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Dear Merridy

Thanks for your ongoing assistance this week. As flagged by Tessa in her email to you re conditions, we have a few further questions for Virgin Australia which are set out below.

Grateful if you can provide responses early next week and please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards  
Darrell

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1. In light of the amendment to the conduct for which authorisation is sought and other changes in circumstances since the application was lodged, can Virgin Australia please provide an update on the need for urgent interim authorisation at this time?
2. Following on from Q1, is it possible for Virgin Australia to identify any domestic Australian routes, trans-Tasman routes or Pacific Island routes Virgin where it anticipates a need to imminently engage in the Proposed Conduct, noting Virgin Australia has suspended services on all routes other than those which form the minimum domestic network?
3. Can you please clarify whether Virgin Australia intends to engage in the Proposed Conduct in relation to the routes which form the minimum domestic network that the Federal Government announced it will guarantee for eight weeks from 16 April 2020?
4. A number of interested parties submit that, unlike passenger services, demand for freight services has not had the same substantial decrease as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in fact, remains strong at this time. Can Virgin Australia please respond to this submission and elaborate on the need for the Proposed Conduct to extend to freight services?