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Ms Jasmina Ackar
Director
International Air Services Commission
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Via email: Jasmina.Ackar@infrastructure.gov.au

Dear Ms Ackar,

RE: APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – SAMOA AND TONGA ROUTES

Following recent updates to Australia's air services arrangements with Samoa and Tonga, Qantas plans to commence scheduled services on both routes.

Qantas currently operates non-scheduled services from Australia to Apia, Samoa and Nuku'alofa's Fua'amotu Airport, Tonga.

Effective once all necessary approvals have been received, Qantas plans to operate twice weekly services between Sydney/Brisbane and Apia, using A333 aircraft configured with up to 297 seats, and twice weekly flights from Sydney to Tonga, using B737 aircraft configured with 174 seats.

Allocations Sought

Qantas seeks an allocation of 594 seats per week on the Samoa route and an allocation of 348 seats per week on the Tonga route. Both allocations are requested on the following basis:

- For a period of five years from the date of the Determination; and
- Capacity will be fully utilised by 30 December 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna Pritchard
Executive Manager, Government, Industry & Competition

