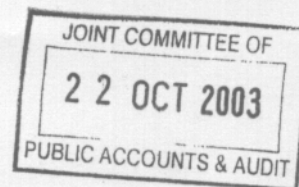




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October 15, 2003

The Secretary  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Catchpole,

**Inquiry: Review of Aviation Security in Australia**

As you are aware, Qantas made a submission to the above Inquiry on August 6, 2003 and is due to give evidence on November 12, 2003.

Qantas wishes to correct an error as well as clarify its position with respect to paragraph 4.2.1 (i) of its original submission, which should read:

**4.2.1 Non aviation specific measures**

- (i) *The placement of an additional two Australian Protective Services (APS) officers on a round the clock basis at Alice Springs Airport. This additional security measure was at considerable cost to Qantas until June 30, 2002, when the deployment of the APS officers was then funded by the government..*

*The requirement for an additional security officer on a round the clock basis at Ayres Rock Airport.*

*The Government was unable to demonstrate to Qantas a benefit linking the deployment of these officers with a reduced threat to aviation. It is assumed that the actual purpose of these officers was protection of a facility of political and strategic sensitivity in the vicinity.*

Yours sincerely,

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