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Wednesday, 11th August 2021

Gareth Evans Chief Executive Officer Jetstar gareth.evans@jetstar.com

Dear Gareth,

I am writing in relation to the financial support for aviation workers announced by the Federal Government on Monday, 2 August 2021, and the subsequent decision by Qantas Group to stand down 2,500 employees without pay.

To date, Jetstar has been unable to provide any additional detail on the eligibility or mechanism of payment for the new Government payment.

I note that Jetstar has now opened expressions of interest for employees to be stood down via special leave without pay during the period of stand down. In your communications to employees Jetstar has expressly stated that employees may not be eligible for the new Government payment by requiring employees to sign a declaration that states:

"In applying for SLWOP I do so with the understanding that details surrounding eligibility for the Government Domestic Aviation Support package has not been provided to Jetstar as yet, hence I acknowledge that being on a period of SLWOP may not qualify me for the payment."

Would you please confirm as a matter of urgency:

- Any available details around eligibility for the new Federal Government financial support payments, how these will paid, and how they interact with other payments;
- That when the payments are made to employees you will pass on the full \$750 to affected employees; and
- That employees who are stood down will not go without pay because the details of the Federal Government financial support for aviation workers have not been finalised.

As you can imagine the uncertainty and prospect of being stood down without any income is causing significant stress to your employees so we would appreciate your urgent response.

Yours faithfully

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