

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

The future of Australia's aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post pandemic

ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Susan McDonald asked:

Senator McDONALD: No, that's fine. I'm trying to understand which airlines were provided with support to maintain currency of crew, particularly for safety certification.

Mr Wood: I'll talk about the International Aviation Support program first. That's simple: it's the two international passenger airlines from Australia, Virgin and Qantas. They received funding to maintain an aviation capability. Some of that funding was used to support staff in currency and other training related exercises on the domestic side—I'll turn to my colleague.

Ms Quigley: The primary program that supported connectivity for workforce to their organisations was the Retaining Domestic Aviation Capability program. I think there were three airlines involved—

Mr Dymowski: Sorry, I don't have that list on me.

Ms Quigley: It was certainly Qantas, Rex and Virgin, but I might just have to take that on notice; I don't

Answer:

Ms Quigley provided the answer later in the hearing, see page 24 of the transcript.

The five airlines receiving funding under the Retainig Domestic Aviation Capbilty program were Qantas Airways, Virgin Australia, Regional Express, Link Airways and King Island Airlines.