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Overseas Study Travel Report



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The Hon Mathias Cormann
Special Minister of State
Parliament House
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Dear Minister

OVERSEAS STUDY TRAVEL REPORT

In accordance with the requirements of Clause 9.2(b) of *Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/18* (the Determination), I submit the following statement reporting on my recent overseas study travel.

The main purpose of my visit was to further my knowledge of recent developments in the politics of the United Kingdom and implications for our own democracy and parliamentary system.

In London I held consultations with a number of key players including but not restricted to:

13 January 2016	Flight	Sydney to London
15 January 2016	Meeting	Mr Richard Angell, Director Of Progress
16 January 2016	Meeting	Rt Hon John Spellar, House of Commons
16 January 2016	Event	Labour First National Conference
18 January 2016	Meeting	Lord Maurice Glasman, Member House of Lords, Founder of Blue Labour
19 January 2016	Meeting	Sir Lynton Crosby, Co-Founder CTF Partners
19 January 2016	Meeting	Rt Hon John Bercow, Speaker House of Commons
19 January 2016	Meeting	Mr Andy Bagnall, Director Confederation of British Industry
19 January 2016	Meeting	Ms Stella Creasy, MP, House of

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		Commons
19 January 2016	Meeting	Rt Hon Rosie Winterton MP, Chief Opposition Whip
20 January 2016	Flight	London to Sydney

As part of my consultations, I attended a Labour conference (keynote speaker Mr Michael Dugher MP) in Birmingham where I spoke with a range of British Labour Party members about their most recent election outcome and the Party's subsequent leadership election process and its consequences for parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom. Given Australia shares the same parliamentary system and the major political parties here are moving towards more democratic candidate and leadership selection processes, the possible implications for Australia significant.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line, representing the name Joel Fitzgibbon.

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