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Senator Kate Lundy  
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Joint Standing Committee on the National  
Capital and External Territories  
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Dear Senator Lundy

**Indian Ocean Territories**

I refer to your correspondence dated 29 October 2009.

Airservices Australia's current contract for the provision of technical and maintenance (television and radio) services in the Indian Ocean Territories expires in March 2011.

Although no decision has been made regarding the possible renewal or otherwise of the contract beyond March 2011, it would seem unlikely that Airservices would seek to renew the contract without a core aviation business imperative.

Possible transition arrangements have not been discussed at this time, as Airservices is committed to providing the services until March 2011. However, if the decision is taken not to seek a contract renewal, then Airservices would expect to engage with the Attorney-General's Department around mid-2010 to discuss options and transition arrangements.

I hope this of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Greg Russell  
Chief Executive Officer

17 November 2009