

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Scott Ryan asked:

This is a technical question I have been asked to chase up on behalf of a couple of people because there have been different answers. Virgin has different levels of economy travel. What is the eligibility for staff who have an economy class travel entitlement to travel on Virgin? Are they allowed to travel in any class of economy on Virgin—because they only have economy seats; they just have different classes?

Answer:

Determination 2008/5 made under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (the Determination) states that *Employees, other than senior staff ... are entitled to a fare which shall not exceed the cost of a economy class airfare ...*