

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Estimates 2023 - 2024**

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

**Committee Question Number: 128**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ24-000242**

**Division/Agency Name: Agency - Airservices Australia**

**Hansard Reference: Written (22 February 2024)**

**Topic: AIRSERVICES - Community Engagement**

**Senator Bridget McKenzie asked:**

1. Can you provide a list of all 2023-24 engagement projects or programs you have ongoing?
2. When was your last community pop up event? Where was it?
3. How does Airservices compare value for money on time performance?
4. How much of the annual budget is on stakeholder engagement?

**Answer:**

1. 2023-24 Engagement Projects in progress as at 29 February 2024:
  - Flight Path Changes:
    - Noise Action Plan for Brisbane;
    - Western Sydney International Airport - supporting Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts;
    - Melbourne Aircraft Continuous Descent Operations (CDO) Trial;
    - Gold Coast Airport Noise Monitoring Review;
    - Sunshine Coast Airport Airspace Changes Post Implementation Review;
    - Hobart Community and Industry Suggested Alternatives;
    - Port Lincoln Airport - New Arrivals Approach to Runway 01; and
    - Increased Surveillance Services for 4 Towers – Hobart, Launceston, Mackay and Rockhampton.
  - National PFAS Management Program (landholder engagement):
    - Rockhampton Detailed Site Investigation (DSI)
    - Gold Coast DSI;
    - Launceston DSI;
    - Melbourne DSI;
    - Hobart DSI; and
    - Canberra DSI.
2. Most recent community event was on 20 January 2024: Western Sydney International Airport drop-in session at Arncliffe
3. The Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE) reports the on time performance of major domestic airlines each month. Airservices also reports this data in its *Australian Aviation Network Overview* reports. On time performance may be

affected by a range of factors including weather, airlines, airports, and air navigation service providers.

4. The 2023-24 Airservices Community Engagement business unit budget is \$3,330,260 inclusive of resourcing, advertising and venue hire.  
Larger programs also include community engagement budget (inclusive of resourcing, advertising and venue hire):
  - Noise Action Plan for Brisbane: \$1,850,000;
  - Western Sydney International Airport: \$1,100,000; and
  - National PFAS Management Plan: \$497,000.