



**From:** [Wolfe, Jim](#)  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); [Wood, Richard](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Letter to Qatar Civil Aviation Authority [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Thursday, 13 July 2023 5:40:43 PM  
**Attachments:** s33(a)(iii)

---

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi s22(1)(a)

Draft letter attached.

I suggest we leave out any specific DFAT-related or Ministerial references but rather us the expression Australian Government given it is a letter between two aviation authorities.

Kind regards

Jim

**Jim Wolfe**

Assistant Secretary – International Aviation

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

GPO Box 594, CANBERRA ACT 2601

t s22(1)(a)(ii) | m s22(1)(a)(ii)

e s22(1)(a)(ii) [@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au) | w

[www.infrastructure.gov.au](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au)

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live.*

*I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities.*

*I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.*

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



**From:** [Wolfe, Jim](#)  
**To:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); [Wood, Richard](#); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Letter to Qatar Civil Aviation Authority [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Friday, 14 July 2023 11:25:31 AM  
**Attachments:** [International Aviation TPs.docx](#)

---

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Hi [REDACTED]

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

See what you think.

Kind regards

Jim

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

---

**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)@MO.infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 July 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** Wolfe, Jim s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au>; Wood, Richard <Richard.Wood@infrastructure.gov.au>; s22(1)(a)(ii)@MO.infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Letter to Qatar Civil Aviation Authority [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Thanks Jim, confirming the letter is ok with the Minister and can be sent.

Please let me know when you have done so.

How are we going with those talking points?

Thanks

s22(1)(a)

s22(1)(a)(ii)



## International Aviation – KEY POINTS

s22(1)(a)(ii)

***[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.

**From:** s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**To:** [Wolfe, Jim](#)  
**Cc:** s22(1)(a)(ii); [Wood, Richard](#); s22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Letter to Qatar Civil Aviation Authority [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]  
**Date:** Friday, 14 July 2023 12:32:22 PM

---

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

Thanks Jim, this is helpful.

OFFICIAL:Sensitive

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Released under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 by the  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts







## The Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
Member for Ballarat

DHI22, DHJ22, DHK22, DHL22, and DHM22  
C/O Marque Lawyers  
Level 4,  
343 George Street,  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear DHI22, DHJ22, DHK22, DHL22, and DHM22,

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2023 regarding the treatment you received as passengers on a Qatar Airways flight to Sydney, and reports that Australia will be granting additional landing rights to Qatar-based airlines.

As most Australians were, I was shocked by what happened to you at Hamad International Airport. The treatment that you received was disgraceful. All travellers deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Your experience remains in my thoughts, as well as those of my colleagues.

The Australian Government is not considering additional bilateral air rights with Qatar.

Thank you for writing to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Catherine King', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Catherine King MP

10 / 7 / 2023