

**Question on Notice
No. 926
Asked on 21 August 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 the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 747 and to avoid breaching commercial in confidence clauses-

Will the Minister provide the aggregated amount of total support provided from the combined Attracting Aviation Investment Fund and Connecting with Asia fund, either directly or indirectly to assist Tigerair, Hong Kong Airlines and Air China?

ANSWER:

Airline access from key and emerging international markets is critical to the competitiveness of the Queensland tourism industry.

That's why the Palaszczuk Government has backed programs like the Attracting Aviation Investment Fund and Connecting with Asia fund to increase international visitation and grow Queensland's market share of the visitor economy.

The Queensland Government supports growth in the tourism industry by encouraging new airline services into Queensland and promoting these routes internationally.

Even at an aggregated level, disclosing the amount of Government support for aviation attraction programs puts Queensland's competitive advantage at risk by providing our competitors with information that could be used to draw airlines away from Queensland.

Tourism and Events Queensland does not disclose the details of commercial in confidence contracts. This is the same policy that was overseen by the government that the honourable member was a minister in and it is the same policy applied by the honourable member's federal colleagues with Tourism Australia.

The number one KPI for these programs is to secure more seats to Queensland.

I can advise, since this Government was elected, it has secured additional flights bringing 2.4 million extra seats to Queensland. This is worth more than \$1.8 billion in additional overnight visitor expenditure.

If the member would like more information regarding the Government's aviation attraction programs, I am willing to arrange a full confidential briefing.