

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates May 2009  
**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Question No.:** AAA 17

**Division/Agency:** Aviation and Airports

**Topic:** Swine Flu

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**Senator Heffernan asked:**

**Senator HEFFERNAN**—On that very issue, I understand a cleaner was threatened with the sack for refusing to go on board a plane carrying a passenger with possible swine flu. See media release dated 1 May 2009. Could you investigate that on behalf of this Committee?

**Mr Tongue**—I will take that on notice—

**Answer:**

Qantas publicly denied the allegations and indicated that the airline is not aware of any cleaner refusing to clean an aircraft.