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South Australia

**Public Sector (Ministerial Travel Reports)
Amendment Bill 2023**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Public Sector Act 2009*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

5 This Act may be cited as the *Public Sector (Ministerial Travel Reports) Amendment Act 2023*.

Part 2—Amendment of *Public Sector Act 2009*

2—Insertion of Part 3A

After section 12 insert:

Part 3A—Reporting on Ministerial travel

12A—Application of Part

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- (1) This Part applies to travel undertaken by a Minister in their Ministerial capacity after the commencement of this section that consists of, or includes, travel outside of South Australia.
 - (2) However, this Part does not apply in relation to travel funded by the Minister personally (including where the travel costs fall within the common allowance paid to the Minister under the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* or where the Minister's costs are reimbursed by the Parliament).
 - (3) This Part is in addition to, and does not derogate from, any other reporting requirements a Minister or any other person has under this or any other Act or law.

12B—Ministers to report on Ministerial travel

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- (1) Each Minister who undertakes travel to which this Part applies must, within 30 days of undertaking the travel, prepare a report setting out—
 - (a) the following information in relation to the travel:

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- (i) the name and portfolio of the Minister;
 - (ii) the period during which the travel was undertaken;
 - (iii) the reason for the travel;
 - (iv) the total cost of the travel funded, or to be funded, by money provided by the State, broken down into—
 - (A) the cost of airfares and other transport costs; and
 - (B) the cost of accommodation; and
 - 10 (C) the cost of food and beverages; and
 - (D) the total of any other costs of the travel;
 - (v) a summary of the activities undertaken in the course of the travel; and
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- (b) in the case where a member of a public sector agency (not being a public sector agency consisting of a Minister) accompanies a Minister undertaking the travel—the following information in relation to each such member's travel:
 - 20 (i) the public sector agency in which the member is employed;
 - (ii) the name and official capacity of the member;
 - (iii) the period during which the member accompanied the Minister in an official capacity (if different to the information required under paragraph (a));
 - 25 (iv) the total cost of the member's travel funded, or to be funded, by money provided by the State, broken down into—
 - (A) the cost of airfares and other transport costs; and
 - 30 (B) the cost of accommodation; and
 - (C) the cost of food and beverages; and
 - (D) the total of any other costs of the travel;
 - (v) a summary of the activities of the member in their official capacity undertaken in the course of the travel; and
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- (c) in the case where the Minister is accompanied by a prescribed staff member—
 - (i) the name and official capacity of the prescribed staff member;

(ii) the period during which the prescribed staff member accompanied the Minister in an official capacity (if different to the information required under paragraph (a));

5 (iii) the total cost of the travel of the prescribed staff member funded, or to be funded, by money provided by the State, broken down into—

(A) the cost of airfares and other transport costs; and

10 (B) the cost of accommodation; and

(C) the cost of food and beverages; and

(D) the total of any other costs of the travel;

15 (iv) a summary of the activities of the prescribed staff member in their official capacity undertaken in the course of the travel; and

(d) any other information required by the regulations.

(2) In the case where a public sector employee accompanies a Minister undertaking travel to which this Part applies—

20 (a) the Minister must provide a copy of the report to the Chief Executive of the relevant public sector agency; and

(b) the Chief Executive of the public sector agency must ensure that the report is accurate and comprehensive to the extent that it relates to the public sector agency.

25 (3) A Minister must, within 6 sitting days after preparing a report under this section, cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of Parliament.

(4) In this section—

prescribed staff member, in relation to a Minister, means—

30 (a) a person engaged by the Premier as a member of the Minister's personal staff under section 71; or

(b) a person engaged by the Minister under section 72.