

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Topic: Extension of the Sunsetting Instrument – Disallowable Regulation

Senator Matthew Canavan asked:

Senator CANAVAN: This particular sunsetting clause is in regulation, is it? It's in a legislative instrument?

Ms Werner: The sunsetting applies to all of the regulations after 10 years.

Senator CANAVAN: My point is that you don't need to come to the parliament, presumably, to extend the sunset period.

Ms Werner: Sorry, no.

Senator CANAVAN: You can change it through a—

Ms Werner: That would be a legislative instrument.

Senator CANAVAN: Yes, so another regulation can change it. Is that a disallowable regulation?

Ms Werner: Excellent question, Senator. I wouldn't want to mislead you; I don't know.

Ms Purvis-Smith: We'll take that on notice for you.

Senator CANAVAN: Take that on notice.

Senator MCKENZIE: Can you do that in the next 15 days, before we get back to a sitting week, please.

Senator CANAVAN: You could possibly do it while we're here.

Ms Werner: I was thinking we can probably do that pretty quickly.

Senator MCKENZIE: Possibly someone could check before 11 whether that's disallowable.

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
- Sydney Airport Compliance Scheme 2012

These legislative instruments were due to sunset on 1 April 2024. 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 to 1 April 2026.

The certificate is a legislative instrument and is subject to disallowance.