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Dear Madam Speaker

Basic Allowance Travel: Sydney 23-27 July, 2017

On 23 July 2017 I travelled to Sydney to attend the Liberal Party Federal Conference held at the Sydney Convention Centre. I returned on 27 July 2017, staying four nights.

I heard speeches from the Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull MP, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop MP and David Petraeus AO, a retired United States Army General Officer who served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the United States. The speech given by General Petraeus was focussed on international terrorism, and given the increase in terrorism worldwide, including the recent terrorist incident in Sydney, was extremely beneficial.

I also heard a speech from outgoing Federal Liberal Party President, Mr Richard Alston, AO as well as having the opportunity to speak with former Prime Minister, John Howard OM, AC.

I had the opportunity to speak with numerous members of other state parliaments, from right around the country, including the Premier of Tasmania, Will Hodgman MP, Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian MP, Dr Mike Nahan MLA, WA Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy MP, Victorian Leader of the Opposition and Steven Marshall MP, SA Leader of the Opposition.

I met with Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection on the matter of the Skilled Migration Program, Angus Taylor MP, Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation to discuss the Darwin Cities Deal and a range of other Federal Government Ministers to advocate the case for funding and projects that will benefit Territorians.

The conference and subsequent meetings presented an ideal opportunity to discuss matters of importance to the Northern Territory and discuss ways in which the Country Liberals' Opposition can continue to work in partnership with Federal and State colleagues.

Yours sincerely

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