

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Leader of the House

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The Hon John Murphy MP Chair Standing Committee on Petitions PO Box 6021 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2011 about a petition recently submitted for the consideration of the Standing Committee on Petitions, regarding cabin crew to passenger ratios.

As you may be aware, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications is currently holding an inquiry into the ratio of cabin crew members to passengers on aircraft, including the consideration of submissions from all interested parties, and is examining the role of cabin crew in maintaining the safety and security of passengers. The Committee is expected to report to the House of Representatives later this year.

The Australian Government looks forward to the outcomes of the current inquiry and will consider the Committee's report when completed.

Yours sincerely

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