

<b>Member</b>	Mathew Hilakari	<b>Electorate</b>	Point Cook
<b>Period</b>	1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025		

<b>Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance</b>	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$12,802.65
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$0.00

<b>Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance</b>	
Total amount paid to member for motor vehicle allowance	\$6,443.43
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	Yes

<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
14-Oct-25	16-Oct-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$544.50	Melbourne	\$499.50
28-Oct-25	30-Oct-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$704.72	Melbourne	\$642.00
13-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$322.74	Melbourne	\$318.60
18-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	Parliamentary Sitings	\$696.46	Melbourne	\$614.66

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims **7**  
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance **\$2,268.42**

<b>Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims</b>					
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**

<b>Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims</b>			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
14/09/2025	20/09/2025	Electorate Business with a focus on education, tourism and economic engagement	\$3,564.23

Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims **6**  
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance **\$3,564.23**

## **Travel Report - China**

**Mathew Hilakari, Member for Point Cook**

**Suite 603, Level 1, 2 Main Street, Point Cook Town Centre Point Cook**

**(a) the dates in respect of which the allowance is claimed;**

Sunday 14 September 2025 to Saturday 20 September 2025

**Itinerary**

Beijing, Nanjing, Shanghai, Chengdu

Attendees:

- Matt Fregon, Member for Ashwood
- Meng Heang Tak, Member for Clarinda
- John Mullahy, Member for Glen Waverley
- Mathew Hilakari, Member for Point Cook

**(b) the reason for the travel;**

To increase the understanding between members of the Victorian government and one of our key trading partners, including the launch of the Victoria – China Strategy, engagement with education, trade/export, tourist, public transport, and government and institutions.

A better understanding of the Chinese diaspora, which is a substantial and growing part of the community that I represent.

**(c) an indication of whether the travel relates to parliamentary business or electorate business;**

Electorate business. The Point Cook electorate is home to a substantial Chinese diaspora.

**(d) if there was accommodation used in respect of the claim—**

**(i) the town, city or suburb in which the accommodation was located; and**

**(ii) the value of the accommodation;**

Novotel Beijing Peace

No 3 Jinyu Hutong, Beijing, 100006 China

15 September 2025 – 16 September 2025

Ji Hotel (Shanghai Bund Ningbo Road)

No. 50 Ningbo Road, Huangpu District, Huangpu, 200000 Shanghai, China

16 September 2025 – 18 September 2025

Atour Light Hotel Chunxi Road Subway Station Taikoo Li Chengdu

18 September 2025 – 19 September 2025

Total: \$594.98 incl. fees

**(e) if there was commercial transport used in respect of the claim, the mode and value of the transport;**

Flights and internal travel within China including between cities.

Total: \$3406.21

**(f) a statement of the Member's objectives;**

A better understanding of the Chinese diaspora, which is a substantial and growing part of the community that I represent.

To build better people to people links between Victoria and China and with the Victorian Chinese community. To develop and provide input into statewide strategies and bring back insights of the potential options regarding institutions, transport solutions and businesses as well as between governments.

**(g) a brief description of the Parliaments and other organisations visited (if any);**

Beijing

- Visits to places of cultural significance including Jingshan Park, Tiananmen Square, and surrounding old town.
- Attend education event including MoU's with between higher education providers.
- Lunch with the Australian Ambassador alongside Chinese and Australian businesses.
- Victoria-China strategy launch with Victorian and Chinese government, community, and business organisations.

Nanjing

- Meeting with Victorian and Chinese students and educators discussing the benefits and challenges of exchanges.

Shanghai

- Meeting with Victorian Wine, Food and Beverage manufacturers and export/importers at Vic House re-opening.

- Site tour of trackless tram infrastructure.
- Visit Victoria campaign launch.

### Chengdu

- Tunnel boring machine site tour.
- Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding visit.
- Middle School Tour and exchange discussion.

**(h) a list of those persons met in relation to the reason for the travel and the assistance or information obtained from such persons;**

As per above

**(i) reference to any documents or publications obtained or considered to be of interest in a Parliamentary sense;**

**(j) brief summaries of the study areas pursued in the countries visited;**

As per above

**(k) summary of the results achieved and any recommendations arising.**

In advance of the trip I engaged with the broad Point Cook Chinese community around the Victoria China Strategy, who identified some of the key themes of what was announced in the strategy.

Especially important was Objective 3, and I thank the Point Cook Chinese community for the contribution that informed this objective in particular:

“The Victorian Government is:

- Empowering community leaders and enhancing inclusion and mutual understanding
- Promoting cultural exchange and amplifying the contribution of the Chinese community
- Drawing on the expertise of diaspora networks for economic and cultural collaboration.”

I have followed up the community in Point Cook on the strategy and it is leading some of the ongoing engagement that I am leading locally.

I am better informed of transport options and the significant advancements being trialled and/or rolled out in China presently, which are important as the Big Build program continues and evolves.

The most important tourism precinct in the Western suburbs is located in the community that I represent, and the linkage with Chengdu will help to inform future opportunities for Victoria and the community that I represent.