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**STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER TRAVEL
EXPENDITURE**

Allegations made by the Sydney Morning Herald today that I have conducted myself in a way that is at odds with my position as Shadow Minister for Government Efficiency are false and are nothing more than a smear campaign on the eve of an election in which my position is up for re-election.

Further, it is unacceptable that my husband has been intentionally targeted in the course of this attack. As Parliamentarians we should be able to expect that our families are not dragged into the work we do for the Australian public, and it is deeply disappointing that has not been the case in this situation.

Original headlines by the Herald that I am currently “under investigation” with respect to expenses are misleading and incorrect.

Over the course of my role as a Parliamentarian, I have taken a proactive approach to my travel expenditure and as part of that, conduct regular internal reviews to ensure my expenses are within the rules. Whenever I have become aware of any errors, I have rectified them and made any necessary repayments. This is evidenced by the publicly available figures cited by the Herald.

I am not the subject of any formal investigation by the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority. Rather, my office made contact with the Department of Finance to determine whether any current rectification to my claimed travel is required.

My diligent and proactive approach to these matters is evidence that I take seriously the use of taxpayer funds and is an approach that all Australians should expect of their elected representatives.

I remain committed to ensuring that taxpayer funds are used appropriately in my role as shadow minister for Government Efficiency.

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