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❖ NOTICE ❖

TO: ALAEA QANTAS MEMBERS

RE: SWINE FLU RISK MANAGEMENT

We have received a number of enquiries from concerned members over the risk of contracting swine flu.

The ALAEA met with Qantas on the 30th April 2009 and discussed what measures may be put in place if and when the problem became evident in Australia. Qantas informed the ALAEA at that time they were relying on information from the World Health Organisation.

Since then swine flu infection has become more evident in Australia in particular through media reports about passengers on QF12 from Los Angeles on Sunday. We have approached Qantas again for a further meeting to discuss an appropriate risk management strategy.

In the meantime members should be aware they have the right to not perform work that may cause an imminent risk to their health or safety and if they have such a concern should not enter an "at risk area" but instead report the hazard to their supervisors and discuss the appropriate action to make the area safe.

Members are also reminded to maintain their diligence in following maintenance procedures and wear the appropriate personal protection equipment related to handling of potentially hazardous material e.g. recirculation air filters and Gasper system filters.

If you experience flu like symptoms and suspect you may have been exposed to the virus seek immediate medical advice.

STEVE PURVINAS
Federal Secretary

"To undertake supervise and certify for the safety of all who fly."