

Virgin Australia Senate Inquiry response

Virgin Australia response to further questions taken on notice

in response to
Senate Inquiry into the Future of Australia's Aviation sector, in the context of COVID-19 and conditions post pandemic

Rural and Regional Affairs Transport Committee



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JobKeeper Support

Q1. Can Virgin please provide to the Committee the total amount of financial assistance that Virgin Australia has received from the JobKeeper program to date, as well as a monthly breakdown of funds received since the program's inception, forecast till the end of March.

Virgin Australia provides detailed data on JobKeeper subsidy received to the Australian Taxation Office.

Domestic Aviation Network Support Program (DANS)

Q2. Please provide to the Committee the total amount of financial assistance that Virgin Australia has received to date from the Domestic Aviation Network Support program.

Details of assistance provided to Virgin Australia are published by the Department in accordance with government requirements periodically.

- a. How were these funds awarded?
 Program guidelines and eligibility criteria are detailed on the Department website here
- b. What is your understanding about how Virgin Australia can use these funds? Eligible Virgin Australia services are operated in accordance with the criteria set out on the Department's website here

Regional Aviation Support Program (RANS)

Q3. Can you please confirm whether or not Virgin Australia is eligible for funding from the Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program?

Virgin Australia is eligible for funding under the RANS program.



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- a. If eligible, please provide the total amount of financial assistance that Virgin Australia has received from the Regional Airline Network Support program. Program grant guidelines and eligibility criteria are detailed on the Department's website <u>here</u>.
- b. What was the Departmental process for allocating these funds and for determining the eligibility to receive funding? The Departmental process for allocating funds is available on the Department's website here.
- c. What is your understanding about how Virgin Australia and airlines generally can use these funds?
 The grant agreement between Virgin Australia and the Department of Infrastructure outlines how Virgin Australia can use funds allocated under the program.

Regional Airlines Funding Assistance Program

Q4. Please confirm whether or not you were eligible for this program, and what advice, if any, Virgin received from the Department about eligibility or non-eligibility.

Virgin Australia did not seek to apply for grants under this program.