

Senator the Hon. Kristina Keneally– Questions on notice

Senate Economics References Committee – Inquiry into the Commitment to the Senate issued by the Business Council of Australia

BCA Commitment Hearing – QoNs for Qantas (16 May 2018)

1. On 24 April, Mr. Parker and Mr. La Spina were asked:

“Senator RHIANNON: Mr Parker or Mr La Spina, Qantas signed the 66-word commitment to the Senate. Did you see an earlier version of this statement?

Mr Parker: We'll take that on record. I think, as Jennifer accurately outlined, it was a process of consultation in that 24-hour period. We were all, of course, comfortable with the intent and the wording and signed it enthusiastically.”

When was Qantas first made aware of the BCA’s intention to make this commitment to the Senate?

- a. Did you, or anyone in your organization, see any earlier version of either the ‘Commitment to the Senate’ or the ‘Informal Compact’ on ‘The Future of Work’?
- b. Did you, or anyone in your organization, decline to sign that earlier version?
- c. Did you, or anyone in your organization, discuss this commitment with any member of the government prior to it being made public?

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: INQUIRY INTO THE COMMITMENT TO THE SENATE ISSUED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2018.

Below is the Qantas Group's response to the questions on notice.

1. When was Qantas first made aware of the BCA's intention to make this commitment to the Senate? **21 March 2018**
 - a. Did you, or anyone in your organization, see any earlier version of either the 'Commitment to the Senate' or the 'Informal Compact' on 'The Future of Work'? **Yes**
 - b. Did you, or anyone in your organization, decline to sign that earlier version? **The Qantas Group signed the version that was circulated for signatures**
 - c. Did you, or anyone in your organization, discuss this commitment with any member of the government prior to it being made public? **No**

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