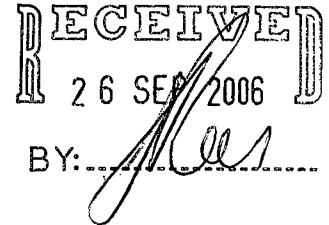




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Dear Dr Southcott

Air Services Memorandums of Understanding: China and India

On 11 September 2006 I and two of my colleagues appeared before the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in relation to the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China done at Canberra on 23 March 2004 [2004] ATNIF 2, and the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of India done at New Delhi on 6 March 2006 [2006] ATNIF 13 (together, the Agreements).

During the hearings we noted that each of the Agreements is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between aeronautical authorities dealing with matters such as capacity and traffic rights. In response to a query from the Committee, we undertook to provide copies of these less-than-treaty-status documents to the Committee in order to aid the Committee's understanding of the operation of the Agreements.

Accordingly, please find enclosed copies of the following MOU's for the background information of the Committee:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Civil Aviation Administration of China relating to air services signed in Beijing on 9 July 2003; and
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Ministry of Civil Aviation relating to air services signed in New Delhi on 9 September 2004.

Yours sincerely

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