

Department of Defence

Schedule Of Special Purpose Flights

Election Support
10 April 2022 – 21 May 2022

Updated 20 December 2023

On 18 August 2023, Defence published the Schedules for Special Purpose flights from January 2021 to June 2023. It was subsequently found that the Schedules published on 18 August 2023 contained data errors. The errors were due to a combination of technical faults corrupting a database called VIPFLY, and incomplete administrative checks and balances. Defence has undertaken a manual verification process to ensure a true and accurate record of all Special Purpose Flights undertaken since January 2021. The corrected information is now available within this Schedule.

Special Purpose Aircraft support the Australian Government by enabling official travel and engagement in a timely and secure manner, and supporting continuity of Government business in times of national crisis. Special Purpose flights are authorised, governed and conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for the use of Special Purpose Aircraft and outcomes of the Australian Federal Police led security review.

During election periods, Air Force's Special Purpose Aircraft capability is supplemented by chartered aircraft support. For the 2022 Federal Election Campaign, Defence chartered four civilian aircraft. Within this Schedule, Special Purpose flights conducted by chartered aircraft are represented by flight hours only, costs are provided as 'whole-of-contract cost'. The total additional cost to the Commonwealth associated with chartered aircraft flights during the 2022 Federal Election Campaign was \$9,246,650. All other flights using Air Force Special Purpose Aircraft are represented by flight hours and additional cost.

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ELECTION 10 APRIL 2022 to 21 MAY 2022

Requested for Authorised Person	Approval Authority	Domestic Hours	International Hours	Cost (\$AUD)	Portfolio
The HON A Albanese MP	PM	61.9	0.0	\$204,580	Leader of the Opposition
The HON S Morrison MP	PM	67.9	0.0	\$224,410	Prime Minister
The HON C Bowen MP	PM	4.6	0.0	\$15,203	Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy
The HON T Burke MP	PM	3.8	0.0	\$12,559	Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Shadow Minister for the Arts
The HON M Butler MP	PM	17.4	0.0	\$57,507	Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing
The HON P Dutton MP	PM	0.3	0.0	\$0	Minister for Defence
The HON J Frydenberg MP	PM	2.5	0.0	\$8,263	Treasurer
SEN The HON K Gallagher	PM	7.8	0.0	\$25,779	Shadow Minister for Finance and the Public Service
The HON Dr D Gillespie MP	PM	1.8	0.0	\$5,949	Minister for Regional Health, Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment
The HON E Husic MP	PM	3.8	0.0	\$12,559	Shadow Minister for Industry and Innovation
The HON B Joyce MP	PM	78.4	0.0	\$198,961	Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
The HON C King MP	PM	15.8	0.0	\$0	Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development
LOP SUPPORT	PM	92.2	0.0	\$3,393	Support to the Leader of the Opposition, The HON A Albanese MP
The HON R Marles MP	PM	61.8	0.0	\$72,710	Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for National Reconstruction, Employment Skills and Small Business, Shadow Minister for Science
SEN The HON B McKenzie	PM	17.5	0.0	\$25,118	Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education, Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience
The HON B O'Connor MP	PM	5.9	0.0	\$19,500	Shadow Minister for Defence
The HON T Plibersek MP	PM	24.0	0.0	\$52,219	Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Women
PM SUPPORT	PM	85.5	0.0	\$798	Support to the Prime Minister, The HON S Morrison MP
SEN The HON P Wong	PM	18.8	0.0	\$54,202	Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs