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Apologies Joe – a clarification: those lines are attributable to a Spokeswoman for Minister Catherine King.

Cheers,

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Office of the Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP

The Treasury acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to elders both past and present.

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Giddy Joe,

The Assistant Minister asked me to follow up on your query re the ACCC and airlines – Minister Catherine King has the lead in this space and they've kindly provided the response below. The lines below can be attributed to Minister King as quotes. I've CCed in s22(1)(a)(ii) from Minister King's office who may be able to assist if you have follow up questions.

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The Australian Government maintains an important role in the aviation industry by regulating safety and security, as well as monitoring competition. This includes work by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to ensure airlines operating within Australia are compliant with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

On 19 June 2020 the former Treasurer issued a direction to the ACCC to monitor prices, costs and profits relating to the supply of domestic air passenger transport services in Australia for a period of three years. This direction came at a time of severe disruption to the airline sector in the wake of COVID-19 border closures and Virgin Australia entering into administration.

The direction will expire in June 2023. However, the Australian Government's Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics will continue to publish reporting around domestic airfares on a monthly basis.

If the situation requires it, the Australian Government will continue ACCC monitoring.

The Albanese Government has also committed to delivering an Aviation White Paper to set the scene for the next generation of growth and development across the aviation sector.

This includes considering as a priority the economic reforms needed to improve productivity across the sector, such as addressing skills shortages and competitiveness – to ensure the sector is appropriately positioned to deliver aviation services for the Australian public and international visitors out to 2050.

The White Paper process will also consider consumer protection issues and stakeholder views on

options to improve the complaint handling process.

Initial consultation has already started for the White Paper. We look forward to continuing to work with industry, communities and other aviation stakeholders during the White Paper process – which is expected to wrap up by early 2024 – and in advancing aviation productivity and competition in Australia.

END

Kind regards,


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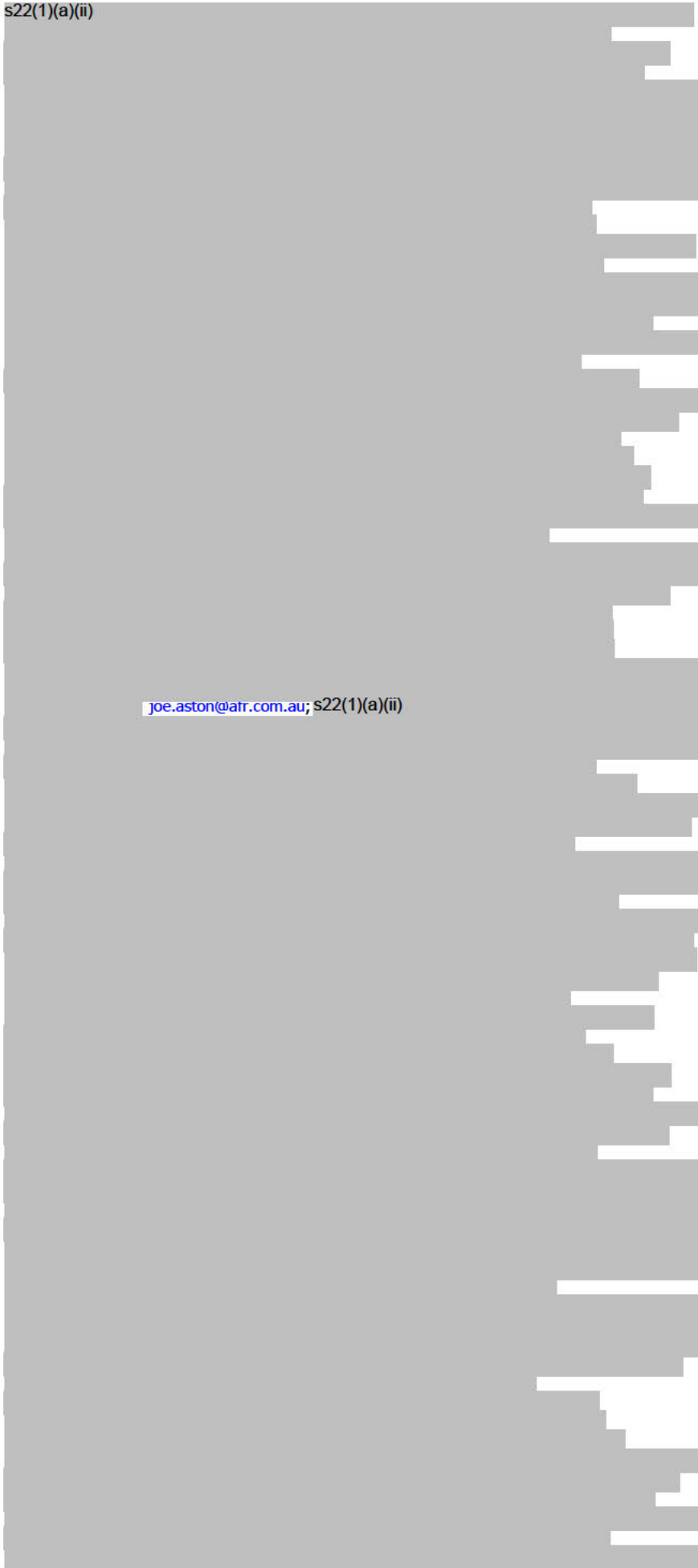
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THE HON. MALCOLM TURNBULL MP
PRIME MINISTER

****MEDIA ALERT****

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

What: Radio interview with Chrissie, Sam and Brownny
– Nova 100, Melbourne

Time: 8.10am AEST

Media contact: Press Office, (02) 6277 7744

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