

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 364

**Topic:** QANTAS cancels Sydney - Ayers Rock flights

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Scullion** asked:

QANTAS has said that your airport fees are very high and that this was a factor in their decision. What is your response to that?

**Answer:**

As part of the recent negotiations between Qantas/Jetstar regarding the Sydney route, a new commercial arrangement was reached with Jetstar, which includes a lower fixed passenger fee.

While passenger charges were a key element of the negotiations, Qantas did not raise this issue prior to announcing its plans to withdraw.