



Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Office Expenses) Regulations 2020

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 14 May 2020

David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Parliamentary Business Resources Amendment (Office Expenses) Regulations 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	15 May 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Act 2017*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017

1 Section 4

Insert:

regional commercial radio broadcasting licence has the same meaning as in section 61CA of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

regional licence area has the same meaning as in section 61CA of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*.

2 Subsection 66(1) (note)

Repeal the note, substitute:

Note: See also subsections (2B) and (2C).

3 Subsection 66(2)

Omit “or radio”.

4 After subsection 66(2)

Insert:

- (2A) Office expenses must not be used to pay for production or placement of content for broadcasting on radio unless:
- (a) the member is a member of the House of Representatives; and
 - (b) the electorate which the member represents has a demographic rating of Provincial or Rural, as given by the Australian Electoral Commission; and
 - (c) the office expenses are so used by the member in relation to broadcasting services (other than in the Australian Capital Territory) by the licensee of a regional commercial radio broadcasting licence; and
 - (d) the regional licence area of the regional commercial radio broadcasting licence is, in whole or in part, the same as the area of the electorate which the member represents; and
 - (e) the total of the office expenses so used by the member during a financial year does not exceed one-third of the maximum amount payable for office expenses for the member for the year.
- Note 1: For the demographic rating of electorates, see the Australian Electoral Commission’s website, <http://www.aec.gov.au>.
- Note 2: For the maximum amount payable for office expenses for a member for a financial year, see section 67.
- (2B) A member may not enter into a cost sharing arrangement with one or more other members for office expenses used by the member as mentioned in subsection (2A).
- (2C) However, if a member enters into a cost sharing arrangement with one or more other members for office expenses (other than as prohibited by subsection (2B)), each member who is a party to the cost sharing arrangement may only claim the member’s proportion of the office expenses incurred.