



28 July 2020

Dr Jane Thomson
Committee Secretary
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Via email: covid.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Dr Thomson,

On 21 July 2020, the Qantas Group (Qantas) appeared before the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 (Committee). Following a review of the draft Hansard record, Qantas wishes to make a correction to a statement made by Mr Andrew Finch documented on page 21 of the Hansard.

The correction is in response to Senator Lambie's question on what indicators were looked at in June to come up with the figure of 6,000 workers who would have to be made redundant.

As part of Mr Finch's response he stated, *'Unfortunately, that also means that a large number of staff, as Andrew indicated, will be stood down for an extended period. That's highly unfortunate but we hope that, at the end of that two-to three-year period, we can have those 6,000 staff back up and working—so we'll go from about 23,000 staff to 29,000.'*

Qantas would like to clarify the staff numbers referred to in that statement to ensure the Hansard accurately reflects the impact of COVID-19 on our people. The statement should read, *'Unfortunately, that also means that a large number of staff, as Andrew indicated, will be stood down for an extended period. That's highly unfortunate but we hope that, at the end of that two-to three-year period, we can have those 23,000 staff back up and working – so we'll go from about 29,000 staff to 23,000.'*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification and we would be happy to provide further information to the Committee on this correction if required.

Yours sincerely,

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