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Mr Hamish Hansford  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
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Canberra ACT 2600  
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Dear Mr Hansford

**Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

I refer to your correspondence to Alan Joyce dated 8 October 2010, inviting Qantas to make a written submission to the parliamentary inquiry.

The security of commercial aviation is a critical element in Australia's national security infrastructure and policy. In the prevailing threat environment there are substantial security risks requiring a range of complementary measures to be applied, by Governments and the aviation industry, to ensure the safe operation of aircraft, airports and associated infrastructure. Measures mandated by regulation, and other measures taken by the Qantas Group and other industry participants, have significantly strengthened Australia's capacity to prevent and detect acts of unlawful interference with aviation. However, the security environment is not static, and there is a need to keep under constant review the efficacy of existing arrangements and the possible need for amended or new measures.

Qantas has previously stated that the current resource deployment arrangement contributes to sub-optimal security outcomes and therefore welcomes the proposed changes.



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Qantas also welcomes the commitment of Commonwealth to strengthen the existing legislative framework and supports the proposed penalty changes. However, Qantas believes that aviation security could be further enhanced with the deployment of a permanent law enforcement presence at the passenger screening points at airports.

Qantas is happy to assist the Committee and provide any further relevant information if required.

Yours sincerely

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