



ETHICS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 202

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE REFERRED BY THE REGISTRAR ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020 RELATING TO AN ALLEGED FAILURE TO REGISTER AN INTEREST IN THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Introduction and background

1. The Ethics Committee (the committee) is a statutory committee of the Queensland Parliament established under section 102 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* ('the POQA'). The current committee was appointed by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 15 February 2018.
2. The committee's area of responsibility includes dealing with complaints about the ethical conduct of particular members and dealing with alleged breaches of parliamentary privilege by members of the Assembly and other persons.¹ The committee investigates and reports on matters of privilege and possible contempts of Parliament referred to it by the Speaker, the Registrar, or the House.
3. This report concerns a referral from the Registrar regarding a possible contempt of Parliament by the then Member for Gladstone and Assistant Minister for Treasury, Mr Glenn Butcher MP ('Member for Gladstone') for failing to declare an interest on the Register of Members' Interests ('the Register').

The referral

4. On 21 February 2020, the Member for Burnett, Mr Stephen Bennett MP, wrote to the Registrar (the Clerk of the Parliament) alleging that the Member for Gladstone, Mr Glenn Butcher MP failed to keep an accurate statement of interests by failing to declare sponsored travel.
5. At the relevant times in 2017 and 2019, the Member for Gladstone was Assistant Minister for Treasury. The Member for Gladstone is now the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing.
6. The Member for Burnett alleged there were two occasions of travel that should have been declared on the Register: Heron Island on 24 February 2017; and Wilson Island on 30 October 2019.
7. On each occasion, it is alleged that there were portions of both official and personal travel, with the personal portion requiring declaring on the Register.
8. Subclause 14 of Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders sets out the procedure to be followed when a member alleges another member has failed to comply with the Register requirements. Under these procedures, members must make allegations in writing to the Registrar.
9. The Standing Orders stipulate that the Registrar must refer any allegation regarding the Register to the committee.

¹ *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* s 104B.

10. On 25 February 2020, the Registrar referred the allegation to the committee in accordance with subclause 14 of Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders.
11. The Registrar also wrote to the Member for Gladstone, notifying him of the allegation and referral to the committee.

Obligations when considering allegations

12. Subclause 15 of Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders outlines the obligations on the committee with respect to an allegation referred by the Registrar:
 - (1) *The Ethics Committee must consider each allegation referred to it, and for that purpose, may—*
 - (a) *give each member concerned the opportunity to be heard; and*
 - (b) *obtain information from such other persons, and make such inquiries, as it thinks fit;**after which it may—*
 - (c) *make a report to the Legislative Assembly; and*
 - (d) *with the report, recommend the action that should be taken in relation to the matter.*
 - (2) *The Ethics Committee must not make a report unless—*
 - (a) *it has given the member against whom the allegation has been made the opportunity—*
 - (i) *to be heard; and*
 - (ii) *to make written submissions; and*
 - (b) *it has given the person that the member nominates the opportunity to be heard.*

Definition of contempt

13. Section 37 of the POQA defines the meaning of ‘contempt’ of the Assembly as follows:
 - (1) *“Contempt” of the Assembly means a breach or disobedience of the powers, rights or immunities, or a contempt, of the Assembly or its members or committees.*
 - (2) *Conduct, including words, is not contempt of the Assembly unless it amounts, or is intended or likely to amount, to an improper interference with—*
 - (a) *the free exercise by the Assembly or a committee of its authority or functions;*
 - or
 - (b) *the free performance by a member of the member’s duties as a member.*
14. Standing Order 266(24) and the POQA section 37 (example 7) make it clear that failing to keep an accurate statement of interests can be a contempt of Parliament.
15. Standing Order 266(24):

Contravening the requirements and orders imposed by the operation of the Parliament of Queensland Act (see also Examples 7 and 8 s 37 Parliament of Queensland Act and s 58 Criminal Code).
16. POQA section 37 (example 7) states that a contravention of section 69B(1), (2) or (4) of the POQA is an example of a contempt.
17. Section 69B of the POQA states:

Statements of interests

 - (1) *A member must, within 1 month after taking the member’s seat, give to the registrar the following statements—*
 - (a) *a statement of the interest, as at the date of the election, of the member (a statement of interests (member));*

(b) a statement of the interest, as at the date of the election, of which the member is aware of each person who is a related person of the member (a statement of interests (related persons)).

(2) A member must, within 1 month after becoming aware of a change in the particulars contained in the last statement of interests given by the member, notify the registrar in writing of the change.

...

(4) A member must not give to the registrar a statement of interests or information relating to a statement of interests the member knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

18. A breach of the Register requirements will not always be a contempt of Parliament. Subclause 18 of Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders sets out the requirements for a finding of contempt:

A member who—

(a) knowingly fails to give a statement of interests to the Register as required

(b) knowingly fails to notify the Registrar of a change of details contained in a statement of interest; or

(c) breaches s 69B(4) of the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001,²

is guilty of a contempt of the Parliament and may be dealt with accordingly.

The committee's proceedings

19. The committee has established proceedings for dealing with privileges references, which ensure procedural fairness and natural justice is afforded to all parties. These procedures are set out in chapters 44 and 45 of Standing Orders. The committee is also bound by instructions regarding witnesses, at Schedule 3 to Standing Orders.

20. The standard of proof in determining a contempt is the balance of probabilities. This is a lower standard than the 'reasonable doubt' standard required for criminal matters. However, a very high order of proof on the balance of probabilities is required to find a contempt, consistent with the test applied in relation to misconduct charges at common law. In the leading High Court authority in the area, *Briginshaw v Briginshaw* (1938) 60 CLR 336, Latham CJ at 343-344 stated: 'The standard of proof required by a cautious and responsible tribunal will naturally vary in accordance with the seriousness and importance of the issue'.

21. The committee wrote to the Member for Gladstone and Member for Burnett inviting them to provide any additional information in relation to the allegations.

22. Subsequent to information received by the Member for Gladstone and Member for Burnett, the committee wrote to the then Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development at the relevant time in 2019, Hon Kate Jones MP ('Hon Jones') and the then Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef at the relevant time in 2017, Hon Dr Steven Miles MP ('Hon Miles') for further information.

23. In addition to the invited submissions, the committee also received additional submissions from the Member for Gladstone and Member for Burnett.

24. After obtaining information from all parties, the committee found it had sufficient information to deliberate on the allegations.

25. The committee has previously considered references concerning an alleged failure to register an interest. In accordance with the procedures of past committees, the committee considered the following *two separate tests* when deliberating on the allegations against the Member for Gladstone:

1. Whether the matter required disclosure; and

² Section 69B(4) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a member must not give to the Registrar a statement of interests or information relating to a statement of interests the member knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

2. If yes, has the non-disclosure resulted in a contempt?

26. The committee considered the two allegations separately. The first allegation being that the Member for Gladstone failed to declare sponsored travel to Heron Island in 2017; and the second allegation being that he failed to declare sponsored travel to Wilson Island, via Heron Island in 2019.

Alleged contempt 1: Travel to Heron Island in 2017

Did the matter require disclosure?

27. The purpose of the Register is to place on record any pecuniary or other relevant interests of a member which may give rise to a conflict of interest or a perception of a conflict of interest between a member's private interests and the public interest. The Register seeks to provide information which might be thought by others to affect a member's public duties, or to influence their speeches or votes in the Legislative Assembly.³
28. Under Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders, *sponsored travel* is an interest that requires disclosing:
7(5) A statement of interests required to be given by a member must contain the following details—
...
(j) in respect of any sponsored travel or accommodation received by the member or related person—
(i) the course of the contribution concerned; and
(ii) the nature and purpose of the travel.
29. 'Sponsored travel or accommodation' is defined in Schedule 2 of the Standing Orders:
means any travel undertaken, including accommodation incidental to the travel, or any accommodation benefit received, by the member or related person in respect of which a contribution (whether in cash or any kind) to the cost of the travel (including incidental accommodation) or the accommodation is made by a person other than the member or a related person but does not include:
(a) travel or accommodation received in an official capacity;
(b) upgraded travel provided by an airline, or upgraded accommodation;
(c) meals or sporting or cultural entertainment;
(d) a benefit received from a family member or family friend where the contribution made by the sponsor is received in a purely personal capacity, and there is no connection or possible conflict of interest between the member's duties and the interest of the sponsor.
30. This definition clearly indicates at subsection (a) that travel or accommodation received in an official capacity does not require disclosing on the Register.
31. The committee considers that the question was not whether the travel had occurred, as this is not disputed, rather whether the travel was of the kind that required disclosing on the Register.
32. The Member for Burnett alleged that when the Member for Gladstone attended an official function on Heron Island on 24 February 2017 as a representative for Hon Miles, he stayed an additional night with full hospitality. It is this additional night that could potentially fall within the definition of 'sponsored travel'.
33. As evidence of the allegation, the Member for Burnett provided a photo of the Member for Gladstone with the President of the Aldesta Group and the Mayor of Gladstone dated 24 February 2017.
34. The Aldesta Group manages the Heron Island resort which hosted the function.

³ Schedule 2 – Registers of Interests, *Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly*: Effective from 31 August 2004 (as amended at 15 February 2019).

35. The committee considers that this is not evidence of wrongdoing. The Member for Gladstone has admitted that he attended the function on 24 February 2017, therefore the photo is not evidence of the alleged additional night.
36. In his correspondence with the committee, the Member for Gladstone provided context for his trip:
- a) *This travel involved only one night's accommodation on 24 February 2017 which aligned with the official function and the boat transfers to and from Heron Island.*
 - b) *I departed Gladstone on 24 February and returned on 25 February in line with the proposed ferry times in the invitation.*
 - c) *At no time did I ever stay outside of what was required as part of the official function.*
37. The Member for Gladstone also provided an invitation from the Aldesta Group to corroborate details of the event.
38. While the committee was satisfied with the Member for Gladstone's explanation, the committee determined it prudent to confirm with Hon Miles, that the Member for Gladstone was representing him at this event.
39. Hon Miles was unable to access records from his previous portfolio and could not definitively confirm whether his office requested the Member for Gladstone represent him at that specific event. However, he stated that it is standard practice for his office and offices of other Ministers, to request members of Parliament attend events representing the relevant Minister when the Minister cannot attend themselves.
40. In the absence of any other evidence, and on the balance of probabilities, the committee is satisfied that the travel undertaken by the Member for Gladstone to Heron Island on 24 February 2017 was not of the kind that required declaring, because it was undertaken in a wholly official capacity.
41. As the committee determines that the travel is not of the kind that required declaring on the Register, the second question of whether non-disclosure results in contempt, is not considered.

Alleged contempt 2: Travel to Wilson Island in 2019

Did the matter require disclosure?

42. As outlined in paragraphs 28-30, travel that falls within the definition of 'sponsored travel or accommodation' in the Standing Orders is required to be declared on the Register.
43. The Member for Burnett alleges that the Member for Gladstone stayed an additional night on Heron Island, following his attendance at an official function on Wilson Island on 30 October 2019.
44. As evidence of this, the Member for Burnett states that attendees told him that the Member for Gladstone did not travel via boat to Heron Island with the media, rather that he was already present on Heron Island when the boat arrived on its way to Wilson Island.
45. The Member for Burnett did not disclose the identity of the source who provided him with this information to the committee.
46. In his correspondence to the committee, the Member for Gladstone stated he was representing Hon Jones, and provided context for the travel:
- a) *The official function itinerary for this event, which was planned by Aldesta and provided to the attendees, included a two-night stay from the 30th of October to the 1st of November 2019. A two-night stay was required to align with boat transfers to and from Heron Island (see itinerary in email attached dated 1 October 2020 from Karen Sweeney, Sales Manager).*
 - b) *The boat departing Gladstone marina to Heron Island has only one arrival and one departure time, being an 11.45am arrival and a 12.45pm departure.*

- c) *The official function for the Opening of Wilson Island (31 October) commenced at 10.30am with a boat transfer from Heron Island to Wilson Island and arriving back at Heron Island from Wilson Island at 2.00pm.*
- d) *There is no boat direct from Gladstone Marina to Wilson Island or vice versa.*
- e) *There was no way for me to arrive by boat at Wilson Island on 31 October in time for the official function. Further, the return boat trip to Gladstone departed Heron Island before the conclusion of the official function.*
- f) *These boat transfer times resulted in the need for a two-night stay on Heron Island, as proposed in the itinerary from Aldesta Group.*
- g) *The only way for me to have attended for only one night would have been to charter a seaplane or a helicopter for my transport to and from Heron Island. This would have been an expense of between \$698 and \$898. Claiming this expense through the parliamentary travel allowance did not seem to be a reasonable use of taxpayer funds, when boat transfers were made available to all guests that attended the function.*
47. The copy of the proposed itinerary provided by the organisers in the Member for Gladstone's submission confirms the information above.
48. The Member for Gladstone also provided the committee with a copy an email from 19 December 2019 containing advice from the Clerk of the Parliament in his role as Registrar with respect to the travel in question:
- In regards to you [sic] inquiry re the application of the register of interest rules in accordance with the following facts:*
- You advise that the Minster for Tourism received an official invitation to open Wilson Island owned by the Heron Island owners.*
- The Minister could not attend and you were requested to attend in her place by her office for the official opening. (You are Assistant Minister, although not the Minister's assistant Minister)*
- The Minister's Office made all the arrangements.*
- The Heron Island Group supplied you transport to the Island and 2 nights' accommodation (necessary because of transfers from Heron Island to Wilsons [sic] Island, the opening and the return).*
- You advise that there was an almost identical circumstance in 2017 re Heron Island. Neither was declared on the basis of advice from the Minister's Office.*
- There is no apparently personal or private component.*
- My advice is as follows:*
- The travel and accommodation would fall within the definition of sponsored travel and accommodation. However, the key issues is whether the exemption in the definition (a) applies:*
- (a) travel or accommodation received in an official capacity*
- ...
- In this case, you were travelling in an official capacity on each occasion. Travel representing a Minister for an official opening (normally a duty of the Minister for Tourism) is an official capacity. [emphasis added]***
49. The committee contacted Hon Jones for confirmation of the travel arrangements. She was able to confirm to the committee that she received the invitation as Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development.

50. Hon Jones explained to the committee that as she was unable to attend, her office delegated attendance at this event to the Member for Gladstone because his electorate encompasses Heron and Wilson Islands.
51. On the 13 May 2020, the Member for Burnett contacted the committee to provide further information with respect to the 2019 travel.
52. The further information was an excerpt from the Member for Gladstone's diaries obtained under right to information legislation.
53. The excerpt from the time when the Member for Gladstone was on Wilson Island was not disclosed, with the reason for non-disclosure being that those dates did not contain business that was considered official government business.
54. The Member for Burnett proffered this as evidence that the Wilson Island travel was not official travel, and therefore required disclosure on the Register.
55. However, the committee notes that the scope of the RTI request stated:

*Seeking the official diaries of Assistant Minister for Treasury, Glenn Butcher MP, that set out his meetings taken in his **official capacity as Assistant Minister**. 23 September 2019 to 22 February 2020. [emphasis added]*
56. During the period of time in question, the Member for Gladstone was Assistant Minister for Treasury. However, as stated above, the travel to Heron Island was in his capacity as Member for Gladstone, representing Hon Jones, not in his capacity as Assistant Minister.
57. Based on the information provided by the Member for Gladstone, along with the Registrar's advice and confirmation from Hon Jones, the committee is satisfied that the travel to Wilson Island, via Heron Island from 30 October 2019 – 1 November 2019 was undertaken in an official capacity.
58. As the committee determines that the travel is not of the kind that required declaring on the Register, the second question of whether non-disclosure results in contempt, is not considered.

Conclusions

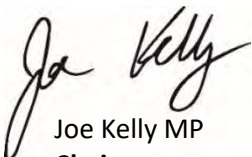
59. The committee finds the evidence proffered in relation to the allegation does not support proceeding to an investigation of the Member for Gladstone in respect of this matter.
60. On the information before it, the committee finds that the matter of privilege in relation to the Member for Gladstone is one that does not warrant further attention by the committee, and the committee has not made a finding of contempt.

Conclusion

On the information before it, the committee finds that on the matter of privilege in relation to the Member for Gladstone, that the allegations of contempt are not made out.

Recommendations

The committee recommends that the House take no further action in relation to these allegations.



Joe Kelly MP
Chair

June 2020

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5 March 2020

Dear Chair,

Re: Referral of Allegations from the Clerk of Parliament made by the Member for Burnett

I write regarding an allegation made by the Member for Burnett that I failed to comply with s14 of Schedule 2 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly. Notice of this allegation and subsequent referral to this Committee was provided to me from the Clerk of Parliament on 25 February 2020.

In relation to the allegations made by the Member for Burnett in his correspondence to the Clerk on 21 February 2020, I advise the following:

1. *The Function at Heron Island on 24 February 2017:*
 - a. This travel involved only one night's accommodation on 24 February 2017 which aligned with the official function and the boat transfers to and from Heron Island (see invitation attached which includes the ferry times).
 - b. I departed Gladstone on 24 February and returned on 25 February in line with the proposed ferry times in the invitation.
 - c. At no time did I ever stay outside of what was required as part of the official function.

2. *The Function at Heron Island/Wilson Island on 31 October 2019:*
 - a. The official function itinerary for this event, which was planned by Aldesta and provided to attendees, included a two-night stay from the 30th of October to the 1st of November 2019. A two night stay was required to align with boat transfers to and from Heron Island (see itinerary in email attached dated 1 October 2020 from Karen Sweeney, Sales Manager).
 - b. The boat departing Gladstone marina to Heron Island has only one arrival and one departure time, being an 11:45 AM arrival and 12:45 PM departure.
 - c. The official function for the Opening of Wilson Island (31 October) commenced at 10:30 AM with a boat transfer from Heron Island to Wilson Island and arriving back at Heron Island from Wilson Island at 2:00 PM.
 - d. There is no boat direct from Gladstone marina to Wilson Island or vice versa.

- e. There was no way for me to arrive by boat at Wilson Island on 31 October in time for the official function. Further the return boat trip to Gladstone departed Heron Island before the conclusion of the official function.
- f. These boat transfer times resulted in the need for a two-night stay on Heron Island, as proposed in the itinerary from Aldesta Group.
- g. The only way for me to have attended for only one night would have been to charter a sea plane or a helicopter for my transport to and from Heron Island. This would have been an expense of between \$698 and \$898. Claiming this expense through the parliamentary travel allowance did not seem to be a reasonable use of taxpayer's funds, when boat transfers were made available to all guests that attended the function.

The Clerk of Parliament has advised me that I was travelling in an official capacity in respect of these functions and therefore did not need to declare these trips (see email dated 10 December 2019 from Mr Neil Laurie, The Clerk of Parliament attached).

There were no additional stays beyond what was required for official functions on either of these occasions. The allegations made by the Member for Burnett that I have failed to declare a private benefit are false.

If you require additional clarification on any of these points, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Glenn Butcher MP
Member for Gladstone
Assistant Minister for Treasury



Heron Island
GREAT BARRIER REEF



Heron Island Resort

DATE

Friday February 24th, 2017

*Be our guest celebrating our
newest acquisition*

Heron Island Resort

5:30-6:30 pm

Cocktail Reception

6:30-7pm

*Speech, Sam Zhang & Toast,
Greg Magi (DNC) & Toast*

7-9pm

Dinner & Dessert

You are cordially Invited to our Heron Island Closing Ceremony. We request you reply by Feb 17, 2017. Please respond to Sandy McFeeters (General Manager) SMcFeeters@delawarenorth.com to confirm your attendance and complimentary room accommodation

Ferry will depart from Gladstone at 1:45pm on Feb 24th and from Heron Island at 10am on Feb 25th

Gladstone Electorate Office

From: Karen Sweeney <sales.australia@aldestahotels.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2019 1:49 PM
To: Gladstone Electorate Office
Cc: Glenn Butcher
Subject: You are invited to the official opening of Wilson Island - Thursday October 31st 2019

Dear Glenn,

On behalf of the Aldesta Hotel Group we would like to invite you to attend the official opening of Wilson Island, to be held on Thursday October 31st, 2019.

Reaching this important milestone would not have been possible without your support so we do hope you will be able to join us on Wilson Island for a special celebration lunch in the Long House hosted by General Manager and Vice President of the Aldesta Hotel Group Australia, Tony Barradale.

We appreciate your time is very valuable so please find the below options for your participation, limited to one person per organisation by **invitation only**, to this very private Great Barrier Reef Island before it is open to the public on November 1st.

Access to Wilson Island is via Heron Island by boat only so the Aldesta Hotel Group are offering 2 nights accommodation on Heron Island and return launch transfers. Alternatively you can arrive and depart from Heron Island by air transfers on the day of the event. However, please note air transfers would be at your own cost.

The included Itinerary for the Wilson Island Opening is as follows:

Wednesday October 30th

9:30am Depart the Gladstone Marina for Heron Island by launch

11:45am Arrive Heron Island

12:30pm Lunch – Shearwater Restaurant

Overnight on Heron Island – Activities TBC

Thursday October 31st

10:30am Depart Heron Island for Wilson Island at 10:30am for the official opening. This will include lunch in the Long House and a tour of the property

1:30am Depart Wilson Island for Heron Island

Friday November 1st

12:45pm Depart Heron Island for Gladstone by launch

If you are limited by time and would prefer to arrive and depart on the day, this can be achieved by air transfers between Gladstone Airport and Heron Island. These transfers would be at your own cost with the current availability following:

Thursday October 31st

Helicopter Transfer (30 minute transfers) - \$449 per person each way

Departing Gladstone Airport to Heron Island – 2 departure times available

Departure Times : 8:45am and 9:30am

Returning Heron Island to Gladstone Airport

Departure Time: 3:30pm

Seaplane Transfer (30 minute transfers) - \$349 per person each way

Departing Gladstone Airport to Heron Island

Flights can operate departure between the High Tide Window at 7am and 9am.

Can you please RSVP at your earliest convenience if you are available to attend the official opening of Wilson Island as well as your preferred travel option.

We hope you to see you on October 31st.

Warm regards,

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Glenn Butcher

From: Neil Laurie
Sent: Tuesday, 10 December 2019 2:41 PM
To: Glenn Butcher
Subject: Register of interest advice

Glenn

In regards to your inquiry re the application of the register of interest rules in accordance with the following facts:

You advise that the Minister for Tourism received an official invitation to open Wilson Island owned by the Heron Island owners.

The Minister could not attend and you were requested to attend in her place by her office for the official opening. (You are an Assistant Minister, although not the Minister's assistant Minister).

The Minister's Office made all the arrangements.

The Heron Island Group supplied you transport to the Island and 2 nights' accommodation (necessary because of transfers from Heron Island to Wilsons Island, the opening and the return).

You advise that there was an almost identical circumstance in 2017 re Heron Island. Neither was declared on the basis of advice from the Minister's Office.

There is no apparent personal or private component.

My advice is as follows:

The travel and accommodation would fall within the definition of sponsored travel and accommodation.

However, the key issue is whether the exemption in the definition (a) applies:

(a) travel or accommodation received in an official capacity

Precedent (previous advice) indicates that the ownership of the mode of transport and who is bearing the actual cost of the transport is, strictly speaking, irrelevant. The important issue is whether the member was travelling in an official capacity.

In this case, you were travelling in an official capacity on each occasion. Travel representing a Minister for an official opening (normally a duty of the Minister for Tourism) is official capacity.

Regards

Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament

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Stephen BENNETT MP

Member for Burnett

3 April 2020

Mr Joe Kelly MP
Chair, Ethics Committee

By email: ethics@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Kelly,

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2020 in respect of my complaint about the Member for Gladstone (**the Member**).

For the Member to be found to have committed a contempt of the assembly, it must be demonstrated:

1. That the matter in question was required to be declared; and
2. That the Member failed to declare the matter.

In respect of the first element, the source of my information has requested that I maintain their confidence and anonymity. However, I am advised that Mr Butcher received an additional private benefit of hospitality and accommodation from Aldesta Hotels immediately prior to an official visit to represent Minister Jones at the opening of Wilson Island in October 2019.

Inquiries with other attendees at the launch revealed that Mr Butcher did not travel on the daily boat to Heron Island with the media, and he was already present on Heron Island when the group arrived on the way to Wilson Island. I believe this validates my source's information that Mr Butcher had stayed the night before the official function.

Sponsored accommodation and hospitality is a matter that must be declared to the Members' register of interests.

In respect of the earlier stay, this is published on the Saliance website – Saliance is the ultimate holding company of Aldesta Hotels at <https://saliance.ca/photo-gallery/celebration-ceremony-of-purchasing-heron-island-attended-by-distinguished-guests-from-gladstone-and-surrounding-area-resort-managers-and-supervisors/>

I have attached a photograph of Mr Butcher, the Mayor of Gladstone Cr Burnett and President Sam Zhang from the website taken on Heron Island on 24 February 2017.

I note that the Member's register of interests has not recorded a private benefit for either of these two occasions.



Stephen BENNETT MP

Member for **Burnett**

I believe this is sufficient information to support the claim that Mr Butcher received a private benefit of accommodation from Aldesta Hotels. As neither has been declared to the Members' register of interests, I believe that both elements have been met and the Member has committed a Contempt of the Assembly.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Bennett".

Stephen Bennett MP
Member for Burnett
Shadow Minister for Youth






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Tourism Industry Development and
Minister for Cross River Rail

08 APR 2020

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Dear Mr Kelly 

I am writing to provide a response to the Ethics Committee regarding the Member for Gladstone's official travel undertaken on behalf of my portfolio.

Regarding the first matter on Heron Island on 24 February 2017, I am advised the Member for Gladstone represented the then Environment Minister Stephen Miles. I am therefore unable to provide any further detail about the official arrangements for that event.

As Tourism Industry Development Minister, I was invited to attend the official opening of Wilson Island by the lease holder, Aldesta Hotel Group, on 31 October 2019. This event was a high priority for me as the Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development had awarded Aldesta Hotels Group funding through the \$25 million Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Fund. This funding was a catalyst for the re-opening of Wilson Island.

Unfortunately, I was required to attend unavoidable and conflicting appointments including the Cabinet Budget Review Committee and was therefore unable to attend the official opening (see diary extract **Attachment 1**). As the Gladstone electorate encompasses Wilson Island, my office delegated this event to the Member for Gladstone and Assistant Minister for Treasury (see media statement issued by the Member for Gladstone on 31 October 2019 **Attachment 2**).

I am advised, due to the remoteness of Wilson Island and the limited availability of transport, the itinerary required the Member for Gladstone to arrive on Heron Island on 30 October, boat transfer to Wilson Island for the official opening at 10.30am on 31 October and overnight on Heron Island before departing for Gladstone on 1 November (see itinerary provided by Aldesta Hotel Group **Attachment 3**).

I am also advised Member for Gladstone was concerned about the timeframe required of him to represent me at this event and he inquired about alternative transport arrangements. I am advised that Aldesta Hotel Group informed the Member that he could arrange air transfers to enable same day travel to and from the event, however, this would have come at significant cost to the taxpayer – up to \$900. I understand the Member's travel arrangements were consistent with other guests at the event.

I trust this information assists the Ethics Committee in resolving this matter.

Yours sincerely


HON KATE JONES MP
Minister for Innovation and
Tourism Industry Development and
Minister for Cross River Rail



Ministerial Diary¹

Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for the Cross River Rail

The Hon Kate Jones MP

1 October 2019 – 31 October 2019

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/Person	Purpose of Meeting
1 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
1 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
2 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
2 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
3 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
3 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
4 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
4 October 2019	Senior Ministerial Staff	Telephone meeting
4 October 2019	Executive General Manager Major Project Tunnelling CPB Contractors, Ministerial staff	Meeting
6 October 2019	CEO NRL, invited guests	NRL Grand Final Sydney Roosters V Canberra Raiders
8 October 2019	Secretary AWU, Ministerial staff	Meeting
8 October 2019	CEO, Board Chair CRR, Ministerial staff	Portfolio matters
8 October 2019	CEO CRR, Ministerial staff	Portfolio matters
8 October 2019	Deputy Premier, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Minjerribah Ministerial Forum
8 October 2019	Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, Ministerial staff	Meeting

¹ Does not include personal, electorate or party political meetings or events, media events and interviews and information contrary to public interest (e.g. meetings regarding sensitive law enforcement, public safety or whistle blower matters).

8 October 2019	Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	Pre Cabinet
8 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	Cabinet
9 October 2019	CEO and Chairman TTF, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Speech Tourism and Transport Forum
9 October 2019	Government DGs, Councillors, Ministerial staff	Yarrabah Forum
9 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	CBRC
10 October 2019	Government DGs, Councillors, Ministerial staff	Speech Yarrabah Forum
10 October 2019	Premier, Olympic Taskforce, Ministerial staff	Meeting
10 October 2019	Premier, SEQ Mayors, Olympic Taskforce, Ministerial staff	Meeting
14 October 2019	Director Magic Millions, CEO TEQ, Ministerial staff	Meeting
14 October 2019	Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	Pre Cabinet
14 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	Cabinet
14 October 2019	Chair Gold Coast Suns, Ministerial staff	Meeting
14 October 2019	President QHA, invited guests	QHA Awards for Excellence
15 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
15 October 2019	Director ARC Centre of Excellence for Robotics, Ministerial staff	Meeting
15 October 2019	Tourism Development Manager NRMA, Ministerial staff	Meeting
16 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
16 October 2019	DG and DDG Innovation, Ministerial staff	Portfolio matters
16 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	CBRC
16 October 2019	General Manager Suncorp Stadium, Managing director Pacific Sports Management, Ministerial staff	Meeting
17 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
21 October 2019	DG DITID, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Speech Innovation breakfast
21 October 2019	Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	Pre Cabinet
21 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	Cabinet
21 October 2019	CEO QCN Fibre, Ministerial staff	Meeting
22 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
22 October 2019	Manager Dementia Centacare, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, Ministerial staff	Meeting
22 October 2019	Speaker of the House	Meeting
22 October 2019	Chairman AEG Ogden, CEO CRRD, Ministerial staff	Meeting

22 October 2019	CEO QTIC, Ministerial staff	Meeting
23 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
23 October 2019	Board Members CRRD, Ministerial staff	Speak at Board meeting
23 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	CBRC
23 October 2019	Member for Rockhampton, Ministerial staff	Meeting
24 October 2019	BDO Brisbane, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Speech SheEO Activators and Ventures
24 October 2019	Members of Parliament	Parliament sitting
24 October 2019	General Manager Suncorp Stadium, Ministerial staff	Meeting
24 October 2019	Lord Mayor Brisbane City Council, Board Chair CRRD, Ministerial staff	Meeting
24 October 2019	Member for Miller, Ministerial staff	Meeting
24 October 2019	Premier, Members of Parliament	Queensland Parliament's Bushfire Appeal
25 October 2019	American Chamber of Commerce Australia, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Speech investing in Queensland's Tourism Industry
26 October 2019	CEO Supercars Australia, invited guests	Present trophy Vodafone Gold Coast 600
28 October 2019	Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport, Member for Rockhampton, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Rockhampton Forum
29 October 2019	International Education and Training Advisory Group, Ministerial staff	Meeting
29 October 2019	CEO and Chairman Destination Gold Coast, Ministerial staff	Meeting
29 October 2019	Mayor Townsville City Council	Telephone meeting
29 October 2019	Former Lord Mayor of Brisbane City Council	Telephone meeting
29 October 2019	Board Chair CRRD, Ministerial staff	Portfolio meeting
29 October 2019	CEO The Star, invited guests, Ministerial staff	VIP Stakeholder Event Queens Wharf Foreshore South
30 October 2019	Attorney-General, CEO The Star, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Cutting of the Ribbon Queens Wharf Foreshore South
30 October 2019	Director Trans-Tasman Business Circle, invited guests, Ministerial staff	Speech Boardroom luncheon
30 October 2019	CEO Live Nation, Ministerial staff	Meeting
30 October 2019	Chief Entrepreneur, Ministerial staff	Meeting
31 October 2019	CEO Greensills, DG DITID, Ministerial staff	Meeting
31 October 2019	Cabinet Ministers	CBRC

31 October 2019	Artistic Director Brisbane Festival, Ministerial staff	Meeting
31 October 2019	Mayor of Redlands, Ministerial staff	Meeting
31 October 2019	DG DITID, SEQ Mayors, Moreton Bay Tourism Leadership Group, Ministerial staff	Meeting
31 October 2019	Mayor of Whitsunday Regional Council, Ministerial staff	Meeting



Glenn Butcher MP
Assistant Minister for Treasury
Member for Gladstone

31 October 2019

GBR's newest island wonder – Wilson Island reopens

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher today attended Wilson Island, the Great Barrier Reef's newest island wonder, as it re-opened to guests for the first time since 2014.

Mr Butcher said Wilson Island was one of 10 Great Barrier Reef Islands receiving funding under the government's \$25 million Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Program.

"I've been fighting for tourism projects because they attract visitors to Gladstone – which creates local jobs" said Mr Butcher.

"Now that it has re-opened Wilson Island returns as a tourism icon and the flow-on effects for the tourism economy in Central Queensland will be awesome.

"Wilson Island is the ultimate island castaway experience. It covers five acres and boasts nine permanent tents, playing host to just 18 guests at any time."

Vice President of Aldesta Hotels Australia Tony Barradale operates Wilson Island and said government's support helped with the re-opening of Wilson Island, which had been closed since 2014.

"With funding and support from State Government we've been able to remove the legacy waste from the island and install an environmentally secure sewage treatment plant, solar power with battery storage and nine tents which are now almost ready for our guests to enjoy."

Mr Barradale said the Aldesta were putting the final touches on the resort and would be ready to take bookings in time for the official re-opening in November.

"Guests are able to book their own private, designer inspired tent or reserve all of Wilson Island, exclusively for themselves with a dedicated on-site host and chef serving local produce and beverages."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said Wilson Island was a national park located within the Southern Great Barrier Reef Green Zone.

"Wilson Island is in a 'no touch, no take' area, where guests can enjoy the pristine natural environment, the incredible marine life and the amazing native flora and fauna," he said.

Mr Butcher said the rejuvenation and re-opening of Wilson Island was a win for Southern Great Barrier Reef tourism and will also boost confidence in the local economy.

"This hideaway is just off the coast of Gladstone and a 40-minute boat ride from world-renowned Heron Island," said Mr Butcher.

"It's great to see another high-quality tourism offering come on-line in the region and provide another great drawcard for the Southern GBR".

Mr Butcher said Wilson Island's guests could relax in the privacy of their own stretch of beachfront.

“Days can be spent relaxing in a hammock, lounging on the beach, exploring the island and snorkeling with the marine life that call Wilson Island home.”

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Matthew Jutsum

From: Karen Sweeney <sales.australia@aldestahotels.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 October 2019 1:49 PM
To: External - Gladstone Electorate Office
Cc: External - Glenn Butcher
Subject: You are invited to the official opening of Wilson Island - Thursday October 31st 2019

Dear Glenn,

On behalf of the Aldesta Hotel Group we would like to invite you to attend the official opening of Wilson Island, to be held on Thursday October 31st, 2019.

Reaching this important milestone would not have been possible without your support so we do hope you will be able to join us on Wilson Island for a special celebration lunch in the Long House hosted by General Manager and Vice President of the Aldesta Hotel Group Australia, Tony Barradale.

We appreciate your time is very valuable so please find the below options for your participation, limited to one person per organisation by **invitation only**, to this very private Great Barrier Reef Island before it is open to the public on November 1st.

Access to Wilson Island is via Heron Island by boat only so the Aldesta Hotel Group are offering 2 nights accommodation on Heron Island and return launch transfers. Alternatively you can arrive and depart from Heron Island by air transfers on the day of the event. However, please note air transfers would be at your own cost.

The included Itinerary for the Wilson Island Opening is as follows:

Wednesday October 30th

9:30am Depart the Gladstone Marina for Heron Island by launch

11:45am Arrive Heron Island

12:30pm Lunch – Shearwater Restaurant

Overnight on Heron Island – Activities TBC

Thursday October 31st

10:30am Depart Heron Island for Wilson Island at 10:30am for the official opening. This will include lunch in the Long House and a tour of the property

1:30am Depart Wilson Island for Heron Island

Friday November 1st

12:45pm Depart Heron Island for Gladstone by launch

If you are limited by time and would prefer to arrive and depart on the day, this can be achieved by air transfers between Gladstone Airport and Heron Island. These transfers would be at your own cost with the current availability following:

Thursday October 31st

Helicopter Transfer (30 minute transfers) - \$449 per person each way

Departing Gladstone Airport to Heron Island – 2 departure times available

Departure Times : 8:45am and 9:30am

Returning Heron Island to Gladstone Airport

Departure Time: 3:30pm

Seaplane Transfer (30 minute transfers) - \$349 per person each way

Departing Gladstone Airport to Heron Island

Flights can operate departure between the High Tide Window at 7am and 9am.

Can you please RSVP at your earliest convenience if you are available to attend the official opening of Wilson Island as well as your preferred travel option.

We hope you to see you on October 31st.

Warm regards,

Karen Sweeney

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7 May 2020

Mr Joe Kelly MP
Chair, Ethics Committee and
Member for Greenslopes

By email: ETHICS@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Kelly

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Ethics Committee regarding a request for the Member for Gladstone to represent the government at an official event.

As you will appreciate, when I am unable to attend official events my office will often attempt to identify a suitable representative from within the government. I am invited to many more events than I could physically attend and event organisers often appreciate being offered an alternative representative. The practice of arranging a government member of parliament to represent a minister at official events is a standard practice for my office and that of other ministers of this government.

Unfortunately, as your query relates to my time in a previous portfolio, I am unable to access any records that could definitively confirm whether or not my office requested the Member for Gladstone represent at this particular event. Individuals in the relevant roles in my office have also since changed which means there is no-one on my current staff who might have a first-hand recollection or personal notes or records of this request.

Thank you for allowing me to discuss this matter with my Chief of Staff. She has confirmed this information is correct to the best of her knowledge also.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Miles".

STEVEN MILES MP
Minister for Health and
Minister for Ambulance Services



Stephen BENNETT MP

Member for Burnett

13 May 2020

Mr Joe Kelly MP
Chair, Ethics Committee

By email: ethics@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Kelly

Further to my email dated 3 April 2020, I am writing to provide the Committee with some additional evidence that has come to my attention.

Please find attached to this email documents obtained under Right to Information from Queensland Treasury. The disclosure log states these documents were released in response to an application as follows:

ARU0001107, Seeking the official diaries of Assistant Minister for Treasury, Glenn Butcher MP, that set out his meetings taken in his official capacity as Assistant Minister. 23 September 2019 to 22 February, 2020.

The Committee should note the event held on Wilson Island on 31 October 2019 is not disclosed in the documents as a meeting in his official capacity.

I submit to the Committee this evidence proves the Member for Gladstone did not consider the events around 31 October 2019 on Wilson Island to be official government business.

Therefore the additional night's accommodation and hospitality were not regarded by the Member as being connected to official government business and should have been declared on his Register of Interests.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Bennett MP
Member for Burnett
Shadow Minister for Youth

EXTRACT OF MINUTES –

**MATTER OF PRIVILEGE REFERRED BY THE REGISTRAR ON
25 FEBRUARY 2020 RELATING TO AN ALLEGED FAILURE
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Ethics Committee

Meeting No. 38
Friday, 20 March 2020, 10.32am
Teleconference

Present	Mr Joe Kelly MP, Chair Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Deputy Chair Ms Leanne Linard MP Mr Mark McArdle MP
Apology	Ms Nikki Boyd MP Mr Ray Stevens MP
In attendance	Ms Bernice Watson, Committee Secretary Ms Rebecca Meehan, Assistant Committee Secretary

Inquiry No. 16 – Butcher matter

Discussion ensued.

Resolved

That the committee write to the Member for Burnett, Member for Gladstone, Minister Jones and Mr Speaker in the terms agreed.

Moved: Mr Nicholls Seconded: Mr Kelly

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Ethics Committee

Meeting No. 39
Wednesday, 8 April 2020, 11.02am
Teleconference

Present

Mr Joe Kelly MP, Chair
Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Deputy Chair
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Ms Leanne Linard MP
Mr Mark McArdle MP
Mr Ray Steven MP

In attendance

Ms Bernice Watson, Committee Secretary
Ms Rebecca Meehan, Assistant Committee Secretary

Inquiry No. 16 – Butcher matter

Discussion ensued.

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Ethics Committee

Meeting No. 40
Wednesday, 20 April 2020, 11.00am
Teleconference

Present

Mr Joe Kelly MP, Chair
Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Deputy Chair
Ms Nikki Boyd MP
Ms Leanne Linard MP
Mr Mark McArdle MP
Mr Ray Stevens MP

In attendance

Ms Bernice Watson, Committee Secretary
Ms Rebecca Meehan, Assistant Committee Secretary

Inquiry No. 16 – Butcher matter

Discussion ensued.

Resolved

That the committee write to Minister Miles in the terms agreed.

Moved: Mr Kelly

Seconded: Mr Nicholls

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Ethics Committee

Meeting No. 41
Thursday, 30 April 2020, 1.00pm
Teleconference

Present Mr Joe Kelly MP, Chair
Ms Leanne Linard MP
Mr Mark McArdle MP
Mr Ray Stevens MP

In attendance Ms Bernice Watson, Committee Secretary
Ms Rebecca Meehan, Assistant Committee Secretary

Inquiry No. 16 – Butcher matter

Discussion ensued.

Resolved

That Minister Miles is permitted to consult, as he deems appropriate, with his Chief of Staff in relation to the request by the committee, with a response due by COB Wednesday 6 May 2020.

Moved: Mr Kelly Seconded: Mr Stevens

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Ethics Committee

Meeting No. 44
Thursday, 18 June 2020, 1.04pm
Committee Room 1, Parliamentary Annexe

Present

Mr Joe Kelly MP, Chair
Mr Tim Nicholls, Deputy Chair
Ms Leanne Linard MP
Mr Mark McArdle MP
Mr Ray Stevens MP
Mr Chris Whiting MP

In attendance

Ms Bernice Watson, Committee Secretary
Ms Rebecca Meehan, Assistant Committee Secretary
Mr Neil Laurie, Clerk of the Parliament

Inquiry No. 16 – Butcher matter

Resolved

That the committee adopts the Chair's draft report and authorises its tabling.

Moved: Mr Kelly Seconded: Mr Nicholls

Extracts certified correct on 16 July 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Kelly".

Joe Kelly MP

Chair