

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: AIRSERVICES – Consultation with pilots and airlines

Senator Matthew Canavan asked:

Senator CANAVAN: You might have seen some of the pilots were scathing of the proposal.

Mr Curran: Yes.

Senator CANAVAN: Some of them claimed they hadn't been consulted, although that seemed to be disputed later. What's the status of that? Have the pilots been consulted about this proposed change?

Mr Curran: We are consulting. This is very much a change that impacts pilots and airlines. So we are absolutely engaging in consultation with domestic and international airlines. I think your comment there goes to the heart of some of the challenges that we have with this issue. In terms of delivering better community outcomes by using a particular runway—

Senator McKENZIE: When did you last meet with the pilots to discuss this?

Mr Curran: I would have to check on the timing of that. We've been speaking—

Senator McKENZIE: You said, 'international and domestic airlines'. When did you last discuss this with international airlines?

Mr Curran: I'll have to take that on notice. We've been working—

Senator McKENZIE: When did you last discuss this with domestic airlines?

Mr Curran: It would be in the last number of weeks.

Senator McKENZIE: Okay. On notice, I would like a full list. You come in and make flippant remarks that you've heavily consulted with pilots.

ACTING CHAIR: Alright. Senator—

Senator McKENZIE: And we ask the pilots, and they say they are not consulted with. So I would like to see the hard data—

ACTING CHAIR: Alright, but before you do that—

Senator McKENZIE: that tells us the dates and who you met with. Thank you

Answer:

Airservices Australia, in conjunction with Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC), consulted with a cross-section of domestic and international airlines, industry associations and pilot unions from January to April 2022 when developing the Brisbane SODPROPS 7 Knot Tailwind Safety Case.

Attachment A lists the stakeholders invited to participate in this engagement, and

Attachment B lists the consultation dates for those stakeholders who chose to participate.

More recently, BAC has also engaged with a number of international and domestic airlines on a plan to trial the 7 Knots concept and provide a revised safety case submission to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Attachments:

A: Stakeholders invited to participate in engagement (Brisbane SODPROPS 7 Knot Tailwind All Phases Safety Case: Engagement period January to April 2022)

B: Stakeholder participation consultation dates (Brisbane SODPROPS 7 Knot Tailwind All Phases Safety Case: Engagement period January to April 2022)

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ATTACHMENT A

Stakeholders invited to participate in engagement (Brisbane SODPROPS 7 Knot Tailwind All Phases Safety Case: Engagement period January to April 2022)

Air Arabia	IATA ⁴
Air Canada	Japan Airlines
Air New Zealand	Jetstar
Air Niugini	Korean Air
Air Vanuatu	Lifeflight
Aircalin	Malaysia Airlines
Airnorth	Malindo Air
Alliance Airlines	Nauru Airlines
AusALPA ¹	Pel-Air
BARA ²	Philippine Airlines
Cathay Pacific	QGAir ⁵
China Airlines	Qantas (including Qantas Freight)
China Eastern Airlines	QantasLink
China Southern Airlines	Qatar Airways
Cobham	Rex
Corporate Air (Link Airways)	RFDS ⁶
Defence (RAAF) ³	Royal Brunei Airlines
DHL Aviation	Sharp Airlines
Emirates	Singapore Airlines
Etihad Airways	Skytrans
EVA Air	Solomon Airlines
Fiji Airways	Tasman Cargo Airlines
Gam Aviation	Thai Airways
Hawaiian Airlines	Toll Aviation
Hevilift	Virgin Australia

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ATTACHMENT B

Stakeholder participation consultation dates (Brisbane SODPROPS 7 Knot Tailwind All Phases Safety Case: Engagement period January to April 2022)

Stakeholder	Date consulted
Alliance Airlines	8 February 2022
Air New Zealand	8 February 2022
Air Niugini	17 February 2022
Air Vanuatu	10 February 2022
AusALPA ¹	8 February 2022 15 February 2022
Cathay Pacific	10 February 2022
Corporate Air	7 February 2022
RAAF ²	11 February 2022
Emirates	8 February 2022
EVA Air	8 February 2022
IATA ³	10 February 2022
Lifeflight	8 February 2022
Malaysian Airlines	10 February 2022
Nauru Airlines	9 February 2022
Pel Air	17 February 2022
Qantas	7 February 2022
Qatar Airways	14 February 2022
QGAir ⁴	9 February 2022
RFDS ⁵	7 February 2022
Regional Express	7 February 2022
Skytrans	17 February 2022
Singapore Airlines	8 February 2022
Virgin Australia	14 February 2022

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