

**Question on Notice  
No. 887  
Asked on 15 June 2018**

**MR D CRISAFULLI** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Hong Kong Airlines pulling direct flights to Cairns and the Gold Coast-

Will the Minister (a) detail the total amount provided to Hong Kong Airlines from the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund, (b) outline the measures the government took to save the direct flights to Cairns and the Gold Coast and (c) advise what the government will do to support the Queensland communities that have lost over \$80m from these cancellations?

ANSWER:

I refer the member to my response to Question on Notice 747.

I am advised Hong Kong Airlines made a commercial decision to suspend its services between Hong Kong, the Gold Coast and Cairns from 28 October 2018.

Tourism and Events Queensland and the respective airports discussed opportunities with Hong Kong Airlines to retain the service, however Hong Kong Airlines upheld their decision to suspend services.

Hong Kong Airlines remains a valued partner to Queensland and an important connection to a key international market. We will continue to work with the industry, including airports, to reintroduce this access for Queensland.