



Assistant Minister Diary¹

Assistant Minister for Tourism, Early Learning, Creative Industries and Far North Queensland

Ms Bree James MP

1 February 2025 – 28 February 2025

Date of Meeting	Name of Organisation/s or Person/s	Purpose of Meeting
3 February 2025	Roderic Rees, Owner and Director – Cairns Adventure Group; Michael Nelson, Owner and Director – Pinnacle Tourism Marketing; Adam Jones, General Manager – Experience Co	Meeting
4 February 2025	Professor Hurriyet Babacan, Chair and Sonja Johnson, CEO – Regional Development Australia (RDA); and Jamie Gane, Chair – Weipa Town Authority	Meeting
5 February 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
5 February 2025	Cairns Airport Emergency Food Arrival	Site Visit
6 February 2025	David and Nigel – Same Day Granny Flats; Electorate staff	Meeting
6 February 2025	Jacob Stevens, President and Bruce Ruge, Member – Queensland Beekeepers' Association; Ministerial staff	Meeting
7 February 2025	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Meeting
7 February 2025	Mission Beach Local Small Businesses	Stakeholder engagement
7 February 2025	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council; and Mission Beach Community Arts Centre	Meeting and site check
7 February	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Site Visit of Mission Beach Revitalisation Project Update
7 February	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council	Site Visit of Silkwood flood areas

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 whistleblower matters).

7 February	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor and Councillors – Cassowary Coast Regional Council; disaster recovery staff	Site check
7 February	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Rural Fire Service and SES	Site check
7 February	Cr Teresa Millwood, Mayor – Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Rural Fire Service and SES	Site Check Port Hinchinbrook
7 February	All Board Members and Members – Cairns Business Women’s Club	Stakeholder engagement
10 February 2025	Ollie Philpot, Acting CEO – Tourism and Events Queensland; Mark Olsen, CEO – Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ); and invited guests	Cairns TEQ Global Market Briefings and Networking
10 February 2025	Dr Ken Chapman, Chairman – Skyrail; Ministerial staff	Meeting
11 February 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Tim Mackrill, General Manager – Half Moon Bay Golf Club; DG – Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Opening of Paths at Half Moon Bay
11 February 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Departmental staff; Tom Hedley, President and Cameron Riches, General Manager – Cairns Jockey Club; DG – Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games; Ministerial staff;	Meeting and Site visit to Cairns Jockey Club
11 February 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Cr Rhonda Coghlan and Cr Kristy Vallely – Cairns Regional Council	Meeting and site check of new lighting at Barlow Park
11 February 2025	The Hon Tim Mander MP – Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Jacinta Reddan, CEO, Advance Cairns; DG – Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games; Ministerial Staff	Meeting
11 February 2025	The Hon Deb Frecklington MP – Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity; Legal Aid staff	Meeting

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12 February 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
12 February 2025	Michael Crosby, Head of Public Policy, Airbnb, and staff; Ministerial staff	Meeting
12 February 2025	Ollie Philpott, Acting CEO, Tourism and Events Queensland; Anthony Ryan, CEO, Brisbane Economic Development Agency; and invited guests	Brisbane TEQ Global Market Briefings and Networking
12 February 2025	Tony Cannon, Director, Pandana Holdings Pty Ltd; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Meeting
12 February 2025	Elizabeth Death, CEO, Early Learning and Care Council of Australia	Meeting
12 February 2025	David James, Director, Tangalooma Island Resort; Industry reps; Ministerial staff	Dinner Meeting
13 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Elsa Delasso, Chair, and Natassia Wheeler, CEO – Queensland Tourism Industry Council; Ministerial staff	Meeting
13 February 2025	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; Director-General (DG) – Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI); Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Tourism Plan Consultation – Access & Connectivity
13 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Tourism Plan Consultation – Investment Attraction
13 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Greg Yong, Group CEO – Coast Entertainment Limited; DG – DETSI; Ministerial staff	Meeting
13 February 2025	Wayne Crook, Managing Director, and staff – Thing Adventures; Ministerial staff	Meeting
13 February 2025	Ms Rebecca Young MP – Assistant Minister to the Deputy Premier and Assistant Minister for Planning, Housing and Better Regulation; Dave Donaghy, CEO – Brisbane Broncos; and invited guests	Brisbane Broncos 2025 Season Launch

14 February 2025	The Hon Dale Last MP – Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development	Meeting
14 February 2025	The Hon Dale Last MP – Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development; Ministerial staff	Site visit
14 February 2025	Lewis Ramsay, Chairman, and Jeff Riebel, CEO – North Queensland Cowboys	Meeting
14 February 2025	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Jacinta Reddan, CEO – Advance Cairns; local Mayors and Councillors; invited guests	Roadmap to 2035: A Framework to Strengthen FNQ
14 February 2025	Dr Ken Chapman, Chairman – Skyrail	Meeting
14 February 2025	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Jacinta Reddan, CEO – Advance Cairns; local Mayors and Councillors; invited guests	Toyota Cowboys Pre-Season event
15 February 2025	Cr Amy Eden, Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; Chair, Board and CEO – Taipans; invited guests	Cairns Taipans End of Season Awards
16 February 2025	Cairns & District Chinese Association Inc; and invited guests	Year of the Snake Sponsors event
17 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; The Hon Steve Minnikin MP – Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business; and State Members; Cr Adrian Schrunner, Lord Mayor, and Councillors – Brisbane City Council; Ipswich City Councillors; Logan City Councillors; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Destination 2045 Tourism Plan Consultation Session
17 February 2025	Members of Parliament; Parliamentary staff	Final Parliamentary Induction
17 February 2025	Cr Samantha O’Toole, Chair, and Members – South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils; Ministerial staff	Meeting
17 February 2025	Transport and Main Road Ministerial Staff	Meeting
18 February 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
18 February 2025	Members of Parliament; Parliamentary Staff	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Qld) – AGM

18 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Portfolio Matters
18 February 2025	Cabinet Ministers; State Members; DG – DETSI; Ministerial staff; Margy Osmond, CEO – Tourism & Transport Forum; and invited guests	Tourism & Transport Forum Friends of Tourism
19 February 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting
19 February 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
19 February 2025	The Hon Andrew Powell MP – Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation; Cabinet Ministers; DG – DETSI; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Tourism Cabinet Committee Meeting
19 February 2025	The Hon Sam O'Connor MP – Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth; Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Adjunct Professor Dr Paul Sparshott, Founder – Katarno Pty Ltd; and invited guests	Meeting
19 February 2025	The Hon Brent Mickelberg MP – Minister for Transport and Main Roads; Sonja Johnson, CEO – Regional Development Australia (RDA) Tropical North	Meeting
19 February 2025	The Hon Ann Leahy MP – Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers; Cr Ben Hall, Mayor, and Councillors – Quilpie Shire Council; Ministerial staff	Meeting
19 February 2025	Deputy Director General – DETSI Tourism	Meeting
19 February 2025	Mr James Lister MP – Member for Southern Downs; Mr Lance McCallum MP – Member for Bundamba; The Hon Jane Prentice, President – Scouts Queensland; Geoff Doo, Chief Commissioner – Scouts Queensland;	Stakeholder engagement
19 February 2025	Mr Terry James MP – Member for Mulgrave; Meredith Staib, CEO, and staff – RFDS;	Meeting
19 February 2025	Mr Sean Dillon MP – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Queensland; Stuart Bocking, CEO, and staff – Coal Australia; Mitchell Collier (lobbyist) – SAS Group	Introductory meeting and electorate brief
20 February 2025	Members of Parliament	Parliamentary Sitting

20 February 2025	Jackson Hills, Acting CEO – Qshelter	Meeting
21 February 2025	Mayors and Councillors of South West Councils; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Meeting
21 February 2025	Corey Richards, Board Member – Outback Queensland Tourism Association; Mayors and Councillors of South West Queensland; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Destination 2045 Tourism Plan Consultation Session
21 February 2025	Will Fellowes and Michael McLaughlin, Co-founders – Western Queensland Spirit; local stakeholders; Ministerial staff	Site visit to the Western Queensland Spirit
21 February 2025	Corey Richards, Board Member, and staff – Outback Queensland Tourism Association; Stuart Mackenzie OAM, Chairman, and Robyn Mackenzie, Director – Eromanga Natural History Museum Board of Directors; Meryl Eddie, Founding Ecologist – Boobook; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Stakeholder Lunch
21 February 2025	Maranoa Regional Council staff; Ministerial staff	Site Visit to the Big Rig
21 February 2025	General Manager – Roma Saleyards; Maranoa Regional Council staff; Ministerial staff	Site Visit of Roma Saleyards
21 February 2025	Mr Mike Tyler, Chair and Board Members – Australian Music Examinations Board; Mr Bernard Depesquale, CEO – Australian Music Examinations Board; and invited guests	Event – AMEB Queensland Performance and Awards Ceremony
24 February 2025	DDG – DETSI Tourism; Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff	Lunch and pre-meeting
24 February 2025	Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Departmental staff; Ministerial staff; and invited guests	Event – Destination 2045 Tourism Plan Consultation Session
24 February 2025	Departmental Staff	Site Visit to Community Enterprise Queensland
24 February 2025	Annie Stone, Managing Director – Island Villas; Mark Olsen, CEO, TTNQ; Departmental staff, CEO TTNQ	Meeting
24 February 2025	Departmental Staff	Site Visit to Local traditional Gardens
24 February 2025	John Palmer, CEO – Emver Partners; Departmental staff	Meeting
24 February 2025	Departmental Staff	Site Visit to Slip Way
24 February 2025	Exhibitions & Public Programmes Manager – Gab Titui Cultural Centre	Site Visit to Gab Titui Cultural Centre

24 February 2025	Renee William, Board Chair, and Michael Catt, Acting Health Service CEO – Torres & Cape Hospital and Health Service	Tour of the Torres & Cape Hospital and Health Service
24 February 2025	CEO – Community Enterprise Queensland	Meeting
24 February 2025	Mark Olsen, CEO – TTNQ; Indigenous Program Manager – Queensland Tourism Industry Council; Fraser Nai, Owner – Strait Experience; Cr Elsa Seriat, Mayor – Torres Shire Council; Cr Alf Lacey, Mayor and Councillors – Palm Island; Departmental staff	Stakeholder Dinner
25 February 2025	Rachael Daniels, Coordinator – National Black Coffee	Event – Thursday Island Blayk Coffee
25 February 2025	Shelley Bengiat, Director & CEO – Envirotech	Meeting
25 February 2025	Cr Elsie Seriat OAM, Mayor, Cr Thomas Fuji and Ms Dalassa Yorkston, CEO – Torres Shire Council; Departmental staff	Meeting
25 February 2025	Mr Aleks Taylor-Gough, Principal – Tagai State College; Teachers; Departmental staff	Event – Susri State Delivered Kindy
25 February 2025	Cr Ranetta Wosomo, Deputy Mayor – Torres Strait Island Regional Council	Meeting
25 February 2025	Departmental Staff	Site Visit of IBIS Hotel
25 February 2025	Mr George Nona, Chairperson and staff – Torres Strait Regional Authority; Departmental staff	Meeting
25 February 2025	Joey Laifoo, Artist – Island Stars	Meeting
25 February 2025	Torres Strait Islander community leader	Meeting
25 February 2025	Harry Seriat and staff – Time and Tide Transport	Meeting
25 February 2025	Harry Seriat – Time and Tide Transport	Inner Tour of Islands
25 February 2025	John Palmer and Fraser Nai, Owners, Strait Experience	Meeting
26 February 2025	Assistant Ministers	Meeting of Assistant Ministers
26 February 2025	Board Members, Gudang Yadhaykenu Aboriginal Corporation	Meeting
26 February 2025	Cr Robert Poi Poi, Mayor and Councillors – Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council; Kate Galloway, CEO – Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council; Departmental Staff	Meeting
26 February 2025	David Hartwell, CEO – Cape York Adventures; Departmental staff	Meeting
26 February 2025	Uncle Reg Williams, Chair, and staff – Bamaga Enterprises Limited; Departmental staff	Meeting

26 February 2025	Joanne Savage, Campus Manager – TAFE Queensland North Region; Melanie Clarke, Faculty Manager – TAFE Queensland North Region; and invited gues	Opening of Thursday Island Health Hub
26 February 2025	Cr Brett Olds, Deputy Mayor – Cairns Regional Council; Matthew Cork, President – Palm Cove Tourism, and Members	Stakeholder engagement
27 February 2025	Ollie Philpott, Acting CEO – Tourism and Events Queensland	Meeting
27 February 2025	Mr Trevor Watts MP – Assistant Minister to the Premier for Cabinet and South West Queensland	Meeting
27 February 2025	Gareth Phillips, CEO – Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators	Meeting
28 February 2025	Dennis Stokes, CEO – Cairns Indigenous Art Fair; invited guests	Event – Cairns Indigenous Art Fair
28 February 2025	Ministerial staff (via Teams)	Meeting

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