

Fels inquiry into price gouging and unfair pricing practices

- **[If asked]** Treasury is aware of the Fels inquiry and its recommendation relating to the aviation sector. It is an independent review commissioned by the ACTU that does not require a government response.
- The Fels' inquiry suggested the aviation sector in Australia is dominated by Qantas and there is price gouging by Qantas. The report recommended:

*"Recommendation 4.1: Airport prices should be regulated in the same way as other utility prices.*

*Recommendation 4.2: The Australian Government should use the opportunity of its current aviation review to remove international and domestic restrictions on competition. Any remaining restrictions should be reviewed by the Treasury led Competition Policy Review"*