

**Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Estimates 2021 - 2022**

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications**

**Committee Question Number: 122**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ22-000266**

**Division/Agency Name: Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

**Hansard Reference: : Written (24 February 2022)**

**Topic: CASA - Awareness of Airservices approach at Brisbane Airport**

**Senator Larissa Waters asked:**

Further to the answer received to QON #122, is CASA aware that Airservices used independent approaches at Brisbane Airport for a period of time when the applied standard did not meet the ICAO requirements? What action did CASA take in response to this omission?

**Answer:**

In June 2021, during regular surveillance Airservices Australia advised the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) that Independent Parallel Operations were not used at Brisbane, due to a combination of reduced traffic and incomplete training of controllers in the Brisbane Parallel Runway Monitor Role.

On 16 July 2021, CASA issued a safety finding for variation from the ICAO requirements, specifically the lack of an appropriate risk assessment for the single person 'monitor' position.

In response to the safety finding, Airservices confirmed Independent Parallel Operations have not commenced at Brisbane. CASA has requested Airservices provide evidence of compliance with ICAO requirements before commencing Independent Parallel Operations at Brisbane.