

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Estimates 2023 - 2024**

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

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**Division/Agency Name: DIV – Domestic Aviation and Reform**

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**Topic: Engagement with the member for Grayndler regarding curfew exemptions**

**Senator Slade Brockman asked:**

Senator BROCKMAN: My understanding is that the member for Grayndler is also on the— sorry, what's it called again?

Ms Werner: The Sydney Airport Community For or SACF. Yes, that's correct.

Senator BROCKMAN: Were there any direct or indirect communications from the member for Grayndler?

Ms Werner: Certainly not with the department.

Senator BROCKMAN: Not with the department?

Ms Werner: No.

Senator BROCKMAN: Minister, can you answer that?

Senator Chisholm: I'm not aware that there's any involvement. I think this was a decision that was handled by the department. But I'm happy to take it on notice and provide any further information.

**Answer:**

On 31 January 2024, a delegate in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts acting under section 20 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* revoked dispensations provided for certain freight operations during the Sydney Airport curfew period. There were no communications between the department and the Member for Grayndler or their office on this matter. The department is not aware of any communications between the Member for Grayndler or their office and the minister.