

Member	Roma Britnell	Electorate	South West Coast
Period	1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance			
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance			\$14,991.76
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance			\$3,458.00

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			\$7,396.48
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located			Oakleigh South

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
11-Feb-25	12-Feb-25	Listening post in Portland and visit to Portland North Primary Schools 5/6 Class Pre Parliament Visit for Electorate Business.	\$308.77	Portland	\$209.53
24-Apr-25	25-Apr-25	Anzac Day Service attendance for electorate business	\$331.43	Portland	\$266.00
05-May-25	06-May-25	Parliamentary business in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight	\$345.30	Hobart	\$256.50
06-May-25	07-May-25	Parliamentary business in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight	\$267.50	Hobart	\$184.50
07-May-25	08-May-25	Parliamentary business in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight	\$315.60	Strahan	\$210.00
08-May-25	09-May-25	Parliamentary business in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight	\$371.00	Launceston	\$216.27
09-May-25	10-May-25	Parliamentary business in my capacity as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight	\$299.62	Launceston	\$200.07

Total number of nights for travel allowance claims 7
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance \$2,239.22

Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Mode of transport	Value of transport
4/05/2025	10/05/2025	Shadow Minister Ports and Freight visit to Tasmania	\$721.30	Ferry	\$721.30

Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims 6
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance \$721.30

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
19/06/2025	25/07/2025	Research Child Protection and Ports and Freights, parliamentary business in my capacity as shadow minister for Ports and Freight and Child Protection	\$3,788.00
7/04/2025	21/04/2025	Visit to Thailand to review and develop policy in portfolios of Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight and Child Protection and also issues affecting South West Coast	\$5,401.23
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			50
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$9,189.23

PARLIAMENTARY TRAVEL REPORT

Thailand

**Report visit to Thailand to review and develop policy in portfolios of Shadow
Minister for Ports and Freight and Child Protection and also issues affecting**

South West Coast

April 7th to April 21st 2025

ATTENDEES:

Ms Roma Britnell MP
Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight and
Child Protection
Member for South West Coast

1. Purpose

This report is to provide details of the trip undertaken in April 2025 to review the following.

- 1) Research and develop policy in portfolio of Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight and review the infrastructure of ports in Thailand.
- 2) Research into Child Protection policy in Thailand in portfolio of Shadow Minister for Child Protection.
- 3) Research into Thailand agriculture policy and specifically policy relating to dairy farming and relative to electorate of South West Coast.
- 4) Review of transport between capital cities, specifically freight trains as Shadow Minister for Ports and Freight.
- 5) Education of Australian military involvement in the Pacific Theatre during World War 2.
- 6) To explore Thai culture following an invitation from the honorary console General Tessa Sullivan as a friend of Thai Parliament group.
- 7) Research of legalization of cannabis in my role as a member of parliament.
- 8) The review was undertaken by myself and I was also accompanied by a volunteer who acted as my assistant by attending meetings and assisting with research.

2. Summary

The trip was invaluable to gain understanding of the following:

- 1) Future proofing the Port of Melbourne, challenges of ship rationalisation on a world scale and how this will impact Melbourne.
- 2) The trend for major shipping companies towards alternate fuels for vessels and moving away from Diesel. Many of the larger vessels are now using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) or Hydrogen as the fuel source.
- 3) Policy on port infrastructure relating to port security.
- 4) The visits to local farms and related meetings assisted with ongoing understanding of agricultural policies and how they may relate to the South West Coast agricultural industry.
- 5) There are 2 main container ports in Thailand. There is a port in Bangkok which is the smallest port that can only service smaller vessels The major port in Thailand is Laem Chabang which is south of Bangkok. Freight is transferred between Laem Chabang using barge and rail and road.
- 6) Policy on ports in areas of residential build up. Both ports have similar issues to Port of Melbourne with residential encroachment and inability to expand footprint.
- 7) Visiting the Thai Burma Railway and allied war cemeteries in person was the only way I could have achieved a full understanding of the horrors that these young Australian's experienced and was extremely important in allowing me to understand Australia's role in WW2 and the immense loss of lives.
- 8) Cannabis has only been legalised in Thailand since June 2022. Impact on tourist areas has been quite dramatic. Many shops have been converted to only selling cannabis products.

3. Travel and Accommodation

This trip included the following expenses as part of the annual overseas travel allowance.

Return flights from Melbourne to Bangkok.	\$1743.61
Internal Thailand return flights Bangkok to Chaing Mai	\$284.59
Accommodation in Bangkok 4 nights	\$531.05
Accommodation in Kanchanaburi 3 nights	\$465.12
Accommodation in Chaing Mai 4 nights	\$685.02
Accommodation in Pattaya 3 nights	\$503.26

4. Review observations.

8th April Bangkok

Meeting with Miss Salita Sompitak, Public Relations Officer, Senior Professional Level: Bureau of Public Relations, Parliament of Thailand

Tour of the Thailand Parliament.

9th April Bangkok

Travelling into the region at the recommendation of the Thai Parliament contacts. Driver was able to give us insights into agriculture, freight and to some degree tourism.

Observed that medium size freight trucks commonly use LPG for fuel.

Exploration of the region gave deeper understanding of the infrastructure that is in place to combat congestion. Large number of major roads have a second level of above ground road. Having multi-tier roads removes the need for widening existing roads, especially where existing roads abut residential and commercial properties

10th April Bangkok

Meeting with Thailand Port Authority and Ministry of Planning. Major attendees were Australian Partnerships for Infrastructure DFAT, Thailand Marine Department, Thailand International Affairs Team, Thailand Port Authority and the Economic Team from Australian Embassy.

11th April Kanchanaburi

Travelled on the train and bus network to Kanchanaburi.

12th April Kanchanaburi

Visited the Commonwealth War cemetery and researched Australia prisoner of war involvement on the Thai Burma Railway.

13th April Kanchanaburi

Visited a rural beef and dairy operation as per the recommendations of Thai Parliament. Family owned and operated currently by son Phaibun and daughter Kanchana.

14th April Kanchanaburi

Travelled to Chiang Mai

15th April Kanchanaburi

Visited orphanage in Chiang Mai to meet with Ms. Pananang Panikbutr, chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Ban King Kaew Orphans Foundation.

16th April Kanchanaburi

Visited Chiang Mai Old city to experience Thai culture.

Attended the traditional water pouring ceremony with the governor Nirat Pongsitthaworn of Chiang Mai.

17th April Kanchanaburi

Visited Chom Thong District. Currently there is a district election. The parties and election process were explained by the guide who accompanied us to the district.

The district is a farming area growing strawberries and other produce such as coffee where it is manufactured and packaged employing locals.

Established in the 70s by King Rama the ninth

Traditionally was mainly growing opium.

18th April Pattaya

Travelled to Pattaya

19th April Pattaya

Visited Port Laem Chabang Met with Mr Poramet Chotirat, Director of Container Division Bangkok Ports. Had a tour of the port.

20th April Pattaya

Researched effect of legalization of cannabis in Thailand. Met with local business owners

21st April

Return travel from Bangkok to Melbourne