

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Question: SR24

Topic: Qantas Strike Action – Impact on Tourism

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Senator Bushby asked:

1. Does Tourism Australia agree that the QANTAS strike action, and threats of strikes not carried through, will have a negative impact on tourism?
2. Will the forecasting committee, or Tourism Research Australia, be conducting any research on the effect of the QANTAS industrial relations dispute, and what strikes and strike threats, mean for domestic and inbound Tourism? If so, will that be made public?

Answer:

1. Tourism Australia agrees that the recent QANTAS industrial action had a negative impact on tourism in reducing the confidence and certainty of travellers. However, the recent decision delivered by Fair Work Australia has restored stability of service, and will go a long way to improving travel consumer confidence.
2. Questions relating to Tourism Research Australia (TRA) research should be directed to TRA. TRA's preliminary research into the effects of the QANTAS industrial relations dispute was the basis of evidence in the Fair Work Australia hearing. Please refer to transcript of evidence of the Department of Energy, Resources and Tourism's Secretary Drew Clarke to Fair Work Australia at <http://www.fwa.gov.au/FWAISSYS/isysquery/c578efbc-6b9f-42c9-a0c7-5f63c7de7ca3/1/doc/>.