

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Extension of the Sunsetting Instrument – Advice to Stakeholders

Senator Matthew Canavan asked:

Senator CANAVAN: Has the department or the minister or the minister's office advised any of the airport industry; Sydney airport, the airlines that use Sydney airport? Has it advised any of them about the request to defer the current regulations?

Ms Purvis-Smith: I'm not aware of that.

Senator CANAVAN: If you could take that on notice—

Ms Purvis-Smith: I can.

Senator CANAVAN: To be clear: have you communicated that the minister has requested an extension, effectively, of the current system.

Ms Purvis-Smith: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

There are three legislative instruments under the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*:

- Sydney Airport Demand Management Regulations 1998;
- Sydney Airport Slot Management Scheme 2013; and
- Sydney Airport Compliance Scheme 2012.

On 6 September 2023, officials from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advised a representative of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited via telephone that the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, had requested a deferral certificate for the sunsetting of the Sydney Airport instruments.

On 15 March 2024, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General, made the Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Sydney Airport Instruments) Certificate 2024, which deferred the sunsetting date of these instruments to 1 April 2026.