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Senate Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

Program of public hearings

Issue date: 14 September 2023

The committee met this morning and agreed to hold public hearings as follows:

- Tuesday 19 September 2023 in Sydney.
- Friday 22 September 2023 in Perth.
- Tuesday 26 September 2023 in Brisbane.
- Wednesday 27 September 2023 in Canberra.

The committee will be calling on a range of witnesses to give evidence at these hearings, including the CEOs and Chairs of major Australian airlines, competition regulators, airports, unions, academics, and industry representatives.

The Committee is prepared to summons witnesses who refuse to take up the invitation.

Terms of reference

The committee will inquire into and report on all Federal Government decisions relating to any proposals since 2016 for additional services to Australia's airports, with particular reference to:

- (a) the impacts of any such decisions on competition in the Australian aviation sector and the cost of living pressures on families and business;
- (b) the impacts experienced in other countries associated with such decisions;
- (c) the impact on the Australian economy, including on Australian travellers, the tourism and hospitality sectors and movement of freight;
- (d) the rights of airlines or other bodies to appeal decisions regarding bilateral air services agreements made by the responsible minister; and
- (e) any other related matters.

Further information about the committee and its inquiry is available on the [committee's website](#).

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COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

5 September 2023

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

18 September 2023

REPORTING DATE

9 October 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie (Chair)
Senator Ralph Babet (Deputy Chair)
Senator Penny Allman-Payne
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