

Member	Dylan Wight	Electorate	Tarneit
Period	01 October 2023 to 31 December 2023		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$12,079.83
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
18-Sep-23	20-Sep-23	Travel to Cairns for the Australasian Road Safety Conference with Members of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into the impact of Road Safety behaviors on Vulnerable Road users.	\$1,028.45	Cairns	\$945.00
03-Oct-23	05-Oct-23	Parliamentary Sitings	\$649.15	Melbourne	\$550.00
17-Oct-23	19-Oct-23	Parliamentary Sitings	\$829.25	Melbourne	\$550.00
31-Oct-23	02-Nov-23	Parliamentary Sitings	\$836.00	Melbourne	\$550.00
14-Nov-23	16-Nov-23	Parliamentary Sitings	\$640.53	Melbourne	\$550.00
28-Nov-03	30-Nov-23	Parliamentary Sitings	\$703.52	Melbourne	\$550.00

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims **13**
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance **\$4,686.90**
Duplicate payment of \$616.47 will be rectified in quarter 4.

Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Mode of transport	Value of transport
18/09/2023	21/09/2023	Travel to Cairns for the Australasian Road Safety Conference with Members of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into the impact of Road Safety behaviors on Vulnerable Road users.	\$915.01	Flight	\$915.01
18/09/2023	21/09/2023	Travel to Cairns for the Australasian Road Safety Conference with Members of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into the impact of Road Safety behaviors on Vulnerable Road users.	\$28.35	Taxi	28.35

Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims **6**
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance **\$943.36**

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
3/12/2023	16/12/2023	Flights to USA to Investigate renewable energy, manufacturing opportunities for Tarnet and Victoria as Electorate Business	\$3,361.11
3/12/2023	16/12/2023	Internal flights while in USA to investigate renewable energy manufacturing opportunities for Tarnet and Victoria as Electoral Business	\$822.42

Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims 13

Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance \$4,183.53

See attached travel report for further details

Dylan Wight, member of the Legislative Assembly for Tarneit

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USA Travel Report

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

December 3rd 2023 – December 16th 2023

(b) the reason for the travel;

NY – Meetings with Cornell Universities “The Worker Institute” to investigate New Yorks Climate Jobs Program as well as meet with Councillor Jim Gennaro and State Senator Pete Harckham about their communities ‘just transition’

DC – Meetings with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Congressman Paul Tonko, the office of Senator Sherrod Brown and NABTU President Greg Akerman on the Inflation Reduction Act, it’s positive effect on local manufacturing in the renewable sector and parts that may be realistically mirrored in Victoria.

LV – Meeting with Governor Joe Lombardo’s office and local representatives about economic development and implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act at a local level; as well as touring the Unimacts Manufacturing facility, a direct recipient of the Inflation Reduction Act

Tonapah – Touring Australian company loneer’s Litium mine about an hour away from Tonopah, Nevada. Victoria has significant Lithium deposits on its northern border which we have currently issued a licence for exploratory drilling over the next 6 years.

A potential Lithium mine and processing facility close to the Latrobe Valley presents a genuine opportunity for a ‘just transition for communities that have relied on coal mining and processing for generations.

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

This travel was for electorate business.

- Melbourne’s outer-Western suburbs have been sustained by good, blue collar jobs for generations – particularly manufacturing. The potential to create policy settings that will increase Victoria’s manufacturing workforce will almost certainly significantly benefit my electorate.

(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;

The Tillary Hotel - 85 Flatbush Ave Ext Brooklyn NY 11201

December 3rd 2023 – December 6th 2023

Capitol Hill Hotel - 200 C Street SE Washington D.C 20003-1909

December 6th 2023 – December 9th 2023

The Strat Hotel and Casino – 2000 Las Vegas Blvd S, Las Vegas, NV 89104

December 9th 2023 – December 13th 2023

Mizpah Hotel – 100 N Main St, Tonopah, NV 89049

Total: \$2256.39

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

Airport to hotel car transport as well as Uber and taxi to and from various meetings in New York, DC and Las Vegas.

Total: \$856.56

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

Victoria, like most of the rest of the developed world is going through a significant clean energy transition. We have set some of the most ambitious targets in the world and are well on our way to achieving them, we however rely primarily on China and Europe for the manufactured content of renewable energy projects.

The United States have recently passed the Inflation Reduction Act which significantly incentivises, through generous tax credits companies to manufacture renewable energy products locally. My objective was to learn more about the Bill and figure out what parts of it are translatable to Victoria to increase locally manufactured content on our projects.

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

New York

- Cornell University's 'The Worker Institute' on the assistance they are providing the country's labour Unions in their lobbying efforts
- Councillor Jim Gennaro on the City of New York's clean energy transition
- Senator Peter Harckham who provided insight in to the 'just transition' occurring in his district from coal fire power station to manufacturing in the clean energy space and how the Inflation Reduction Act has driven investment in the sector.

Washington D.C

- Meetings at Capitol Hill with US politicians in relation to the Inflation Reduction Act
 - Office of Representative. Sherrod Brown
 - Rep Paul Tonko
 - Rep Jan Scakowsky
 - Greg Ackerman, President of North American Building Trade Unions

Las Vegas

- Meetings with the Governors economic development team as well as two state politicians to speak about how Nevada has benefited from the Inflation Reduction Act. As well as a site visit to a company, Unimacts, that has directly benefited from the IRA.
 - Amanda Flocchini (GOED)
 - Avery Callis (GOED)
 - James Humm (GOED)
 - Rep. Gregory Hafen
 - Rep. Howard Watts

Tonopah

- Visited the site of Australian company, loneer's proposed Lithium mine.
 - Company representative, Chad Yeftich

(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 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 above

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

See below

The purpose of this trip was to ascertain the ability for Victoria to create a similar incentive for companies to become interested in manufacturing renewable energy products in Victoria.

- To learn about the legislation itself and what it contains and how the tax incentives work
- To discuss Australian manufacturing with US legislators;
- To meet with Unions and academics to ascertain, outside of government whether the legislation is having the desired effect and how things could be improved if it were to be replicated at a smaller scale.
- To learn more about the Lithium industry and the effect it is having on battery manufacturing in the United States and given our states lithium deposits, the challenges in establishing the industry at home.