



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

The Hon Stuart Robert MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Robert

Subject: JSCOT public hearing 16 October 2017

I refer to the public hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on 16 October 2017, at which this Department answered questions in relation to:

- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the State of Israel relating to Air Services;*
- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Hungary relating to Air Services; and*
- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius relating to Air Services.*

During the hearing, in response to a question from the Chair, I undertook to provide further information in relation to the relevant countries' adherence to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) safety standards. This information can be found at **Attachment A**.

Yours Sincerely

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Attachment A

Adherence to aviation safety standards – Israel, Hungary and Mauritius

The Department has reviewed available safety information from ICAO and other relevant bodies in relation to Israel, Hungary and Mauritius. All three countries are subject to the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme, and have passed recent audits with no ‘significant safety concerns’ being identified.

Israel and Hungary are rated as Category 1 (‘Meets ICAO standards’) under the US Federal Aviation Administration’s International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Program. Mauritius does not have an IASA rating as there are no services between Mauritius and the United States.

Air Mauritius, the only foreign airline currently operating to Australia under the three proposed Agreements, is certified under the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) program. IOSA is an internationally recognised system for assessing the operational management and control systems of airlines.