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**From:** de Brouwer, Gordon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 March 2025 8:15 PM  
**To:** Barber, Kylie; Bacon, Rachel  
**Subject:** Fwd: Questions re FOI release and Qantas Chairmans lounge

An interesting follow up from the foi, for Budget Estimates

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mr Squiggle <mrsquiggle@mail.com>  
**Date:** 12 March 2025 at 6:18:53 pm AEDT  
**To:** "de Brouwer, Gordon" <Gordon.deBrouwer@apsc.gov.au>  
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3. Is it your personal preference to travel with Qantas?
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Yours sincerely,

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