Qantas has taken heed of calls by the NT Government to reinstate three of its freight service flights to the Territory following their decision to abandon seven flights a week.

Mr Henderson said the perishable produce industry was placed in jeopardy when Qantas announced it would reduce freight capacity by limiting the number of wide-bodied planes servicing the Territory from 17 to 10 a week.

But he said following a conversation with Qantas senior management this afternoon, he had successfully negotiated an extra three 767 flights a week.

"As a Minister for both Primary Industry and Tourism I was absolutely delighted with the outcome of my talks with Qantas," Mr Henderson said. "The increase in 767s provides both increased freight and passenger capacity.

"While full capacity has not yet been restored I will continue to work with Qantas and other freight organisations to help Territory produce reach markets in a timely and efficient manner.

"The Territory’s perishable produce relies heavily on regular airfreight services, and Qantas’ decision to cut these services would have certainly been to the detriment of these businesses."

"I explained to Qantas the impact these cutback would have on numerous small businesses in the Territory, and I commend them for immediately addressing this situation and partially restoring capacity."

Mr Henderson said the wide-bodied 767 planes are preferred by industry because they allow for containerisation or palleting of produce in the plane’s hull.

Mr Henderson said produce that would have been affected by the cuts included mud crabs, fish fillets, herbs, flowers and tropical fruit including mangoes and rambutans.