

Member	Matt Fregon	Electorate	Ashwood
Period	1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$12,802.65
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$1,017.73

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
Total number of nights for travel allowance claims			0		
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance			\$0.00		

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
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			0
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$0.00

Parliamentary Travel Report - China

Matt Fregon MP, Member for Ashwood District

14 September 2025 – 20 September 2025

Attendees:

Matt Fregon MP, Member for Ashwood

Meng Heang Tak MP, Member for Clarinda

John Mullahy MP, Member for Glen Waverley

Mathew Hilakari MP, Member for Point Cook

Itinerary – Base Cities:

Beijing

Nanjing

Shanghai

Chengdu

Statement of Objectives

As the Member for Ashwood District, encompassing the suburbs of Mount Waverley and Ashwood, as well as sections of Burwood, Chadstone, Glen Iris and Ashburton, I represent an area with significant population of Chinese Australians. Our District regularly hosts multiple significant Chinese festivals including Lunar New Year, Dragon Boat and Mid Autumn or Mooncake festivals.

Trade between Victoria and China is of significant state importance. This relationship is built on historical ties and is supported by formal agreements, sister-state relationships, and strategic initiatives.

China is one of Victoria's largest trading partners and a key source of international students and visitors. China is a vital market for Victoria's tourism and education sectors, with hundreds of thousands of Chinese tourists and tens of thousands of students visiting and studying in Victoria annually.

The Victorian government released a China Strategy in 2016 that aims to deepen the partnership with China, focusing on areas like education, innovation, and agriculture.

As the Member for Ashwood District, I have been actively engaged with our Chinese Australian community for many years. I have sought opportunities to be engaged in community discussions about ways to promote our cross-cultural connections and promote stronger ties between our China and Victoria and our wider multicultural community. The opportunity of this trip has provided another mechanism to gain a better understanding of a significant community in my electorate and investigate trade, education and tourism opportunities,

I undertook travel to China to learn about Chinese culture, the China-Victoria relationship, business connections and areas of shared interest and partnership.

Summary of meetings and visits:

Day 1: 14 September 2025: Melbourne – Beijing

Travel: Flight: Cost: AU\$1099.25

Day 2: 15 September 2025: Beijing

Accommodation: 15th September

Novotel Beijing Peace

No 3 Jinyu Hutong, Beijing, 100006 China

15 September 2025 – 16 September 2025

Cost: AU\$241.00

- 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 hosted by Ambassador to China with Premier's Delegation and Chinese and Australian Business Stakeholders
- Victoria-China strategy launch with Victorian and Chinese government, community, and business organisations.

Day 3: 16 September 2025: Beijing – Nanjing – Shanghai

Travel: Train

Accommodation: 16th – 17th September

Ji Hotel (Shanghai Bund Ningbo Road)

No. 50 Ningbo Road, Huangpu District,

Huangpu, 200000 Shanghai, China

Cost: AU\$366.22

- Nanjing: Meeting with Victorian and Chinese students and educators discussing the benefits and challenges of exchanges.
- Gave small Parliament gifts to local representatives whilst at school event.

Day 4: 17 September 2025: Shanghai

Accommodation: as above.

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

Day 5: 18 September 2025: Shanghai – Chengdu

Travel: Flight: Cost: AU\$459.30

Accommodation: 18th – 19th September

Atour Light Hotel

Chunxi Road Subway Station

Taikoo Li Chengdu

Cost: AU\$119.33

- Tunnel boring machine site tour.
- Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding visit.
- Middle School Tour and exchange discussion.
- Exchanged small Parliament gifts with local representatives

Day 6: 19th September: Chengdu - Melbourne

Travel: Flight: AU\$1482.95

Conclusion:

China and Australia have a significant and growing relationship. With a sizable Chinese Australian local population, nearing 20% of constituents, our strong education system and tourism sector there are sizable opportunities going forward. We have also local exporters who are providing Victorian products to the wider Chinese market. Vic Trade are actively working in China to promote and provide greater access for Chinese – Victorian exports and business opportunities.

During the trip we were in attendance with the Premier to unveil the 2025 China Strategy which aims to build on past successes by identifying new opportunities for collaboration. We were also able to visit the locations of our two sister-state relations Jiangsu Province and Sichuan Province.

The China strategy focuses on deepening engagement in areas of mutual strength, such as education, innovation, and agriculture, and on fostering people-to-people connections. A local example of this will be to promote ways that local businesses can make trade easier for visiting Chinese tourists and international students living in our District.