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The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

# Report 134

**Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2013**

**Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Solomon Islands relating to Air Services (Canberra, 21 August 2012);**

**Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines relating to Air Services (Canberra, 24 October 2012);**

**Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to Air Services (Canberra, 23 November 2012);  
and**

**Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia relating to Air Services (Canberra, 7 February 2013)**

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- 1.1 On 12 March 2013, the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Solomon Islands relating to Air Services (Canberra, 21 August 2012)*; the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines relating to Air Services (Canberra, 24 October 2012)*; and the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to Air Services (Canberra, 23 November 2012)* were tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 1.2 On 14 May 2013, the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia relating to Air Services (Canberra, 7 February 2013)* was tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament.
- 1.3 Air Service Agreements provide for the operation of commercial scheduled air services between the countries Party to the Agreement.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.4 The Committee has considered and supports the set of Agreements and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.
- 1.5 In order to facilitate the timely implementation of the Agreements, the Committee resolved to report its recommendations to the Parliament immediately.

### Recommendation 1

**The Treaties Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Solomon Islands relating to Air Services (Canberra, 21 August 2012)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.**

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<sup>1</sup> National Interest Analysis [2013] ATNIA 7 with an attachment on consultation *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to Air Services* [2012] ATNIF 30, (Hereafter referred to as 'the Belgium Agreement NIA'), para 7.

**Recommendation 2**

The Treaties Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines relating to Air Services (Canberra, 24 October 2012)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

**Recommendation 3**

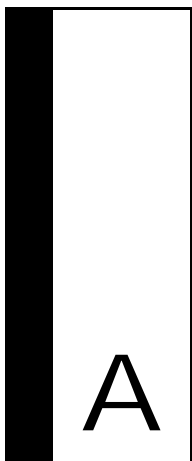
The Treaties Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to Air Services (Canberra, 23 November 2012)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

**Recommendation 4**

The Treaties Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia relating to Air Services (Canberra, 7 February 2013)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

The Hon Richard Marles MP

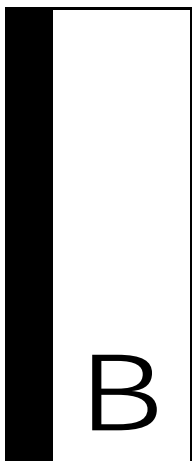
**Chair**



## Appendix A – Submissions

Please note that an additional submission was expected but not received at the time of presentation of this report. When received and authorised it will be made available on the Committee's website at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House\\_of\\_Representatives\\_Committees?url=jsct/14may2013/subs.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsct/14may2013/subs.htm)



## Appendix B – Witnesses

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