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Attachments: International Aviation TPs.docx

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Have broadened these out a bit so they provide cover in a few areas and with a few numbers about our international aviation recovery.

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International Aviation – KEY POINTS

OVERVIEW

- International aviation helps facilitate Australia's tourism, trade and international education sectors, and supports our global, national and regional economic interests and social connectivity.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and border restrictions had a devastating effect on the international aviation industry.
- However, Australia now has no COVID-19 related border measures for travellers entering or leaving Australia.
- The easing of travel restrictions and the opening of international borders globally and in the region continues to have a positive impact on international flights and passenger numbers travelling to and from Australia.


AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL AVIATION RECOVERY

- Scheduled international passenger flights to Australia are projected to return to around 91 percent of pre-COVID levels by September 2023.
- 62 international airlines (56 passenger and 6 cargo) are now operating to Australia, a return to pre-COVID levels compared to just 34 airlines at the peak of COVID-19

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- We will have our next indicator of how our international aviation recovery is continuing to progress when we receive the international airline timetables for the next international timetable period commencing at the end of October this year.


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AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

- International airlines can operate to Australia's 20 internationally designated airports.
- Our major international airports have all border services available (customs, immigration and biosecurity) and are open to all international arrivals and departures.

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[If asked] Why has Qatar Airways' request for additional services not been approved?

- The Government at this time has decided not to approve the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority request for additional services taking into account all national interest considerations.