



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Inquiry into the ratio of cabin crew members on aircraft

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## **Final Public Hearing into Cabin Crew Ratios**

The House of Representatives Infrastructure and Communications Committee will be holding its final public hearing **today in Canberra** as part of its inquiry into the **ratio of cabin crew to passengers on aircraft**. The hearing follows on from the hearings held earlier in the month in Sydney, and last Wednesday in Canberra.

Under current regulations, operators of Australian domestic aircraft carrying between 16 and 216 passengers must carry at least one cabin crew member for every 36 passengers (1:36). The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is considering a proposal to amend these regulations.

Since 2006, CASA has permitted a number of airlines to operate certain aircraft with a ratio of one cabin crew member for up to 50 passenger seats (1:50). CASA has proposed implementing the 1:50 regulation for all aircraft with between 20 and 216 passenger seats, subject to the operator having a CASA-approved safety risk management plan in place.

The Chair of the Committee, Sharon Bird, said "the Committee has now heard from all of the key industry stakeholders. We now look forward to again meeting with CASA to follow up issues raised in the first hearing, and to discuss matters raised at last week's hearing with the Flight Attendants' Association and the Transport Workers Union."

**What: Public hearing for inquiry into Cabin Crew Ratios.**

**Who: Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

**When: 4.15pm (approx), Wednesday 1 June.**

**Where: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The hearing will be webcast live (audio only) at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

**Further information:** contact the Inquiry Secretary (02) 6277 2352, email [ic.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:ic.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the Committee's webpage at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ic>

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