

Member	Ella George	Electorate	Lara
Period	1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$13,900.53
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
13-Oct-25	16-Oct-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$1,114.35	Melbourne	\$1,114.35
27-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$1,248.03	Melbourne	\$1,230.80
11-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$1,274.91	Melbourne	\$1,248.00
17-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$1,281.65	Melbourne	\$1,263.95
01-Dec-25	04-Dec-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$1,114.40	Melbourne	\$1,093.10
08-Dec-25	09-Dec-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$433.00	Melbourne	\$498.75

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims **15**
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance **\$6,466.34**

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
28-Jun-25	07-Jul-25	Flights to Jakarta, Indonesia and accommodation in Jakarta and Bandung, to strengthen cultural understanding and build relationships with Indonesian leaders, Australian academic institutions based in Indonesia, and businesses that have a relationship with Victorian producers as Electorate business.	\$1,571.35

Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims 9
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance \$1,571.35

**Victorian Members of Parliament Delegation to Indonesia
International Travel Report
28 June to 6 July 2025**

**Ella George MP
State Member for Lara**



Victorian MPs meeting with Members of the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta (DKI Jakarta Regional House of Representatives)

Statement of Objectives

In June and July 2025 I travelled to Indonesia along with Tom McIntosh MP, Member for Eastern Victoria, and Jeff Bourman MP, Member for Eastern Victoria, for electorate business representing the people of Lara.

We visited Indonesia's capital city, Jakarta, and Bandung, the fourth largest city and capital of the Province of West Java.

Since establishing the Parliamentary friends of Indonesia, Tom and I have been seeking opportunities to develop relationships with Indonesian MPs and Parliaments, and grow our cross-cultural understanding of one another and identify opportunities for Victoria and Victorian communities to prosper with two-way trade with Indonesia.

Our delegation sought meetings with MPs and Regional Governments, Indonesian businesses including importers of Victorian products, and other organisations that promote the Victorian-Indonesian relationship.

Indonesia has become one of Victoria's largest export markets – currently, Indonesia is Victoria's sixth-largest goods export market, with Victorian exports to Indonesia totalling \$AUD 1.1 billion in 2021 and two-way trade reaching \$AUD 2.8 billion.

Indonesia is the fifth-largest export market for food and fibre from Victoria, valued at \$987 million. And, Victoria makes up 24% of the national total of Australian food and fibre exports to Indonesia.

Victoria's educational institutions are highly regarded. Australia is the number one destination for Indonesian university students, and Victoria is the number one state. In 2021, Victoria's Monash University became the first foreign campus to open in Indonesia, just outside of Jakarta. And in 2025, Deakin University, in partnership with the UK's Lancaster University, is opening a campus in Bandung. Deakin will be welcoming its first students in September 2025.

Victoria's relationship with Indonesian cities is strong. In 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Victoria Government and the Government of the Special Region of Yogyakarta, to increase cultural, educational, and innovative industry exchanges between the two jurisdictions. A standout achievement of this MOU has been the cultural exchange between the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and the Yogyakarta Royal Orchestra.

In 2022, the Victorian Government signed a Letter of Intent with the Provincial Government of West Java, to deepen cooperation across a range of areas including economic development, education and training, sustainability and cross-cultural understanding.

Victoria is home to a thriving Indonesian community, many of whom decided to call Australia home after studying here. And in Geelong, we are fortunate to also be home to an Indonesian community, who enrich our multicultural town.

Strengthening the relationship between Victoria and Indonesia will provide even more opportunities for Victoria and Victorian communities. Importantly, a greater cross-cultural understanding will build stronger relationships and social cohesion at home in Victoria.

Summary of meetings and visits

Saturday 28 June 2025

Travel from Melbourne to Jakarta.

Return flights from Melbourne to Jakarta cost: \$2,486.59 AUD

Stayed in Jakarta Saturday 28 June – Wednesday 2 July 2025.

Accommodation cost: \$1,283.92 AUD

Sunday 29 June 2025 – Jakarta

The Delegation visited GrandLucky Superstore, a premium supermarket in the heart of Jakarta's financial district stocking a diverse range of Victorian products. GrandLucky caters to higher-end markets and the rapidly growing middle class market in Indonesia.

Victorian products – from milks, cheeses, and baby formulas, to breakfast cereals and premium cuts of beef, were on display throughout the store. Many Victorian household brands – like Leggos pasta sauces, Remedy Lane kombucha and QV skin products had a wide variety of products on offer.

Meeting GrandLucky's Finance Director, the Delegation had the opportunity to better understand the complex regulatory environment that Australian businesses wishing to export fresh produce to Indonesia face, including the requirement that any food and fibre imports into Indonesia must be imported via an approved importer.

Along with several large supermarkets throughout Indonesia, GrandLucky's parent company owns an importing and distribution business, making it an ideal partner for Victorian producers who want to export to Indonesia and have their goods stocked on Indonesian supermarket shelves.



Visiting GrandLucky Superstore, a supermarket stocking premium Victorian products.

Monday 30 June 2025 – Jakarta

The Delegation met with Naila Mazzucco, Commissioner for Victoria to Southeast Asia, for a discussion around Global Victoria’s role in the Indonesian market and Victoria’s engagement with Indonesia and the Southeast Asia region.

The Delegation discussed opportunities for Victoria with the Commissioner, including for increased Victorian exports across the food and fibre sector and the strength of Victoria’s education system and universities for Indonesians looking for international study opportunities. These opportunities come at a time where Indonesia’s middle class is growing rapidly and there is a demand for premium Victorian products and high-quality education.

The Delegation travelled to the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta (DKI Jakarta Regional House of Representatives), to meet with Members of the House of Representatives.



Delegates at the DPRD DKI Jakarta

It was an honour to meet with Mr. Drs. H. Khoirudin, M.Si, Chairman of DPRD DKI Jakarta and Mr. Nova Harivan Paloh, SE., MM, Chairman of Commission DPRD DKI Jakarta, along with other MPs and Government officials.

The discussion between Victorian and Jakarta MPs was wide and varied, and included discussions on opportunities to increase two-way trade, potential cultural exchanges between Victoria and Jakarta, and the desire for more educational opportunities for students. There was also significant interest in Victoria's major events calendar including Melbourne Fashion Week.



Discussions with MPs and Government Officials at the DPRD DKI Jakarta

Following the Official Reception, the Delegation met with Members of Parliament from NasDem, one of Indonesia's major political parties. In particular, the Delegation would like to thank Mr. Jupiter, SE., MM, and Mr. Nova Harivan Paloh, SE., MM for their warm welcome.



Victorian MPs meeting with MPs from the NasDem Political Party

The Delegation was warmly hosted by Jakarta MPs and we hope to return the hospitality when a future Indonesian delegation visits Victoria.

In the afternoon, the Delegation met with representatives from PT Global Pratama Wijaya, an Indonesian company that imports Victorian beef and lamb. This meeting gave the Delegation an insight into some of the challenges that Victorian exporters face when attempting to enter the Indonesian market, including the complex regulatory environment (such as the certification of Victorian facilities before a Victorian producer can export to Indonesia) and the importance of linking with Indonesian importing and distribution companies.



Meeting with PT Global Pratama Wijaya

The Delegation also met with members of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) and again discussed opportunities to increase two-way trade between Victoria and Indonesia. KADIN Members will be visiting Melbourne later this year for the World Chambers Congress.

Tuesday 1 July 2025 – Jakarta

The Delegation met with Kevin Evans, Indonesia Director for the Australia-Indonesia Centre and a Vice President of the Indonesia Australia Business Council (IABC).

The Australia-Indonesia Centre (AIC) is a bilateral collaborative research initiative established by both governments, leading universities, and industry. Its mission is to advance people-to-people links in science, technology, education, innovation and culture. Its lead agency is Victoria's Monash University.

Kevin provided an in-depth overview of the contemporary political, economic and social environment in Indonesia. His explanations of the differences between Australian and Indonesian political systems was incredibly helpful for the Delegation, and helped us to explain our roles to Indonesian MPs and Government officials that we subsequently met.

The Delegation met with Members of the Indonesia Australia Business Council, including National President Mariam Kartikatresni, for a productive discussion about the purpose of our delegation.

IABC Members provided the Delegation with an insight into Australian businesses that are based in Indonesia, including the challenges and opportunities.



Meeting with IABC Members.

Wednesday 2 July 2025 – Jakarta & Bandung

Travel from Jakarta to Bandung

Stayed in Bandung Wednesday 2 July – Friday 4 July 2025.

Accommodation cost: \$347.74 AUD

The Delegation met with Rebecca Valentine, Counsellor of Climate and Infrastructure at the Australian Embassy, to discuss the KINETIK program.

KINETIK (Kemitraan untuk Iklim, Energi Terbarukan dan Infrastruktur) is a flagship initiative under the Australia-Indonesia Climate and Infrastructure Partnership, aimed at supporting Indonesia's transition to a net-zero emissions future through investments in renewable energy, climate finance, and inclusive infrastructure. It was launched in 2024.

The Partnership is valued at \$200 million AUD and will directly invest in climate-focused small and medium sized enterprises through Australian Development Investments and incentivise investment in larger scale green infrastructure projects.

Like many other nations, Indonesia is looking for opportunities to transition to renewable energy and reduce the impact of climate change. This was seen proudly on display in Jakarta, a city that has rapidly taken up electric vehicles for private use, taxis and buses. Jakarta has incentives for EVs – with EVs being allowed on all roads, every day, but non-EVs only being allowed on certain roads depending on the day of the week.

The Delegation saw commonalities between what the KINETIC program has set out to achieve and a number of Victoria Government initiatives, including programs around household energy efficiencies (such as providing support for solar panels) and neighbourhood batteries. There is an opportunity here for Victoria to share its knowledge and learnings from our own transition to clean, green, renewable energy.

Following this, the Delegation met with the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Rod Brazier. Ambassador Brazier briefed the Delegation on the Australian Embassy's priorities including areas of focus for increased two-way trade between Australia and Indonesia.



Meeting Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, Rod Brazier

The Delegation travelled from Jakarta to Bandung via the Whoosh, a new high speed rail connection that reaches speeds of 350 km per hour – cutting down a three hour car trip to just 45 minutes. It is the first high speed rail connection in the Southern Hemisphere.

Bandung is one of Indonesia's largest cities and the capital of West Java Province – which is home to 50 million people. Bandung is known as the 'Paris of Java', reflecting its art deco architecture. The city is a popular tourism destination for domestic tourists (particularly for weekend trips from Jakarta) and is surrounded by mountains and protected forests. It is known for its creative culture, contemporary art and designers, and has a large manufacturing sector including

textiles. The first Asian-African Conference, the first step in the creation of the Non-Aligned Movement, was held in Bandung in 1955.

In 2022, the Governments of Victoria and West Java signed a Letter of Intent focusing on economic development, education and training, sustainability, and cross-cultural understanding. Work is underway to progress this to a Memorandum of Understanding.

Under the Letter of Intent, joint projects to date have included:

- Completion of Citarum River Revitalization Research Project (2024): Monash University, with support from the Victorian Government's Study Melbourne Research Partnership, completed a major research project supporting the revitalization of the Citarum River — once dubbed the dirtiest river in the world.
- MSO-West Java Cultural Collaboration (2023): The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra collaborated with the West Java Government on a joint music camp and a public performance in West Java. This initiative strengthened cultural ties and created a new platform for future artistic and cultural exchanges.
- Supporting West Java Gaming Companies at MIGW (2023, 2024): Victoria supported gaming companies from West Java to participate in the Melbourne International Games Week.
- Supporting West Java's Sustainable Fashion Innovation (2023): Victoria proudly supported MYCL, a West Java-based sustainable fashion innovator, to showcase their work in Melbourne.

After arriving in Bandung, the Delegation visited Deakin University Lancaster University Indonesia – a partnership between Victoria's Deakin University and the UK's Lancaster University.

The Delegation was greeted by Professor Greg Barton, Rector of Deakin University Lancaster University Indonesia and his team who kindly showed us around their new campus.

Deakin's Bandung Campus felt like being on campus in Waurn Ponds or at the Geelong Waterfront; modern, fit for purpose learning spaces, state of the art technology, a library, and spaces for students to study together and socialise after class.

The first students will be welcomed in September this year and five courses are on offer:

- Bachelor of Commerce/BSc (Honours) Accounting and Finance
- Bachelor of Business Analytics/BSc (Honours) Business Analytics
- Bachelor of Commerce/BSc (Honours) Business Management
- Bachelor of Cyber Security/BSc (Honours) Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computer Science/BSc (Honours) Computer Science



Deakin University's Bandung Campus

With this campus, Indonesian students now have the opportunity to attain an international education without travelling overseas.

Students who graduate from Deakin Bandung will have their degrees recognised in Indonesia, Australia and the UK and have the opportunity to study for a semester in either Victoria or Lancaster.

The Delegation was warmly hosted by the Mayor of Bandung, Muhammad Farhan for dinner at the Mayor's Residence. A number of MPs from the West Java Regional Parliament joined us for dinner.

The Mayor identified waste management as a key priority for Bandung to tackle in the coming years. The Delegation see this as an opportunity where Victoria can share its knowledge and learnings and support Bandung in it's journey to better manage waste.

Thursday 3 July 2025 – Bandung

The Delegation was warmly welcomed to the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat Daerah Provinsi Jawa Barat (West Java Regional House of Representatives) and met with Ir. M. Q. Iswara, Vice Chairman of DPRD Jawa Barat, senior MPs and government officials.

West Java MPs kindly led a tour of the Parliamentary building and we discussed opportunities for great economic and cultural collaboration.



Visiting DPRD Jawa Barat

MPs from Victoria and West Java agreed that Victoria and Bandung have much in common: from our shared love of coffee and café culture, to communities that love sports and value green open spaces. MPs also discussed the Letter of Intent between the Governments of Victoria and West Java, and the opportunity for a Memorandum of Understanding.



Media conference following the Delegation's meeting at the DPRD Jawa Barat

Friday 4 July 2025 – Bandung & Jakarta

Travel from Bandung to Jakarta

Stayed in Jakarta Friday 4 July – Sunday 6 July 2025.

Accommodation cost: \$624.62 AUD

Before returning to Jakarta, the Delegation had an early morning meeting with Mark Hallett, an Australian dairy farmer based just outside of Bandung.

Mark's Dago Dairy is producing organic milk and dairy products that can be found in many cafes and shops throughout Bandung. Mark provided insight into Indonesia's dairy industry including the co-op system, where many small farms are providing milk to larger co-ops for processing and distribution.



The Delegation with Mark Hallett, an Australian dairy farmer in Bandung, at a café serving his organic milk

Once again the Delegation travelled to Jakarta via the high-speed train, the Whoosh. The Whoosh demonstrates the value of a high speed rail connection linking major cities – for people living in and around Bandung, job opportunities in Jakarta have now opened up to them as it is easy to commute on a daily basis.

Once back in Jakarta, the Delegation again met with Naila Mazzucco, Commissioner for Victoria to Southeast Asia, to share our learnings and reflect on our week in Jakarta and Bandung.

Saturday 5 July 2025 – Jakarta

We pulled on our footy boots and had a kick with the Jakarta Bintang!

The Jakarta Bintang are part of AFL Indonesia. They hold weekly training sessions on Saturdays, and regularly play against other teams from across Southeast Asia.

Each Saturday at training, the Bintang bring students from a local orphanage to play AFL. There, they learn basic football skills, practice drills, and have a go at playing in an informal match. It's a caring and encouraging atmosphere for young people, and helps them to build a supportive community outside of the orphanage.

Spreading the love of AFL through sports diplomacy, the Jakarta Bintang are breaking down cultural barriers with a shared love of footy. It was wonderful to meet some young footy fans who were so passionate about their AFL teams!



Joining in footy training with the Jakarta Bintang in the heart of Indonesia's capital city.

Sunday 6 July 2025

Travel from Jakarta to Melbourne.

Concluding remarks

Indonesia is our closest neighbour – and it is important to build a meaningful, mutually beneficial relationship between our two countries.

Our visit to Jakarta and Bandung highlighted many opportunities for closer collaboration. This includes greater two-way trade between Victoria and Indonesia, particularly across the food and fibre sector. Our meetings demonstrated a great interest in, and a growing demand for Victorian beef, lamb, dairy products, cereals and grains, and other premium brands.

Melbourne is the number one destination for Indonesian students looking to study abroad – something that every Victorian should be proud of. And now, with Monash University and Deakin University establishing campuses in Jakarta and Bandung, an international education is much closer for Indonesian students.

Two-way trade should not be the only focus of our relationship with Indonesia. Victoria has ample expertise in a range of areas that MPs, Government officials and business leaders highlighted as priorities for their communities. Victoria can share its knowledge and expertise in a range of areas including the environment, addressing climate change, supporting communities to transition to renewable energy, waste management, building a stronger, more productive and more resilient agricultural sector, and educating young people with the skills they need for the jobs of the future.

Our delegation was warmly greeted throughout our various meetings in Jakarta and Bandung and our interest in building a stronger relationship between Victoria and Indonesia was well received.

We are already seeing the benefits of our Delegation, having recently hosted a Delegation of Indonesian Federal MPs in the Victorian Parliament. This would not have been possible without Global Victoria's Jakarta office having a direct link to Victorian MPs.

We hope to meet with KADIN members later this year when they visit Melbourne for the World Chambers Congress, and we look forward to hosting future delegations of MPs and Government officials in the Victorian Parliament.

The partnerships between Victorian and Indonesian communities can only continue to grow from strength to strength, as we build on the well-established foundations of years of friendship and look for more opportunities for collaboration into the future.

Ella George MP
State Member for Lara