

Member	Evan Mulholland	Electorate	Northern Metro
Period	01 October 2023 to 31 December 2023		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$13,115.76
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$3,102.32

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
07-Oct-23	08-Oct-23	Parliamentary business	\$628.15	air	\$628.15
26-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	Parliamentary business -During these two visits, I met with The Hon Christopher Rath, Opposition Whip in the NSW Legislative Council Luke Coleman, Head of Government Relations & Corporate Affairs - Vocus Peter Tulip - Chief Economist at the Centre for Independent Studies Amelia Metcalf - Principal, Bourke Street Advisory Andy Smith -General Manager, Government Relations, nbn Australia.	\$551.54	air	\$551.54
Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims			3		
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance			\$1,179.69		

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
01-Sep-23	10-Sep-23	Investigate solutions to the housing crisis and to pursue options for criminal reform.	\$3,518.49
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			9
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$3,518.49
See attached travel report for further details			

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REPORT

TRIP NAME:	Trip to UK to investigate solutions to housing crisis and for criminal justice reform	
TYPE (PARLIAMENTARY OR ELECTORATE BUSINESS):	Parliamentary and electorate business	
PARTICIPANTS:	Evan Mulholland MP	
START/FINISH DATES:	1 to 10 September 2023	

REPORT PREPARED BY:	Evan Mulholland MP	DATE REPORT SUBMITTED:	5 October 2023
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DEPARTING FROM:	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
DESTINATION:	London, United Kingdom
REASON FOR TRAVEL:	<p>The purpose for the travel was to investigate solutions to the housing crisis and to pursue options for criminal justice reform.</p> <p>Whilst local expertise exists and is appreciated, learning from those outside of our sphere helps to bring attention to novel ideas and solutions, and international experience can act as an experiment we can learn from.</p>
IF CLAIMING ACCOMMODATION: (a) town, city or suburb in which the accommodation was located; and (b) the value of the accommodation	London, United Kingdom - £1718.30 (~ \$3,354.17 as at 10 September)
COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT (if any claimed)	Uber - \$102.01 Public Transport - \$71.90
MEMBER'S OBJECTIVES FOR THE TRAVEL:	To meet and have discussions with a range of housing experts, policy groups and politicians regarding solutions to housing construction and affordability, and criminal justice reform.

**ORGANISATIONS/
OTHER PARLIAMENTS
-VISITED:**

- Centre for Policy Studies
- Institute of Economic Affairs
- Centre for Social Justice
- UK Parliament
- Britain Remade

**LIST OF PERSONS/ORGANISATIONS
MET AND THE INFORMATION
OBTAINED**

- Zoe Knowles – Trafalgar Strategy. Housing Adviser to Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Opposition in Canada.
- Tom Spencer and Freddie Poser – Priced Out.
- John Myers – YIMBY Alliance.
- Alex Morton – Institute of Economic Affairs.
- Matthew Lesh – Institute of Economic Affairs.
- Samuel Hughes – Head of Housing Centre for Policy Studies.
- Sam Dumitriu – Britain Remade.
- Sophia Worringer – Centre for Social Justice.
- Jessica Prestidge – Centre for Social Justice.
- Rt Hon Ranil Jayawardena MP – Member for North East Hampshire.
- Paul Bristow MP – Member for Peterborough.
- Oliver Cooper – Councillor and Leader of the Opposition on Three Rivers District Council.
- Nick Langford – The Chiefs of Staff Association.
- Soph Gaston – Foreign Policy at the Policy Exchange.
- Jason Groves – City of London Councillor and Advisory Board Member of The Menzies Australia Institute UK.

I want to put on record my appreciation for all the above experts and politicians who kindly gave up their time to help me gain a better understanding of the challenges around housing policy and ideas I can take onboard to advocate for my community in the northern suburbs and Victoria.

REFERENCES TO ANY DOCUMENTATION/PUBLICATIONS:

UNLOCKING ASPIRATION, Breaking down barriers to work for people leaving prison – Centre for Social Justice
GAME CHANGER, A plan to transform young lives through sport – Centre for Social Justice

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF STUDY AREAS PURSUED IN THE COUNTRIES VISITED:

Melburnians, Victorians and indeed Australians are facing ever-increasing housing costs and it is a pressing issue we must address. The area of housing affordability relates to finding ideas and solutions to help improve affordability, such as through increased supply, changes to planning laws and the like.

Similarly, I am passionate about criminal justice reform, both as a moral issue and an economic one. This area relates to finding ways to both keep people out of the criminal justice system and to help those in it move forward with their lives in a positive manner, benefitting them and our society.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS ACHIEVED:

Many of the challenges faced in the UK are faced here in Victoria and are currently a key debate around solutions to fix the housing crisis.

Many of the people I met with discussed in detail their knowledge of inclusionary zoning. While a good idea in theory, attempts at this have not been as successful around the world. I found that many experts agree that density bonuses to be a better and more economical proposal. This would allow developers to build additional stories, increasing height limits, if they were able to include more social and affordable housing.

There is a great deal of debate in Victoria about a mooted proposal to remove planning powers from local government, centralising power in the State Government. In the UK, planning powers are centralised with the National Government and have been for decades. Many housing advocates regret that move because decisions, building and home construction have been tied up with a greater amount of bureaucracy and politics than local government. This has led to planning decisions taking longer and marred with political interference. Many look to countries like Switzerland with its decentralised planning system that builds vastly more housing.

I learned about policies around the world that have led to a greater amount of housing built in established suburbs. One such suggestion is the California dwelling policy, where people can automatically build additional dwellings and granny flats without a bureaucratic approval process. Another is the Houston subdivision policy, which gives owners an automatic right to subdivide their properties to alleviate housing supply pressures.

	<p>I found very interesting that advocates for more housing and density in established suburbs in the UK really value enfranchisement of local voices to have greater community acceptance. This was seen in the passing of recent legislation known as 'street votes'. This is a program where an entire street will vote on a proposal to raise the height limit of the street, which requires a two-thirds majority vote to be successful. In effect, it creates more collaboration between locals, and a design that provides for more housing while maintaining the amenity of an area.</p> <p>This visit has given me new ideas and expanded my thinking with regard to housing policy. It will now inform both my work as the local MP for the Northern Metropolitan Region, where housing issues remain prescient, and work as Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council</p>
ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING:	Colleagues to consider information learned in this trip to inform policy development. I would be delighted to speak to any colleagues regarding my learnings and information gained on this trip.