

Kevin Brown
Chief Executive Officer, Perth Airport

June 2, 2017

Dear Mr Brown,

I am writing to you regarding an incident involving an airside security breach which occurred at Perth Airport in recent weeks.

A number of AeroCare workers have told the TWU that an Aerocare staff member was tasked with driving baggage from a Virgin 737 aircraft which had arrived from Adelaide. As the only baggage worker assigned to the flight he was then tasked with unloading the baggage onto the carousel at the terminal. In response to complaints from irate passengers about the length of time it was taking to retrieve some over-sized baggage, the staff member allowed some passengers airside to collect their own baggage.

We understand that airside is a secure area of the airport requiring ASIC clearance and that such an action is a major security breach, which could possibly endanger aircraft, passengers or other airport workers.

I am requesting the following information:

Has your agency been informed by Aerocare about this incident?

Has your agency been informed by Virgin about the incident?

Have you investigated the incident?

What conclusions have been reached?

What remedies are being implemented to ensure it does not occur again?

What penalties are to be applied to the people and organisations responsible?

Did the Aerocare worker in question receive safety, security and counter-terrorism training?

As this matter is of a serious nature pertaining to airport security, a prompt response would be greatly appreciated. I would also request a meeting with you to further discuss the implications of this incident.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Sheldon', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tony Sheldon