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Mr Kelvin Thompson MP  
Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Thompson,

**Subject: JSCOT public hearing 21 June 2010**

I refer to the public hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on 21 June 2010, at which this Department answered questions in relation to, *inter alia*, amendments to Australia's Air Services Agreement with Brunei Darussalam.

During the hearing, in response to a question from Senator Cash, I undertook to provide further information in relation to stakeholder views on the amendments to the agreement (page TR 3 of the Proof Committee Hansard).

We have reviewed our records and can confirm that no stakeholders have expressed any objections to the amendments to the Air Services Agreement with Brunei.

During the stakeholder consultation process, stakeholders also expressed views on a range of other topics, particularly in relation to the capacity entitlements and traffic rights covered under the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding between aeronautical authorities. No stakeholder comments opposed overall liberalisation of the air services arrangements, but stakeholder views differed on the appropriate pace and scope of the liberalisation of commercial rights such as capacity entitlements and traffic rights.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Lucas'.

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Director, Air Services Negotiations  
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24 June 2010