

Royal Travel Fund

Purpose

The purpose of this Fund is to provide support to the Crown of the Kingdom of Lochac to travel to events around the Kingdom.

Definitions

Royal Travel Fund: Council of the Purse, made up of the Kingdom Seneschal, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Their Royal Majesties

Exchequer: Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Kingdom of Lochac, the Kingdom's (chief) Financial Officer.

Deputy Exchequer: Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This officer resides in the country the Exchequer does not.

Kingdom Seneschal: Chief Kingdom Administrator

The Crown: the Sovereign (winner of the Crown Tournament and who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen) and their Consort (person who was fought for in the Crown Tournament and who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen).

Branch: An individual SCA group within the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Lochac (Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa)

SCA: The Society of Creative Anachronism

Responsibilities

Chancellor of the Exchequer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of the Purse• Undertake a review cost of travel in conjunction with the value of the allowance in this policy• Undertake a review this policy• Call a meeting of the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure when needed
Council of the Purse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take decision on following reigns allowance• Undertake a review of this policy
Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of the Purse• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure
The Crown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of the Purse• Have Right of Veto over decisions regarding the following reign's Royal Travel Fund• Cannot vote on approving extraordinary event payments
Kingdom Seneschal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of the Purse• Assist with review of this policy• Assist with review of travel cost• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure
Earl Marshal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure (when called upon)
Arts and Sciences Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure (when called upon)

Scope

This fund is primarily designed to assist the Crown of Lochac to travel around the Kingdom during their reign. There is an option to use a limited portion of this allowance for Inter-Kingdom travel (e.g. to Pennsic War).

To remove ambiguity, support for travel includes, but is not limited to:

- Airfares (including for minor dependants if required)
- Excess baggage charges
- Ferry tickets
- Car rentals
- Accommodation
- Car fuel costs

Value

As from the first reign of 2023 the value of the fund will be \$4900. Using best available data, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will propose a travel allowance for the incoming Crown towards the end of each reign. This will ensure that the value will increase consistent with CPI indexing estimates (see Attached). A final amount will be agreed by the Council of the Purse prior to the upcoming coronation.

The terms of the fund also allow for the Crown to use a portion of the fund to assist with travel to another Kingdom. This is set at no more than 25% of their reigns allowance. This too, is shown in Figure 1, below.

Year	Total Value of Allowance (Per Reign)(AUD\$)	Portion available for Inter-Kingdom travel (Per Reign) (AUD\$)
Autumn Crown 2023	4900	1225
Spring Crown 2023	5194	1298.5
Autumn Crown 2024	5395	1348.75
Spring Crown 2024	5685	1421.25
Autumn Crown 2025	5991	1497.75

Figure 1 - Estimated Values for first 5 years (TBC at the end of each outgoing reign)

See Attachment 1: The table attached below is based on Quarterly assessments of the [Australian Consumer Price Index](#). It provides the most update information at the time of publication of this policy. It is suggested that the website be reviewed on a regular basis, so that the forecast percentages are more accurate.

Extraordinary events

Should there be an event that requires the Crown at short notice to travel to an event, an extraordinary allowance amount of no more than \$500 can be applied for. As this will be during Their reign, TRM cannot vote on this allowance being approved. An Extraordinary Council of Extraordinary Expenditure will be called for this purpose. Voting members on the council will consist of the Kingdom Seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl Marshal and the Arts and Sciences Minister. Where the Kingdom Officer has stepped into a Crown role, the nominated Deputy will be included in process.

Abertridwr Endowment

History

After the closure of the Branch known as Abertridwr, a poll of the populace resulted in a portion of Branch funds could be used to support the Royal Travel Fund.

Scope

Through this contribution was born the Abertridwr Endowment, which provides for **\$500 per calendar year** to attend a major camping event held in Western Australia, similar to Abertridwr's Pencampwr event.

Conditions of the fund

This endowment is **only available once per calendar year**, to attend the major camping event in Western Australia. The total value of the fund is \$500. If the Crown decides not to attend in a particular year, that portion of the endowment is will be **held over for an additional year** (i.e. rolls forward). Should an event not be held in a particular year, that portion of the endowment is passed into the regular Kingdom Funds. For example, in 2023, quene katherine used this fund to attend Great Western Raids and therefore, is not available for the remainder of 2023. However, it would be available during 2024 for one use only.

Review Period

This policy is required to be reviewed for its relevance to the current situations of the Kingdom of Lochac at minimum once every tenure of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Kingdom Seneschal, therefore being at minimum every two years. The value of the allowance within this fund is required to be reviewed as necessary by the (current) Chancellor of the Exchequer (or their allocated Deputy) and should be reviewed at the beginning of the tenure of each Exchequer.

Review History

Adopted: September 2023; 1st review; June 2023; Next Review Due: 31 January 2025

Table 1: Forecast Table – August 2023^(a)
Percentage change over year to quarter shown^(b)

	Jun 2023	Dec 2023	Jun 2024	Dec 2024	Jun 2025	Dec 2025
Gross domestic product	1.6	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.3
Household consumption	1.6	1.3	1.9	2.4	2.5	2.6
Dwelling investment	−1.8	−2.5	−0.9	1.4	3.5	3.3
Business investment	5.2	3.4	−0.1	0.0	1.0	1.8
Public demand	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.2	3.0
Gross national expenditure	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.5
Imports	4.5	7.2	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.0
Exports	7.8	5.7	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.7
Real household disposable income	−2.9	−0.1	0.4	2.1	3.7	3.3
Terms of trade	−8.8	−5.0	−3.6	−2.6	−3.0	−2.6
Major trading partner (export-weighted) GDP	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.1
Unemployment rate (quarterly, %)	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5
Employment	3.2	2.3	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3
Wage price index	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.6
Nominal (non-farm) average earnings per hour	4.9	6.5	5.0	4.4	4.1	3.7
Trimmed mean inflation	5.9	3.9	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.8
Consumer price index	6.0	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.1	2.8