

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE
National Volunteer Incentive Scheme (Climate Army) Questions on Notice
Public hearing, 29th September 2025
Sydney**

Disaster Relief Australia , Mr David Smith

Response to Question on Notice from Senator David Pocock

Question 1:

Does anyone within your organisation currently hold a sponsored pass to Parliament House?

Answer:

Yes

Question 2:

If so, who, and which Member of Parliament sponsors that pass?

Answer:

Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) currently has two sponsored passes to Parliament House. One pass is held by our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) David Smith. The second pass is held by a contract staff member engaged by DRA serving in the capacity of Government Relations Advisor, William Sowry. Both passes are sponsored by Senator Tony Sheldon.