

Inquiry into the Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007

On 1 March 2007, the Senate referred the Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007 to the Standing Committee on Economics, for inquiry and report by 20 March.

This is a private Senators' bill put forward by Senator Steve Fielding (Senator for Victoria, Family First Party.)

If passed, the bill would require Qantas to ensure that:

- it and associated entities (ie: Jetstar) continue to locate their head offices and facilities such as catering and maintenance in Australia;
- two thirds of the boards of Qantas and associated entities are Australian citizens; and
- an Australian citizen presides over any meetings of the boards of directors.

The bill would also prohibit Qantas and associated entities from seeking to avoid these requirements.

The Committee invites written submissions which should be sent to:

Committee Secretary
Senate Economics Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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The closing date for submissions is 9 March.

Persons lodging submissions should note that this inquiry is into the bill only, and to be considered relevant to the inquiry, submissions must address the provisions of the bill.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au*, preferably as MS Word or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or telephone the Secretariat on 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, or e-mail at the above address.

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