46.42            |
| 11-Apr-24  | 13-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP.                      | \$51.16           | Uber              | \$51.16            |
| 11-Apr-24  | 13-Apr-24  | Research for electorate business, meetings with independent MP.                      | \$148.47          | Airport Parking   | 148.47             |
| 15-May-24  | 19-May-24  | Airport parking - Attendance at conference in New Zealand for parliamentary Business | \$197.96          | Airport Parking   | 197.96             |

Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims **12**  
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance **\$590.45**

| <b>Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims</b> |                   |   |                          |
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| <b>Date from</b>   | <b>Date until</b> | <b>Reason for travel</b>  | <b>Total amount paid</b> |
| 03-Jul-24  | 17-Jul-24         | Flights to United States for research and conference attendance for electorate business               | \$5,490.23               |
| 15-May-24  | 18-May-24         | Flights to New Zealand for research and conference attendance for parliamentary business              | \$1,054.04               |
| 03-Jul-24  | 17-Jul-24         | Internal flights within United States for research and conference attendance for electorate business. | \$1,826.40               |
| 15-May-24  | 18-May-24         | Attendance at conference in New Zealand for parliamentary business                                    | \$1,077.07               |
|  |                   | Recovery from cancelled China trip  | -\$1,607.30              |

**Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims** **17**  
**Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance** **\$7,840.44**  
**See attached travel report for further details**

## **International Travel Report**

Will Fowles, Member for Ringwood

### **Dates**

15/05/24 - 18/05/24

### **Reason for travel**

Attendance at the *Evidence and Values Based Decision Making* course run by The Aspen Institute NZ

### **Relates to**

Parliamentary business

### **Accommodation location**

Wellington, New Zealand

### **Value of the accommodation**

AUD \$887.77

### **Commercial transport**

Flight and transfers - \$1075.69

### **Statement of the Member's objectives**

1. To learn and develop a framework for making decision based on evidence and values.
2. To better understand decision-making processes, particularly as they relate to the decisions of Parliamentarians, Ministers and Governments.
3. To meet with New Zealand MPs and understand what similarities and differences exist across our respective jurisdictions.

### **A brief description of the Parliaments and other organisations visited**

The course was delivered in The Beehive, the executive building annexed to the New Zealand Parliament.

Also visited (at own expense) was Wellington Regional Stadium (currently branded *Sky Stadium*), a 34,500-seat venue that is home to both the Wellington Phoenix (Soccer: A-League) and the Wellington Hurricanes (Rugby Union: Super Rugby Pacific). Teams from Melbourne frequently play at the stadium.

## **A list of those persons met in relation to the reason for the travel and the assistance or information obtained from such persons**

### *Course Facilitators*

**Neil Jacobstein**, Academic & Author, Global Expert on AI  
**Christine Maiden Sharp**, CEO, The Aspen Institute (NZ)

### *Course Participants*

**Glen Bennett MP**, List Member, Labour  
**Kevin Jenkins**, Trustee, Parliamentary Education Trust  
**Barbara Kuriger MP**, Member for Taranaki-King Country, National [Deputy Speaker]  
**Ingrid Leary MP**, Member for Taieri, Labour  
**Nancy Lu MP**, List Member, National  
**Hon. Priyanca Radhakrishnan MP**, List Member, Labour [former Minister]  
**Hon. Carmel Sepuloni MP**, Member for Kelston, Labour [former Deputy Prime Minister]  
**Lemauga Lydia Sosene MP**, Member for Māngere, Labour  
**Hon. Louise Upston MP**, Member for Taupō, National [Minister for Child Poverty Reduction, Community and Voluntary Sector, Disability Issues, Social Development and Employment]

Course participants provided valuable insights into different legislative practices, enhanced the relationship between Victoria and NZ, and offered opportunities for future collaboration.

The course participants were very generous with their time and their willingness to share their experiences candidly, despite having political opponents in the room.

## **Reference to any documents or publications obtained or considered to be of interest in a Parliamentary sense**

*Evidence and Values Based Decision Making* coursebook

## **Brief summaries of the study areas pursued in the countries visited**

Parliaments of the Commonwealth  
Decision-making theory and practice  
Cultural practices within government  
Major sports infrastructure

## **Summary of the results achieved and any recommendations arising**

This course was expertly delivered, and provided a valuable (and usable) framework for testing decisions. The checklist that was delivered and refined during the course pulls together processes for assessing evidence, as well as identifying which competing values (eg efficiency v equality) are being prioritised in any proposed decision.

The relationships developed, particularly with Members of the New Zealand Parliament, will further add to the strong relationship between Victoria and New Zealand.

Victoria's sporting infrastructure remains amongst the best in the world.

## **Conclusion**

I strongly encourage Victorian MPs to study in New Zealand should future opportunities allow.