

**Question on notice no. 118**

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,  
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**Senator Janet Rice:** asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 6 April 2021—

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**Answer —**

Answer attached.

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**Answer:**

Under the Aviation Safety Advisory Panel (ASAP) Terms of Reference (TOR), ASAP members are required to represent the interests of the aviation industry, rather than the specific interests of a particular employer or industry body. Nominations for membership are sought in order to establish the widest possible industry representation and expertise. The TOR provides the composition and terms of appointment for the ASAP.

Industry is well represented on the ASAP, current members have expertise in various fields including high capacity air transport, regional aviation, charter, flight training, recreational aviation, aerial work, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, and engineering and airworthiness. There are no ‘pilot organisations’ represented on the ASAP. However, seven members hold pilot licence qualifications and some members of the active Technical Working Groups (TWG) are from pilot associations.

As part of its remit, the ASAP establishes TWGs to draw on wider industry expertise to support its work and provide specialist advice. Since its establishment in 2017, the ASAP has appointed over 190 members from industry, including numerous pilots, to one or more of 24 discrete TWGs.