

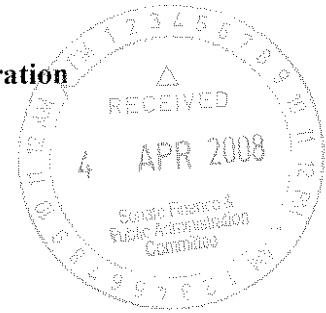
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2008



Question: F61

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Topic: Official air travel on the Canberra-Sydney route: 25 per cent minimum usage target for smaller airlines

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Senator Humphries asked:

I understand that the previous [airline travel] targets that were set for non-Qantas flights were not met. I am not sure whether they were as ambitious as 25 per cent, but I understand that previously they were not met. I am wondering what you would do in the event that an agency comes back and says, 'We had only five per cent or our flights on airlines other than Qantas'.

Answer:

The use of smaller airlines on the Canberra to Sydney route by government officials exceeded the 10 per cent target, averaging 13 per cent during the operation of the policy from July 2003 to December 2004 period.