

From: s22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Media (Infrastructure); s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii); CHARLES, Susan
Subject: RE: International flight capacity [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 1 June 2023 2:04:47 PM
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Thank you.
I love a bit of educating along the way ..

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Subject: RE: International flight capacity [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Not a problem, see below. To keep it manageable for folk to digest, we've kept it short and then link to our web page for more information (plenty more on this there, in case they are a particularly keen bean).

Background:

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Hi again s22(1)(a)(ii) ,
Please find a suggested response below. Can I please confirm you are happy to go back to the AFR directly, given they are after Ministerial comment?



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Subject: FW: International flight capacity [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see below media enquiry on international flight capacity, which is requesting comment from the Minister.

For further context, over the phone her argument is 'if Qantas are saying lack of planes in the air is the reason for high international ticket prices, why aren't we letting more planes in the air'.

I've got some suggested lines for you in clearance, aiming to get them to you later today.

Media Enquiry (s47F [redacted] AFR):

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Sent: Wednesday, 31 May 2023 5:20 PM

To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: International flight capacity

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My number is s47F

Cheers,

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) [Media \(Infrastructure\)](#)
Subject: RE: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways" addition bilateral rights [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 19 July 2023 12:03:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii), have done so
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Subject: RE: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways' addition bilateral rights [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Subject: RE: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways' addition bilateral rights [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii),

s47F has also now come in, seeking further details on why the decision was made.
Would you like me to try and come up with a statement?

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Subject: RE: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways' addition bilateral rights [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning!

The AFR got the quote from a letter the Minister had written.

All we are saying is on background - The Government is not considering additional bilateral air rights with Qatar.

Cheers,

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Subject: FW: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways' addition bilateral rights [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Morning s22(1)
(a)(ii)

We've received the below enquiry from Executive Traveller about the Minister's Qatar air rights decision. We've seen the quote in media overnight too, so before I look into this further my end, I am wondering do you already have a ministerial response on this that Executive Traveller can have? Probably best to be consistent with anything already given

Kind Regards,

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From: s47F [redacted] <[redacted]@executivetraveller.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 19 July 2023 8:23 AM

To: Media (Infrastructure) <media@infrastructure.gov.au>

Subject: Transport/aviation: Decision to deny Qatar Airways' addition bilateral rights

Hi, I note [this story](#) in today's Fin includes a quote from Transport Minister Catherine King that "The Australian government is not considering additional bilateral air rights with Qatar".

I'm unable to find any official decision, media statement or release in relation to this – if such *is* available, could somebody from your team please shoot me a link to the relevant page one or include something in an email in response?

Thanks,

s47F [redacted]



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Editor In Chief

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) CHARLES, Susan; [Media \(Infrastructure\)](#)
Subject: RE: Qatar [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 30 June 2023 9:32:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)
Happy Friday! Please find a suggested response to this one below.

Suggested MO response:



For your own awareness only, the Minister has also received a letter from the group.

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To: Media (Infrastructure)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Fwd: Qatar [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: s47F [@afr.com.au](#)>
Date: Thursday, 29 June 2023 at 4:41:09 pm
To: s22(1)(a)(ii) [@MO.infrastructure.gov.au](#)>
Subject: Qatar

Hi s22(1)
(a)(ii)

I've been contacted by a group of women who were horrified to learn that the minister is considering granting Qatar more landing rights and say it is hypocritical that Labor criticised Scott Morrison and Marise Payne's response but have done nothing to put pressure on the airline to apologise or provide assurances that women travellers are safe stopping over in Doha. I'm writing a story for the weekend and would like to give you the opportunity to provide a response, specifically whether:

- The court case brought against Qatar Airways and the civil aviation authority are a consideration in granting the landing rights
- Whether it is hypocritical to have complained about the Liberal Party's lack of action if this matter has not been directly discussed and
- Whether the minister will consider making representations on behalf of the group, who say they have been ignored by Qatar

Best regards,

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Date: Friday, 2 June 2023 10:30:27 AM
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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)
Happy Friday! We suggest the below response.

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Morning

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Further to my call, I'd really like to understand what factors the minister will weigh up in this decision, particularly given Qantas guiding investors to capacity constraints that will last until 2028 driven by shortages of availability in crew and aircraft. If Qatar has the capacity to meet some of this unmet demand, what would prompt the government to block them from expanding?

Thank you,

s47F

On Thu, 1 Jun 2023 at 16:16, s22(1)(a)(ii) [@mo.infrastructure.gov.au](mailto: @mo.infrastructure.gov.au) wrote:

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Hi s47F

The Department passed your request on to me.

Here is the response. You can attribute it to a spokeswoman for the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister, Catherine King.

The Australian Government acknowledges the role that international aviation plays in facilitating the growth of industries such as tourism and trade.

International aviation access is governed by a series of bilateral agreements between individual countries.

Australia currently has air services agreements with more than 100 countries to allow international flights, including agreements that facilitate open access for international airlines on many important routes to Australia including New Zealand, Singapore, China, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Government will continue to work with our international partners to ensure these agreements are fit-for-purpose and meet our national interest.

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