

<b>Member</b>	David Hodgett	<b>Electorate</b>	Croydon
<b>Period</b>	1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020		

<b>Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance</b>	
<b>Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance</b>	\$9,283.56
<b>Total amount paid to member for expense allowance</b>	\$2,627.04

<b>Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance</b>	
<b>Total amount paid to member for motor vehicle allowance</b>	\$0.00
<b>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</b>	No

<b>Regulation 9 - Parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance</b>	
<b>Total amount paid to member for parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance</b>	\$0.00
<b>Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located</b>	n/a

<b>Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims</b>					
<b>Date from</b>	<b>Date until</b>	<b>Reason for travel</b>	<b>Total amount paid</b>	<b>Town or city in which accomodation was located</b>	<b>Value of the accomodation</b>

**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
01-Feb-20	13-Feb-20	Visit to USA investigate & explore political, business & economic issues and attend National Prayer Breakfast	\$5,467.74

**Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims** 12  
**Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance** \$5,467.74



**David Hodgett MP**  
**Member for Croydon**  
**Shadow Minister for Sport, Tourism and**  
**Major Events**

**Visit to the United States**  
**February 2020**

## Overview

I received an invitation from The National Prayer Breakfast Host Committee to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual National Prayer Breakfast with The President of the United States and other national leaders in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches of the United States government in Washington, D.C.

I travelled to the United States on electorate business from 1 February to 13 February 2020. I participated in various meetings in NYC and Washington, D.C. exploring political, business and economic issues.

I travelled on the AirTrain Rail Link from Newark Liberty International Airport to New York Penn Station. Explored airport station connections, accessibility, patronage and ticketing system.

Met with Daniel Weil, Government Relations, Streifer & Co, NYC. Discussed the city's tourism economy, investment in tourism infrastructure, jobs, challenges facing the sector, transport connections and economic development strategies.

Visited the High Line, the elevated linear public park built on a historic freight rail line and is now a public park with nature, art and urban design.

Undertook a tour of Hudson Yards, the latest real estate development with much of it sitting on a platform built over the West Side Yard, a storage yard for Long Island Rail Road trains. An actual example of development on a platform over rail yards, a challenge that we face along the rail corridor from Richmond Station to Southern Cross Station, Melbourne. I also visited the Vessel, the landmark centrepiece spiral staircase in Hudson Yards.

Experienced the café culture in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, viewed the Street art used to brighten the residential walkways and streets, and witnessed firsthand the Koalas of NYC campaign – a campaign placing plush koalas around New York City to raise money for wildlife rehabilitation in the wake of Australia's bushfire crisis.

Attended and watched the NFL Super Bowl at a function in NYC.

Visited New York's Penn railway station and travelled to Washington D.C. on Amtrak rail for a program of scheduled meetings in Washington.

Participated in various meetings with NPB Conference delegates, members of the US Senate and the House of Representatives, Political, Religious and Business leaders from various international organisations including:

Dr. Niklaus – Samuel Gugger, Member of Parliament Switzerland; Roland Utbult, Member of Parliament, Swedish Parliament; Tony P. Hall United States Ambassador, United States Congressman, Retired; Vitality Gren, Member of the Ukraine Central Election Commission; Vera Baboun, Member of the Palestinian Women Union, Member of the Palestinian National Council, Mayor of Bethlehem (2012-2017); Nanci Ricks and Clark Miller, President and CEO of empartUSA respectively; Stephane Hofer, Empart Europe Chairman; Fitsum Arega, Ambassador of Ethiopia to the United States of America; Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, Representative Kurdistan Regional Government; Dr. Negiel Bigpond, Founder & President, All Tribes D.C.; Andrew D. Corley, President & CEO Prison Fellowship International; Stan Holmes, Core Fellowship; and Tomas Brunegard, Executive Chairman, Euro Academy;

for an exchange of World political, religious, business, commercial and economic issues. Discussed international affairs, economic affairs, the economic and political situations in various countries around the world.

Visited United States Capitol, undertook a personal tour of the building and met with Congressman Robert B. Aderholt, Member of Congress, Fourth District, Alabama.

I attended an International Forum for an official address by the President of Kenya. Also received an address from Senator Chris Coons, United States Senator from Delaware and a member of the Democratic Party.

I attended a Leadership Seminar to hear an official address by Dr. Negiel Bigpond, of the Euchee (Yuchi) Indian Tribe. Dr. Bigpond played an active role in the development of a joint resolution of apology to Native peoples for ill-conceived policies by the U.S. government regarding Indian Tribes and works extensively in the area of land issues and reconciliation.

Explored possible further international opportunities for Australian Rules Football.

Attended Oceania Breakfast and met with delegates from Australia and the Oceanic region.

Convened a meeting at New York City Hall with the Hon. Joseph C. Borelli, New York City Council Member and discussed economic and political opportunities across the United States and Australia.

### **Key Learnings**

I examined the AirTrain Rail Link from Newark Liberty International Airport to New York Penn Station. Explored airport station connections, accessibility, patronage and ticketing system. Reviewed and appraised implications for a Melbourne Airport Rail link.

Met with Mr Daniel Weil, Government Relations, Streifer & Co, New York City. Researched, discussed and considered tourism infrastructure, transport links and connections, the shared economy, meeting the transit needs of a growing city and general economic affairs and issues.

Inspected the Hudson Yards development, predominantly sitting on a platform built over the West Side Rail Yard. Studied this example of real estate development on a platform built over rail yards, a challenge that we continue to face along the rail corridor from Richmond Station to Southern Cross Station in Melbourne.

Looked at the gentrification of Williamsburg Brooklyn, including urban planning, use of street art, the trendy culture, cafes and restaurants, boutiques and the connection to the waterfront. Explored some of the issues in the debate around gentrification and learned about alternative approaches to urban redevelopment strategies.

I attended the National Prayer Breakfast and participated in various forums and discussions. Met and welcomed by the Honourable John Moolenaar, U.S. Representative, Michigan and the Honourable Tom Suozzi, U.S. Representative, New York, Members of Congress and Honorary Co-Chairs of the National Prayer Breakfast. Heard from the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Keynote address from Arthur Brooks – Professor, Harvard Kennedy School and Business School and Washington Post Columnist. Speech and remarks from The President of the

United States – President Donald Trump. Vice President, Mike Pence was in attendance too, together with Representatives and Senators of the United States Congress.

Received a short piece written by Mike Pence, Vice President of the United States, and read excerpts from remarks by previous Presidents at the National Prayer Breakfast.

Convened a meeting at New York City Hall with the Hon. Joseph C. Borelli, New York City Council Member for 51<sup>st</sup> District, Staten Island. Considered and discussed business, political and economic issues, opportunities and challenges across the United States and Australia.

### **Attachment 1**

Overview of the meetings and briefings held during this visit.

I wish to thank all those who assisted in arranging my itinerary, meeting schedule and appointments and all those who made time to meet with me during my visit. I am particularly grateful for the invitation and opportunity to attend and participate in the 68<sup>th</sup> National Prayer Breakfast.

David Hodgett MP  
Member for Croydon  
Shadow Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events

12 March 2020

## Overview of Meetings

<p>AirTrain Newark</p> <p>The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey</p>	<p>Examined the AirTrain Rail Link from Newark Liberty International Airport to New York Penn Station. Explored airport station connections, accessibility, patronage and ticketing system.</p>
<p>Meeting with Mr Daniel Weil, Government Relations, Streifer &amp; Co, New York City</p>	<p>Discussed the city’s tourism economy, investment in tourism infrastructure, jobs, challenges facing the sector, transport connections and economic development strategies.</p>
<p>The High Line</p> <p>New York, NY 10011</p>	<p>Visited the High Line, the elevated linear public park built on a historic freight rail line and is now a public park with nature, art and urban design.</p>
<p>Hudson Yards Building Complex (Development)</p> <p>West Side Yard, Manhattan, New York City</p>	<p>Undertook a tour of Hudson Yards, the latest real estate development with much of it sitting on a platform built over the West Side Yard, a storage yard for Long Island Rail Road trains. An actual example of development on a platform over rail yards, a challenge that we face along the rail corridor from Richmond Station to Southern Cross Station, Melbourne. I also visited the Vessel, the landmark centrepiece spiral staircase in Hudson Yards.</p>

<p>Williamsburg, Brooklyn</p> <p>Neighbourhood in Brooklyn, New York City, New York</p>	<p>Experienced the café culture in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, viewed the Street art used to brighten the residential walkways and streets, and witnessed firsthand the Koalas of NYC campaign – a campaign placing plush koalas around New York City to raise money for wildlife rehabilitation in the wake of Australia’s bushfire crisis.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Station (also known as New York Penn Station or Penn Station)</p> <p>New York, NY 10119</p>	<p>Visited New York’s Penn railway station and travelled to Washington D.C. on Amtrak rail for a program of scheduled meetings in Washington.</p>
<p>68<sup>th</sup> National Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009</p>	<p>Attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual National Prayer Breakfast with The President of the United States and other national leaders in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches of the United States government.</p>
<p>Meeting with Congressman Robert B. Aderholt</p> <p>Capitol Hill, Washington, DC</p>	<p>Visited United States Capitol, undertook a personal tour of the building and met with Congressman Robert B. Aderholt, Member of Congress, Fourth District, Alabama.</p>

<p>International Forum</p> <p>Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009</p>	<p>Attended an International Forum for an official address by the President of Kenya. Also received an address from Senator Chris Coons, United States Senator from Delaware and a member of the Democratic Party.</p>
<p>Leadership Seminar</p> <p>Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009</p>	<p>Attended a Leadership Seminar to hear an official address by Dr. Negiel Bigpond, of the Euchee (Yuchi) Indian Tribe. Dr. Bigpond played an active role in the development of a joint resolution of apology to Native peoples for ill-conceived policies by the U.S. government regarding Indian Tribes and works extensively in the area of land issues and reconciliation.</p>
<p>Oceania Meeting</p> <p>Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009</p>	<p>Attended Oceania Breakfast and met with delegates from Australia and the Oceanic region.</p>
<p>Meeting with Todd Gibson, President &amp; CEO Gibson media</p> <p>Arlington, Virginia</p>	<p>Discussed business and economic prospects for Seattle and Victoria.</p>
<p>Meeting with Baolerhu Ligden, Founder and Executive Director, Asia Leadership Development Network, Mongolia</p> <p>Arlington, Virginia</p>	<p>Discussed international challenges and opportunities.</p>

<p>Meeting with Hon. Joseph C. Borelli, New York City Council Member for 51<sup>st</sup> District, Staten Island</p> <p>New York City Hall, Town Hall, City Hall Park New York City</p>	<p>Convened a meeting at New York City Hall with the Hon. Joseph C. Borelli, New York City Council Member and discussed economic and political opportunities across the United States and Australia.</p>
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**Summary of expenses claimed**

**Accommodation**

<b>City</b>	<b>Value of accommodation</b>
New York	\$674.96

**Commercial transport**

<b>Mode of transport</b>	<b>Value of transport</b>
Air	\$4561.46
Rail	\$231.32