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## MORE FLIGHTS TO CANBERRA AIRPORT PROMPTS NEED FOR NEW ALPHA FLIGHT SERVICES KITCHEN

The first sod has been turned on a new facility for alpha Flight Services at Canberra Airport, following continued growth in the number of flights and passengers coming and leaving the airport.

Now preparing around 20,000 meals a week, alpha has outgrown its current premises at 1 Drake Crescent, Canberra Airport, and is moving a little further up the road where a yet-to-be-built facility will better accommodate the needs of current and new airlines flying in and out of Canberra.

These include meeting 14 different dietary requirements for passengers of Singapore Airlines, which began a Singapore-Canberra-Wellington route in 2016, and Qatar, which will commence a service to Canberra Airport in February 2018.

alpha also provides a service for Virgin Australia, Qantas, the Australian Defence Force, corporate jets and any guest of Government Charters visiting Canberra.

The new premises, to be built at 16 George Tyson Drive, will have 2000 sq m of floor space – around 35 per cent more than its current location. Located on two floors, it includes six chill rooms, a deep freeze, storeroom, and an area for 'plating up' meals for business class passengers.

Designed by GMB architects, the state-of-the-art facility will be built by Kane Constructions.

"It truly is a restaurant style, quality catering kitchen facility," Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said at a sod turning ceremony at 16 George Typson Drive on Wednesday.

"It has even better access to the airfield than the current facility."

"Our job with running the airport is to make sure our service providers can best serve the airlines.

"And this is a commitment from our company, and also alpha Flight Services' Canberra operation."

alpha's Chief Executive Officer, Hiranjan Aloysius, said it was important to invest in a building that better represented the changing needs of alpha's customers.

"While alpha has been operating out of Canberra since 1994, this new facility will enhance our ability to delight the passengers of our valued airline customers," he said.

"We are committed to investing in the Australian market. This new unit follows our expansion over the past four years in Melbourne, Cairns and Adelaide."

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Rendering of the new Alpha Catering Facility at 16 George Tyson Drive, Canberra Airport.



Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron (left), and alpha Flight Services General Manager of facilities, Michael Beverage, at a sod turning ceremony at 16 George Tyson Drive, Canberra Airport, on Wednesday 13 December.



Sod turning ceremony at 16 George Tyson Drive, Canberra Airport