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From: s22(1)(a)(ii) @infrastructure.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 April 2023 5:09 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) Qatar ASA [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: s33(a)(iii) and s47C(1)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your time last week. s47E(d)

s47C(1) and s47E(d)

s47E(d)

Let me know how you go.

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Subject: s22(1)(a)(ii) Qatar ASA [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi, and hope all's well. I was given your contact details as the person to chat with, s47C(1) and s47E(d)

Would much appreciate if you have a spare 5 mins some time this week, just to provide an update/context on where it's at. Anytime Wed-Fri this week are good.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 17 May 2023 10:39 AM
To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Qatar Airways - question on QR Airways air services - input required [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Please find some suggested amendments below. It is important to note that Qatar Airways can operated an unlimited number of services to Australia regional airports (that is all international airports except Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth).

s47C(1) and s47E(d)

More than happy to discuss.

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Dear s22(1)(a)(ii) and s22(1)(a)(ii)

Given our last chat about Qatar Airways, I wanted to check the accuracy of the following line and welcome your input to the yellow highlights. We are preparing briefing for our FAS for Senate Estimates on Qatar:

s47C(1)

Welcome your views, and updates (if any) on the QR Airways sub with Minister King since our last meeting.

Grateful if you could provide a response by **COB today or OOB tomorrow**.

Yours sincerely,

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To: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

s33(a)(iii) and s47C(1)

Suggested amendments below based on the letter I shared last night.

More than happy to discuss.

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Happy to discuss further.

Kind regards,
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Subject: Re: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thx s22(1)(a)(ii)

s47E(d)

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Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii)

I raised with Jim this morning. He wasn't aware of the new sequence but we are following up with our office.

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... many thx for the chat yesterday! Look forward to seeing a draft of the letter.

Best regards

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Jim

Many thx for getting back to us with your comments/edits. Much appreciated!

Best regards

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Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

s33(a)(iii) and s47C(1)

Kind regards
Jim

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Subject: RE: s22(1)(a)(ii) re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Jim

s33(a)(iii) and s47C(1)

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Many thx!

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I look forward to seeing a signed copy.
Kind regards
Jim

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Great, many thx Jim. Presume the same copy she signed early last week?

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@infrastructure.gov.au)>
Subject: RE: (Erica): re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)
Update - letter has been sent today.
Kind regards
Jim

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Hi ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Not as yet – will let you know when it does.

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Jim

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Subject: RE: ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} re DITR reply letter to QCAA ... [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}Hi. In ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)} absence, grateful advice on below.

Many thx!

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OFFICIALHi ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Hope you had good weekend!

Has the Min King letter to Marque gone out?

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Letter to the QCAA has been signed and sent.

Will let you know when we hear about the Marque letter.

Have a good weekend.

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Further to below, grateful you let us know when Jim's letter is signed and goes out. We'll note that in the brief for Watts.

Similarly, if you also know when the King reply letter to Marque goes out, appreciate you letting us know.

Many thx again!

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Many thanks for sharing the letter with us. We have some very minor changes suggested in the attached. Thank you also for your comments on the TPs – confirming we have changed these as per your feedback and made sure they align with the letter.

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

Please find attached the draft letter to the QCAA that we have shared with our MO.

Could you let me know tomorrow if you have any comments.

Thanks

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Cc: s22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Media today on QA decision [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Jim,

Many thanks for confirming. We will ensure our TPs align with the ones attached.

Kind regards,
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Subject: RE: Media today on QA decision [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

The talking point we sent s22(1)(a)(ii) yesterday is the only one our Office has requested.
 Kind regards
 Jim

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Hi Jim and ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

s47E(d)

Happy to discuss further.

Many thanks,

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Perfect.

I heard the Friday meeting went well. If you need anything else just reach out.

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Hi **s22(1)(a)(ii)** and welcome back! Glad you enjoyed it. 😊

Jim got back to me with the answer. Our AS MEB also met with him last week, just on broader ME matters (and Jim did talk about Qatar and ASA).

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Hopefully Jim or the team came back to you, but yes the Marque letter was sent on 17 July 2023.

Have a good week.

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

I am not aware of any questions on Qatar today and no we were not asked to provide a brief.

We will definitely let you know if we do provide anything for Minister King.

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

I note a few questions in the Senate today on this, which Min Wong covered (but referred it to Min King). You know if King was asked any similar questions today (I note she had one yesterday, from Mr Fletcher MP)?

Did you have to prepare a brief today for Min King?

Happy to chat.

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Pls see attached draft QTB, as requested last night by FMO. Pending your comments, will flick to you in PDMS to clear. We have to 10:30. Seems to just be a 'good to have one just in case' request – no major or new media issues/reporting in past week on this.

s22(1)(a)(ii) thx for the chat this morning. If you have time, grateful any comments also, otherwise FYI.

Thx!

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Below to note. Will run draft by you later this morning to clear (s22(1)(a)(ii) did first cut last night).

Cheers

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Subject: New QTB - Qatar: Air Services Agreement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi PDMS team, ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Grateful if we could please have a QTB developed on "Qatar: Air Services Agreement". We'll need this tomorrow by 10:30AM.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] The Air Services agreement between the State of Qatar and Australia. [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s22(1)(a)(ii) we definitely will.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi. Passing on to you also. s33(a)(iii) and s47E(d)

Best regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Many thx Jim! Will incorporate, along with what s22(1)(a)(ii) provided earlier today.

Best regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Suggest a few changes – to just keep this a bit more focussed.

Happy to discuss if anything unclear and noting Minister for Foreign Affairs has already, appropriately indicated in Question Time this matter rests with Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

Kind regards

Jim

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi. Attached is an updated version of our QTB (changes in yellow).

If you have a spare moment, welcome any quick feedback by COB today. Otherwise, FYI.

Many thx!

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sharing you QTB. s47E(d)

The messaging in your brief will be the same as ours. s47C(1) and s47E(d)
 Would you like us to pull something together or do you want to draw from the QTB messaging?

s33(a)(iii), s47C(1) and s47E(d)

Hope you have a good weekend.

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s22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi, hope all's well. Just wondering if DITRDCA are preparing a QT brief for the next sitting? You'll recall we had to quickly draft one for the last day of the previous Parl sitting ([attached](#) FYI). We have to update it, particularly in context of current media reporting (including in Qatar), FOI requests, QCAA request for consultations, etc. Just want to ensure we're in line on messaging.

s47C(1) and s47E(d)

Happy to discuss further tomorrow.

Best regards

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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QATAR: AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

ISSUES

Qatar Airways sought increased access to flights in the Australian market, which was rejected by the Government. Media attention continues to question the rationale behind the decision, protecting Qantas' market share and linking it to the 2020 Hamad airport incident.

KEY MESSAGES

- The Government understands the views expressed by some in the airport and tourism industries, following the decision not to grant Qatar Airways additional flights
 - the Government's decision was based on national interest considerations.
- The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) formally advised the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority
 - the Government will continue to monitor market developments and explore opportunities to build bilateral trade and investment.
- The Government values the crucial role Qatar Airways plays in keeping Australia's passengers and exporters connected to the world
 - including its efforts during pandemic border closures to maintain flights to Australia and re-unite stranded Australians, despite all other carriers ceasing flights.

If asked: Hamad Airport Incident

- The mistreatment of female passengers was a terrible incident
 - all Australians were shocked by this event.
- Australia appreciates the State of Qatar's efforts following the incident, to investigate, apologise and ensure it is never repeated
 - including establishing the task force to review airport procedures and protocols.
- We continue to speak to Qatar regularly and seek updates on the implementation of the taskforce's recommendations.

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If asked: Is the legal action being taken by some of the affected women, against both Qatar Airways and the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority, related to the Government's rejection of additional flights?

- The Government's decision to not approve this request for additional services was based on national interest considerations.
- The Government cannot comment on private legal proceedings.

Background

Increasing Qatar Airways flights to Australia

On 16 August 2022, the QCAA wrote to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) to request increased capacity entitlements under the Australia-Qatar air services agreement. s47C(1)

DITRDCA replied to the QCAA on 14 July 2023, informing them that their request would not be considered further at this time. This decision was also communicated by Minister King in a reply letter to Marque Lawyers (17 July 2023), who are representing some of the Hamad Airport incident victims in a compensation case against both Qatar Airways and QCAA.

On 25 July while in London, Minister King said publicly she would not link the decision on additional capacity to the Hamad Airport incident when asked by the media. A spokesperson was also reported saying "the government at this time has decided not to approve the QCAA request for additional services, taking into account all national interest considerations". One of the passengers involved in the private litigation also criticised FIFA for allowing QA to sponsor the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

On 9 August, in response to a question in Parliament, Minister King said "we only sign up to agreements that benefit our national interest, in all of its broad complexity", including "ensuring that we have an aviation sector through the recovery that employs Australian workers". Minister King also said "the government has determined that agreeing to the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority's request for additional services is not in our national interest, and we will always consider the need to ensure that there are long-term well-paid secure jobs for Australians in the aviation sector when we are making this decision".

QA operates daily direct flights from Doha to Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide. It is frustrated that its request for an additional weekly 28 flights (56 total) under the ASA has not been granted. On 9 August, The Guardian reported that QA has been flying near-empty and sometimes entirely empty large passenger jets every day between Melbourne and Adelaide – so called "ghost flights" – to exploit a loophole allowing it to run extra flights to Australia.

Under the existing bilateral agreement, Qatar can operate 28 services a week to Australia's main airports (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), with no more than 7 services a week to each airport. Qatar can operate an additional seven services a week to Australia's main airports (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth) provided the services operates via or to a non-major airports (including Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns and the Gold Coast). There is no limit placed on how the number of many direct services Qatar is able to run to non-major

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airports. [The agreement also provides for unlimited dedicated freight services to all of Australia's airports.](#)

On 21 August, Virgin Airlines CEO, Jayne Hrdlicka, wrote to Minister King expressing 'disappointment' and 'confusion' at the decision to reject QCAA's application to expand capacity under the bilateral agreement. Ms Hrdlicka noted the impact the decision will have on Virgin Australia's operations.

On 22 August 2023 the Qatar embassy in Canberra, on behalf of the QCAA, submitted a request to DITRDCA for consultation under Article 16 of the Air Services Agreement between Qatar and Australia. DITRDCA is currently considering QCAA's request.

Media reporting on the decision

The decision to not grant additional capacity to Qatar Airways has generated ongoing media attention. The Australian Financial Review (AFR), in particular, has published many articles, questioning the decision and linking it to protecting Qantas' market share. On 25 August, the Guardian and AFR reported that Opposition Leader Peter Dutton accused the Government of 'running a protection racket for Qantas'. In this article, Treasurer Jim Chalmers responded by saying that Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines and China Southern were adding extra capacity. On 27 August, Perth Airport joined calls for the Government to reverse the decision.

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The Hamad Airport Incident

The 2020 Hamad Airport incident – the non-consensual searches of several Australian women travelling on Qatar Airways (QA) s33(a)(iii) and s47C(1)

Following the incident, Qatari Foreign Minister Al Thani released a joint statement with former Foreign Minister Payne, committing to providing access to investigation reports, and updates on legal proceedings and outcomes. s33(a)(iii) and s33(b)

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Thank you, Jim.

We will keep you updated.

Cheers

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Suggested points below – presume these will be run past respective Minister's offices.

Kind regards

Jim

Qatar request for additional capacity

- Australia has air services agreements with more than 100 countries facilitating international travel to and from Australia.
- There are over 1,800 passenger services a week currently operating to Australia by 57 international airlines and over the next twelve months Australia will be seeking further air services negotiations with key markets.
- Under current arrangements, Qatar Airways is operating 42 services a week to Australia and can also operate unlimited direct passenger flights to many of Australia's international airports including Adelaide, Canberra, Cairns, Darwin and the Gold Coast along with unlimited dedicated freight services.
- The Australian 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.
- In determining the national interest, the Government considered a broad range of factors and not any single issue led to this decision, including that we have an Australian international aviation sector through the post COVID-19 economic recovery that employs Australian workers.

BACKGROUND

- On 16 August 2022, the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority wrote to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts seeking increased capacity entitlements under the Australia- Qatar air services arrangements.
- Qatar was seeking an additional 28 services a week into Australia (i.e. an additional seven each into the four major markets – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth).
- The Department sought and received input from a broad range of aviation stakeholders, including Qantas, Virgin Australia, international airports, DFAT, Austrade and state and territory governments, before providing advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for consideration on the Qatar request.
- On 14 July 2023 the Department sent advice to the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority that at this time the Australian Government is not able to agree to their request for an increase of capacity entitlements under our bilateral air services arrangements.

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Good morning Jim and ^{s22(1)(a)(ii)}

Given the ongoing media attention on the Qatar Air Services Agreement and the 2020 Hamad International Airport incident we are going to collate Whole of Government talking points.

Grateful if you can send through any points for inclusion this morning. We will share our draft with you once we have drafted.

Thank you
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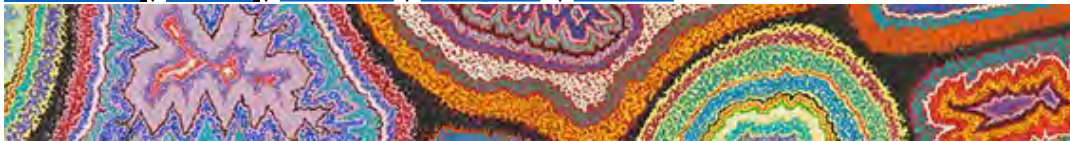
Good morning s22(1)(a)(ii) and apologies for the delay in responding – s47C(1)

Please see attached.

Thanks

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Thanks

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