

## Whole-of-Australian-Government Travel Arrangements Advice 2014/39 – Announcement of new provider for travel management services to the Australian Government

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## **Dear Travel Manager**

Today the Department of Finance (Finance) signed a deed to appoint QBT Pty Ltd as the sole travel management company for the provision of travel management services to the Australian Government.

QBT was awarded the contract following a competitive open tender process undertaken by Finance with assistance from a number of entities.

The arrangement is for an initial period of four years, with three one-year extension options and supersedes the current panel of five travel management companies.

This arrangement will provide consistent pricing, systems and services across entities along with technology improvements that provide savings through booking efficiencies.

It is mandatory for Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities subject to the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) to use the arrangement for all domestic air travel, domestic ground travel and all international air travel originating in Australia. Corporate Commonwealth Entities will be able to opt-in to the arrangement.

Finance is aiming for a smooth transition for all entities. Further information on the transition will be distributed shortly and Finance will be in contact to discuss transition requirements early in the New Year.

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