

Dear Stakeholder

As you may be aware, the Department recently conducted air services negotiations with both Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Both talks resulted in new arrangements which significantly increase the capacity entitlements available to airlines of both sides.

Statements by the Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, concerning the outcomes of these negotiations are available online:

<http://www.ministers.dotars.gov.au/mv/releases/2007/March/index.htm>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

DOTARS held air services negotiations with the General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Dubai on 20 March 2007 and in Abu Dhabi on 21 March 2007. The negotiations finalised new air services arrangements which permit UAE carriers to double the number of services between the UAE and Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth by 2011.

The new arrangements do not alter traffic rights or other commercial arrangements available to carriers of each side. Australian carriers retain unrestricted rights beyond the UAE, and carriers of the UAE retain the right to operate services beyond Australia to two points in New Zealand.

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By the Hon Mark Vaile MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

Australian Carriers

Capacity for Australian carriers operating to the UAE has been increased as set out in the table below.

Date of increase	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Perth	Other points in Australia
Previous arrangements	56 flights per week to any point(s) in the UAE				Unrestricted
Increase as of 21 March 2007	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2008	Additional 14 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2009	Additional 14 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as					

of March 2010	Additional 14 flights per week to any point(s)	Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2011	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)	Unrestricted
TOTAL as of March 2011:	112 flights per week	Unrestricted

UAE Carriers Route A – Dubai

UAE carriers whose principal place of business is Dubai, such as Emirates, operate on Route A. Capacity for UAE carriers on Route A is set out in the table below.

Date of increase	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Perth	Other points in Australia
Previous arrangements	14 flights per week	14 flights per week	7 plus an additional 7 flights per week to either point	7	Unrestricted
Increase as of 21 March 2007	No increase	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s) other than Sydney			Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2008	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2009	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2010	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2011	Additional 7 flights per week to any points(s)				Unrestricted
TOTAL as of March 2011:	84 flights per week – maximum of 21 flights per week to any one point				Unrestricted

UAE Carriers Route B – Abu Dhabi

UAE carriers whose principal place of business is Abu Dhabi operate on Route B. Etihad Airways will commence operations on Route B on 27 March 2007. Capacity for UAE carriers on Route B is set out in the table below.

Date of increase	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Perth	Other points in Australia
Previous arrangements	7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2008	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)				Unrestricted

Increase as of March 2009	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)	Unrestricted
Increase as of March 2010	Additional 7 flights per week to any point(s)	Unrestricted
TOTAL as of March 2011:	28 flights per week – maximum of 14 flights per week to any one point	Unrestricted

QATAR

Air services negotiations held by DOTARS with the Civil Aviation Authority of Qatar in Doha on 14-15 March 2007 resulted in the new air services arrangements which provide airlines of both sides with additional capacity entitlements.

The new arrangements provide airlines of both sides with unrestricted capacity to and from all points in Australia other than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

Qatari carriers may operate seven services weekly to Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth. Australian carriers may operate seven services weekly to Qatar from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and/or Perth. Twelve months after an airline of either side commences operations, airlines of each side may operate an additional seven weekly services between Qatar and Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and/or Perth.

Australian carriers may operate services beyond Qatar to a maximum of ten points in the Middle East, the United Kingdom/Europe, and Africa. Qatari carriers may operate services beyond Australia to points in New Zealand.

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http://www.ministers.dotars.gov.au/mv/releases/2007/March/047MV_2007.htm

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