

Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2021 - 2022

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Committee Question Number: 2

Departmental Question Number: SQ21-000809

Division/Agency Name: Domestic Aviation and Reform Division

Hansard Reference: : Written (01 November 2021)

Topic: Brisbane Airport Post Implementation Review Advisory Forum advertisement

Senator Carol Brown asked:

Regarding the attached advertisement, which appeared in the Courier Mail on Saturday, 16 October, 2021, can you please advise:

- Who approved the placement of this advertisement?
- Is it standard practise to place an advertisement of this nature in the public notices? Has one ever been placed in a more prominent position within a newspaper?
- Is this the standard size and placement for advertisements placed by the Department?
- Can you provide the Committee with examples, including size and placement details of similar advertisement placed by the Department?
- What else did the Department do to alert the community to the call for submissions?
- How many responses did the Department receive directly in response to the advertisement?
- Has the Department received any feedback on the placement of this advertisement? If so, how many and what was the nature of the feedback?

Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications provides secretariat support functions to the independent Brisbane Airport Post Implementation Review Advisory Forum (Forum).

At the Forum's request, a public notice calling for submissions on the Airservices Australia Post Implementation Review of Brisbane airspace changes was placed in the Courier Mail on Saturday 16 October 2021. The placement of the notice was in line with the Courier Mail's public notice process. The public notice was not an advertisement by the Department.

Concurrently with the placement of the public notice, the Forum wrote to Federal Members of Parliament in electorates impacted by Brisbane airspace operations and all Senators for Queensland advising of the Forum's call for submissions, plus notified the community representatives of the existing Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group of its invitation for submissions.

Subsequent advertisements were placed in the Courier Mail and local community newspapers inviting submissions, including advice that the date for submissions had been extended.

The Forum has received well over 200 submissions to date but does not collect information on whether submissions are in response to any particular communication.

The Secretariat has not received any feedback on placement of the public notice.