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Ms Marlene Tucker  
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International Air Services Commission  
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Dear Ms Tucker *Marlene*

**Application for Capacity – Hong Kong**

Qantas is seeking an allocation of capacity on the Hong Kong route, to enable the consolidation of multiple Determinations.

Allocation sought

Qantas holds the following Determinations under section 8 of the International Air Services Commission Act 1992 (the Act):

- Determination [2009] IASC 123;
- Determination [2011] IASC 116; and
- Determination [2011] IASC 117.

Qantas is applying for a new Determination allocating it 25 frequencies per week (the same number that it currently holds in total under the above Determinations) in each direction between Australia and Hong Kong. This new Determination is intended to replace the above Determinations.

The determination is sought on the following basis:

- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the determination;
- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide joint services with any wholly-owned subsidiary and by any wholly owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group to provide joint services with Qantas;



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- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Jet Airways;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with British Airways; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Finnair.

Within 10 working days of the Determination being issued for the requested capacity, Qantas will seek revocation of Determinations 123/2009, 116/2011 and 117/2011.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

This application should be considered against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

These state that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided that it is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require.

Yours sincerely



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