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Ms Fran Freeman
Secretariat
Quarantine & Biosecurity Review
18 Marcus Clark Street
Canberra City, ACT, 2601

Dear Ms Freeman,

I refer to a request from the Review panel for Qantas Airways to provide the costs of disposal of quarantinable waste arriving on Qantas aircraft.

We have conducted a survey of our airport, catering and some engineering operations and have determined that an indicative cost is in the order of \$4.61M per annum. This is a conservative figure as it is complicated by our accounting system which does not distinguish between quarantinable waste and normal waste and the catering figures including waste from foreign carriers that we service. We have however managed to confirm that the cost of disposal ratio is in the order of 3:1.

Should the Review members have any other questions we would be happy to respond.

Qantas would appreciate advice on when the submissions are likely to be posted on the Review website.

Yours sincerely,

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