



**Submission No 18**

**Review of the Defence Annual Report 2010 - 2011**

**Organisation:** Department of Defence

## **Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - COMMITTEES Parliamentary Committee**

**2010-11 Defence Annual Report Hearing – 16 March 2012**

**Q7: SRP – Travel Flight Schedules**

**Senator Macdonald asked on 16 March 2012 (Proof Hansard pg 19):**

Do you negotiate with the two airlines for flight schedules to places that Defence are very big users of?

**Response:**

Under the Whole-of-Australian Government travel arrangements, the Department of Finance and Deregulation manages the head contracts with four domestic airlines and thirteen international airlines, including Qantas Airways and Virgin Australia. While Defence maintains productive relationships with these airlines to enable product updates and to manage day-to-day issues, Defence refrains from discussing flight scheduling to avoid possible expectations of Defence business on particular routes on particular airlines.

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#### **Q19: American Supply Chain**

Senator Fawcett asked on 16 March 2012 (Proof Hansard pages 45-46):

My understanding is that during the Gulf War when there was a very high rate of effort of American forces in theatre that our supply chain, particularly in parts for aircraft that were of American origin, actually suffered. Could you indicate whether there is any substance to that; and, if so, on what scale?

#### **Response:**

A review of Defence Materiel Organisation records indicates there is no substance to the suggestion that supply chains supporting Australian Defence Force aircraft involved in the Gulf War suffered due to very high American rates of effort. The aircraft that deployed included Seahawk, Globemaster III, Hercules and Orion.