

# Senate Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Services Agreements

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### Inquiry into Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements

**Department/Agency:** Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

**Topic:** Question on Notice regarding Aviation Green Paper meetings with Department

**Date:** Friday, 22 September 2023

#### Question:

From the 22 September hearing Hansard:

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**Mr Cranston:** Senator, if I may, I'll say that we're in pretty regular contact with the department for regular updates on things such as progress of the aviation white paper. We have those conversations—

**CHAIR:** In any of those meetings, has the ACCC asked the department what's holding up implementing the Harris review?

**Mr Cranston:** We have regularly sought updates on that process

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**Senator DEAN SMITH:** Mr Cranston, you mentioned the round tables that are about to take place. Can you make available to the committee the invitation that the ACCC has received for that. In previous evidence, Mr Cranston, you also mentioned that the ACCC had had regular updates with the department of transport. For this year, can you provide the dates on which those updates took place and say who from the department of transport and the ACCC was present. Am I correct to assume that there were minutes taken or notes taken of that engagement between the ACCC and the department of transport?

**Mr Cranston:** These are quite informal, regular updates that we have with them. I'm sure we'd be able to find the dates when those conversations took place, but, no, there wouldn't be minutes for those conversations. They're of an informal catch-up nature.

**Senator DEAN SMITH:** But you'd be able to identify which officials from the department of transport and the ACCC attended?

**Mr Cranston:** Yes, that's right

#### Answer:

The ACCC attended the following meetings with the Department in 2023 that were relevant to the aviation white paper process.

There are no formal minutes of these meetings. Please note that the ACCC has listed attendees to the best of our records but additional employees may have attended some meetings from time to time.

Date	Meeting	Department attendees	ACCC attendees
18/9/23	Catch up on airline slot management	Ben Vincent, Kai Everist, Bronwyn Giese, Rosalie Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Matthew Schroder, GM Infrastructure and Transport Access and Pricing</li><li>ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring,</li><li>ACCC Assistant Director, Airline Monitoring</li></ul>
18/7/2023	Consumer policy issues in the white paper process	Shanika Saputantrie, Joseph McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ACCC Director, Consumer and Compliance Strategies,</li><li>ACCC Director, Consumer and Compliance Strategies</li></ul>

24/5/23	Regular catchup	Usual attendees: Ben Vincent, Bronwyn Giese, Edmund Ong, Christopher Stephens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring,</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> </ul>
4/5/2023	Consumer policy issues in the white paper process	Jason Dymowski, Frederick Beale, Shanika Saputantrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Consumer and Compliance Strategies,</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Consumer and Compliance Strategies</li> </ul>
3/5/2023	Aviation White Paper update	Stephanie Werner, Jason Dymowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Fleming, GM Consumer and Compliance Strategies</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> </ul>
26/4/23	Regular catchup	Usual attendees: Ben Vincent, Bronwyn Giese, Edmund Ong, Christopher Stephens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> </ul>
28/3/23	Regular catchup	Usual attendees: Ben Vincent, Bronwyn Giese, Edmund Ong, Christopher Stephens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> <li>• APS5 Airline monitoring project officer</li> </ul>
20/3/23	Aviation White Paper roundtable (broad invite, not just ACCC)	Jason Dymowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew Schroder, GM Infrastructure and Transport Access and Pricing,</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring,</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Consumer and Compliance Strategies</li> </ul>
22/2/23	Regular catchup	Usual attendees: Ben Vincent, Bronwyn Giese, Edmund Ong, Christopher Stephens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring,</li> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> </ul>
25/1/23	Regular catchup	Usual attendees: Ben Vincent, Bronwyn Giese, Edmund Ong, Christopher Stephens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACCC Director, Airline Monitoring</li> </ul>

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Dear aviation stakeholder,

The Aviation Green Paper was released on 7 September 2023 and a written submissions process opened with its release. Submissions can be made by using the link provided to the Department until 30 November 2023. More information on the submission process is available on our [website](#).

In our last email, the Department advised that a series of in-person and virtual roundtables would take place in October and November 2023. The expression of interest process to nominate your attendance at a roundtable session is now open on the Department's [website](#).

In-person roundtables will be held on the following dates in the locations specified:

- Monday 9 October: Melbourne, 9am – 12pm
- Thursday 12 October: Alice Springs, 9am – 12pm
- Monday 30 October: Brisbane, 9am – 12pm
- Tuesday 31 October: Cairns, 9am – 12pm
- Wednesday 1 November: Sydney, 9am – 12pm
- Monday 6 November: Adelaide, 9am – 12pm
- Tuesday 7 November: Perth, 9am – 12pm

Themed virtual roundtables will be held on the following Green Paper topics on the dates specified:

- Tuesday 10 October: Competition, consumer and disability, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Monday 16 October: Net zero, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Tuesday 17 October: Emerging technologies, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Wednesday 18 October: Airport development and airports, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Thursday 19 October: Regional and remote aviation, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Thursday 19 October: General Aviation, 2pm – 4pm (AEDT)
- Thursday 2 November: International aviation, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Thursday 2 November: First Nations, 2pm – 4pm (AEDT)
- Friday 3 November: Workforce, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)
- Friday 10 November: Disability access, 11am – 1pm (AEDT)

A general virtual roundtable will be held on: 9 November, 11am – 1pm (AEDT).

The Department will also be hosting a series of First Nations-specific roundtables. These sessions will be both in-person and virtual:

- Monday 9 October: Melbourne, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Thursday 12 October: Alice Springs, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Monday 30 October: Brisbane, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 31 October: Cairns, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Wednesday 1 November: Sydney, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Monday 6 November: Adelaide, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 7 November: Perth, 1pm – 3.30pm
- Monday 13 November: Darwin, 1pm – 3.30pm
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- Wednesday 15 November: Broome, 1pm – 3.30pm

Please note, due to capacity requirements, an expression of interest **does not** guarantee attendance and an invitation will be sent to confirmed attendees.

If you are interested in attending a roundtable session, please ensure you submit an expression of interest through the [website](#). Please note, replies to this email will not be considered as nominations for attendance.

If you have any further questions regarding the Green Paper roundtable sessions or Aviation White Paper process, please contact

**Aviation White Paper Project Office**

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