

Member	Beverley McArthur	Electorate	Western Victoria
Period	01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$13,549.34
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
05-Mar-23	10-Mar-23	Parliamentary Sitting and Committee Meetings	\$1,395.63	Melbourne	\$1,375.00
19-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	Parliamentary Sitting, Party Meeting and Committee Meetings	\$1,395.63	Melbourne	\$1,375.00
10-May-23	12-May-23	Nights prior and following Public Hearing Inquiry into Land Transfer Duty Fees	\$578.88	Melbourne	\$550.00
14-May-23	19-May-23	Parliamentary Sittings, Party Meeting, Committee Meeting and Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements met on Friday, via Zoom, but needed to be in Parliament Office	\$1,399.75	Melbourne	\$1,375.00
28-May-23	03-Jun-23	Parliamentary Sittings, Party Meeting, Committee Meeting, nights prior and following PAEC Monday and Friday	\$1,674.76	Melbourne	\$1,650.00
30-Apr-23	06-May-23	Parliamentary Sittings, Party Meeting, Council Committee Meeting, online committee meeting required PH office Resources	\$1,674.75	Melbourne	\$1,650.00
21-May-23	28-May-23	Night before Constituent Meetings, constituent meetings, Committees Meeting	\$1,678.88	Melbourne	\$1,650.00
04-Jun-23	10-Jun-23	PAEC estimate hearings	\$1,674.75	Melbourne	\$1,650.00
12-Jun-23	17-Jun-23	PAEC & Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements	\$1,757.98	Melbourne	\$1,575.00
18-Jun-23	23-Jun-23	Parliamentary Sittings, Party Crossbench meeting, Committee Meeting and Sunday night prior to EIC/PAEC	\$1,703.17	Melbourne	\$1,600.00
26-Jun-23	27-Jun-23	Regional hearing: Select Committee on Victoria's Recreational Native Bird Hunting Arrangements	\$185.00	Sale	\$160.00

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims
 Total amount paid to member for travel allowance

52
 \$15,119.18

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
19/07/2023	28/07/2023	Flights for study trip to Seoul, South Korea, engage in meetings with government and business stakeholders in the Urban Planning, Regional Development, Housing Construction, Smart Cities, Transport, Clean Energy and Agricultural sectors	\$6,952.48
10/04/2023	19/04/2023	Accommodation during Parliamentary study trip to Thailand, investigating issues of significance to business, educational providers and healthcare operators in my electorate and issues of Parliamentary interest, particularly the Thai experience of partial decriminalisation of cannabis.	\$2,111.85

Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims 9
 Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance \$9,064.33
 See attached travel report for further details

Thailand Travel Report

*A report on the visit by
Victorian Parliamentarians to
Bangkok, April 2023*

APRIL 2023

Bev McArthur MP



Thailand Travel Report

Objective

This report provides an overview of work undertaken during a parliamentary delegation to Thailand in April 2023.

Key aims

The study trip's key aims included investigation of:

- Opportunities for bilateral trade and investment for regional businesses in our electorates, specifically including agricultural production and manufacturing, and food processing industries.
- Partnerships in education and healthcare, including discussion of opportunities to support education, employment and trade for Thai citizens and companies in Victoria.
- Wider workforce and immigration issues.
- Shared Health and Education issues and approaches.
- The policy approach of Thai authorities with respect to the possession of and use of cannabis. We are keen to understand why Thailand took this approach, and to learn from their experience and knowledge in this important area.

We are grateful to Consul Tessa Sullivan of the Royal Thai Consulate Melbourne, Tirta Rojrangsee at the Royal Thai Embassy Canberra, and Siwit (Jack) Techatawiekul of the Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce, for arrangement of the delegation's itinerary.

Delegation



Beverley McArthur MP
Member for Western Victoria

Member of the Legislative
Council of the Parliament of
Victoria

Shadow Parliamentary
Secretary for Roads and Road
Safety

Member of the Public Accounts
and Estimates Committee,
Parliament of Victoria



Dr Renee Heath MP
Member for Eastern Victoria

Member of the Legislative
Council of the Parliament of
Victoria

Secretary of the Parliamentary
Liberal Party in Victoria



Nicholas McGowan MP
Member for North-Eastern
Region

Member of the Legislative
Council of the Parliament of
Victoria

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary
for the Scrutiny of Government

Deputy Chairman, Public
Accounts and Estimates
Committee,
Parliament of Victoria

The delegation thanks all participants who contributed their time and expertise to provide such detailed and useful briefings.

Claim details

- (a) the dates in respect of which the allowance is claimed:
- **10-19 April 2023 (nine nights)**
- (b) the reason for the travel:
- **Delegation of MPs to Thailand, as detailed in the Report**
- (c) an indication of whether the travel relates to parliamentary business or electorate business:
- **Electorate business, as detailed in the Report**
- (d) if there was accommodation used in respect of the claim—
- (i) the town, city or suburb in which the accommodation was located:
- **Bangkok, Thailand**
- (ii) the value of the accommodation:
- (TBH 26,394 + 22,775) = THB 49,169 (nine nights) = **\$2180.14 AUD**
 - International transaction fee – Credit Card – for the above = **\$65.41 AUD**
- (e) if there was commercial transport used in respect of the claim, the mode and value of the transport;
- Airport transfer to hotel accommodation - TBH 1950 = **\$86.70 AUD**
 - International transaction fee – Credit Card – for the above = **\$2.60 AUD**

Meetings

12-19 April 2023

Organisation	Participants	Location
Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce (AUSTCHAM)	Sam Hanna, Executive Director, AustCham Thailand Mr Chris Larkin, Managing Director, CLC Asia Mr Paul Crosio	The Coffee Club, (private room) Shama Hotel, Sukhumvit Soi 16.
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	Michael Helleman Senior Trade Commissioner Minister-Counsellor (Commercial)	
Eastern Economic Corridor Office of Thailand	Cholachit Vorawangso Virakul Assistant Secretary General, Macroeconomic Affairs Miss Wanwatsa Chunchamrus Assistant Director Corporate Strategy Division Mr Katawut Jaidee Assistant Director Corporate Strategy Division Miss Wilairat Phongprayoon Senior Strategic Management Officer, Corporate Strategy Division	Eastern Economic Corridor Office, 25th floor CAT Tower 72 Soi Wat Maungkhae, Charoenkrung Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500)

Organisation	Participants	Location
Charoen Pokphand Foods PCL (CP Foods)	Prasit Boondiungprasert CEO Charoen Pokphand Foods Ekpiya Ua-Wutthikrerk EVP Charoen Pokphand Foods Somchai Ketchaikosol SVP, International Trade and Business Development Richard Lovell AVP of CPF Food Network, Head Australia, NZ, Chile & Pacific Islands Lester Ming Lieng Khoo Director, International Affairs Office Pollaratch Wanichakul Director, Digital Transformation and Corporate Innovation Nath Supanwid Director, Meat Processing & Technology Dr Songklod Rastapana Investment Analyst, Investment and Business Development Sirimas Puttwiriya GM, CPF Food Network, Australia/NZ and Pacific Islands Nichapa Phoroi Sectional Manager, International Affairs Office Preedaporn Hongkietkajorn Sectional Manager, International Affairs Office	15 th floor, 313 CP Tower, Silom Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500, Thailand

Organisation	Participants	Location
<p>Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM)</p> <p>Aviation Business Training Centre (PIM Air)</p> <p>Innovation Center for Robotics and Automation Systems (iCRAS)</p> <p>Hospitality Laboratory</p>	<p>Dr Usanee Kulintornprasert Director of International Relations Office</p> <p>Tony S. Lovell Corporate Business Planning</p> <p>Cholpaween Siwapornprasong Manager, Office of International Relations</p>	<p>15th floor, 313 CP Tower, Silom Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500, Thailand</p>
<p>Ministry of Labour</p>	<p>Mr. Surachai Chaitrakulthong Vice Minister for Labour</p> <p>Mr. Manit Promkareekul Advisor to Labour Minister</p> <p>Representatives from the office of Permanent Secretary</p> <p>Representatives from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dept. of Employment - Dept. of Skill Development - Dept. of Labour Protection - Social Security Office 	<p>12th floor, the Ministry of Labour Building, Ministry of Labour, Din Daeng, Bangkok</p>
<p>Thailand Board of Investment</p>	<p>Mr. Wirat Tatsaringkansakul Deputy Secretary General</p> <p>Miss Tanita Sirisup Director, Foreign Investment Marketing Division</p> <p>Miss Lalida Sornsong</p> <p>Miss Khatthaliya Bootboontom</p> <p>Mr. Narathip Boonjit</p>	<p>Thailand Board of Investment 555 Vibhavadi-Rangsit Road, Chatuchak Bangkok 10900 Meeting Room 2, 2Flr.</p>

Organisation	Participants	Location
Royal Thai Airways	<p>Wit Kitchathorn Director of Sales, Commercial</p> <p>Phanit Kongsin Team Lead, Southern Indochina and Australia</p> <p>Phunnabhat Thammaburnaphong Southern Indochina & Australia Team</p>	Building 5, Thai Airways Head Office, Vibhavadi Rangsit Road
<p>Bespoke Life Science Ltd</p> <p>Kana Wellness Clinic / Kana Pure Cannabis Lifestyle</p>	Darren White, Managing Director Bespoke Life Science Ltd	Bespoke Life Science Ltd 170/67, 21st Floor, Ocean Tower 1, Soi Sukhumvit 16, Ratchadaphisek Rd, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110, Thailand
The Thai Chamber of Commerce & Board of Trade of Thailand	<p>Phairush Burapachaisri, Vice-Chairman, Thai Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Dr Chanintr Chalisarapong Director, Board of Trade of Thailand</p> <p>Viboon Supakaraongkul Vice-Chairman of Committee on Trade and Business</p> <p>Sranyoo Chanate Deputy Secretary General, Thai Chamber of Commerce, CEO Kluaynamthai Hospital</p>	Room 3305, 3rd Floor, Banjurd Cholvijarn Building, The Board of Trade of Thailand

Conclusions

The discussions identified opportunities for bilateral trade and investment, and highlighted a number of educational and training opportunities which we intend to explore. They also demonstrated current difficulties arising from workforce and immigration issues.

Throughout, we saw a significant opportunity on both sides. Provided the obstacles discussed can be lessened or overcome, there is great potential for mutual investment and operation, with Australian companies setting up or expanding in Thailand, and Thai companies doing likewise in Victoria.

The sectors in which this reciprocal expansion were most likely appear to be health, education, agriculture, hospitality and advanced manufacturing.

A particular focus of certain meetings was on healthcare, and it was helpful to learn of the Thai experience in this important sector. Likewise, there are lessons both positive and negative to be learnt from the partial decriminalization of the recreational and medicinal cannabis industry in Thailand, a matter we were keen to discuss given the current Victorian political landscape.

Our delegation achieved the outcomes sought, forging links with Thai businesses, officials and government representatives, as well as with Australian individuals, companies and organisations operating in Thailand.

We return with a broader understanding of the aspects detailed in the report, and would give particular weight to the following texts, which were recommended and discussed at different points in the meetings referred to in this Report.

Documents

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021 - National Health Security Office

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of the New Thai Cannabis Law - Dr Paul Crosio,
Partner, Silk Legal

Business Opportunities in the Eastern Economic Corridor – Dr Cholachit Vorawangso
Virakul, Assistant Secretary General, Macroeconomic Affairs, EEC Office of Thailand

'Good health at low cost' 25 years on – What makes a successful health system? - Eds.
Dina Balabanova, Martin McKee, Anne Mills

Thailand's UHC and Overview of the Universal Coverage Scheme – National Health
Security Office

*The Triangle That Moves The Mountain, and health systems reform movement in
Thailand* - Prof. Prawase Wasi, Health Systems Research Institute (HSRI)

No Fault Compensation System in the Thai Universal Coverage Scheme - National Health
Security Office

P&P: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention - National Health Security Office

Development of the Benefits Package – Universal Coverage Scheme - National Health
Security Office

People's Participation in the Universal Coverage Scheme (UCS) - National Health
Security Office



<p>Bev MCARTHUR MP LIBERAL MEMBER FOR WESTERN VICTORIA REGION</p>	<p>Renee HEATH MP LIBERAL MEMBER FOR EASTERN VICTORIA REGION</p>	<p>Nick MCGOWAN MP LIBERAL MEMBER FOR NORTH-EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION</p>
--	---	--