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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio**

Senator Larissa Waters: asked the Airservices Australia on 14 April 2022—

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Answer —

Answer attached.

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Answer:

Trax International (Trax) was engaged by Airservices in December 2021 to provide an independent assessment of the Brisbane New Parallel Runway Post Implementation Review (PIR). Airservices has committed to examining all operationally safe and feasible opportunities which provide an overall net benefit and are supported by the community and stakeholders. The Trax Interim Report and the Airservices Implementation Approach can be accessed at: www.airservicesaustralia.com/airservices-releases-trax-interim-report/.

The design of Brisbane airspace was undertaken between 2007-2019 and based on pre-pandemic air traffic forecasts. The operation of Brisbane Airport and its airspace has been significantly impacted by the effects of COVID-19 resulting in unexpected traffic patterns, aircraft types and noise impacts. Airservices is currently undertaking the PIR to identify improvement opportunities subject to community and industry consultation. Airservices is also progressing a range of near-term improvement opportunities, including nine identified in the Trax Interim Report.

The implementation of changes will be funded as part of regular operating budget and no fixed budget has been allocated. The timeframe will be determined following the receipt of the final report from Trax and engagement with community, industry and government stakeholders on the feasibility of implementing options identified within the report.