

Question on notice no. 185

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2023-24 Budget estimates

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

Senator Dean Smith: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 23 May 2023—

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Mr Walker: Effectively, yes. It is one system in terms of our record management as an IT system.

Senator DEAN SMITH: With date, day, person and operator?

Mr Walker: Correct. Right down to the storage of documents in terms of the some of the documents we would require to assess an application. It could include their flight operations manual. It could include their safety systems manuals. It could include areas such as fatigue et cetera.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Great. On notice for the period 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, can you provide me with information about the presence of CASA officials and as much detail? I am someone who is very happy operating in the detail. I want detailed information about the regulation service interaction and surveillance activities of those officials on those particular days?

Mr Walker: Certainly. I might need to qualify it somewhat. Not all regulatory services require physical participation at location. Generally, though, we could provide you with information on the nature of the regulatory services and the locations and the way those occurred.

Senator DEAN SMITH: It would identify whether it was done remotely or on premise physically?

Mr Walker: Generally, yes.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Great. Thank you very much.

Answer —

Please find answer attached.

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Answer:

Summary of information 2018 – 2022 – AMO/AOC/OC/FTO

- 34 Authorisation Holder (AH) organisations are located in the Northern part of West Australia between Carnarvon and Kununurra and some of them hold multiple authorisations.
- These Authorisation Holders are broken down as follows:
 - 11 Aircraft Maintenance Organisations (AMO)
 - 48 Air Operators holding a combination of Part 119 Air Operator Certificate (AOC), Part 138 Operator Certificate (OC) and Part 141 Flight Training Organisation (FTO)
 - 1 standalone Flight Training Organisation (141)

Number of surveillance activities

- A total of 86 surveillance events were conducted between 2018 and 2022.
- The 86 surveillance events were broken down as follows:
- A total of 55 surveillance events were conducted onsite, the remaining 31 were desktop events

Frequency of surveillance activities

- **Surveillance Activity considerations**

The frequency of surveillance activities conducted on Authorisation Holders is dependent on a range of factors such as:

 - Size of the organisation
 - Complexity of operations
 - Level of Activity
 - Previous surveillance history
 - Number of regulatory service interactions in a defined period
 - Number of unsafe behaviour and low flying reports received by CASA via the reporting system
 - Number of accidents and incidents reported to the ATSB
 - Number of airspace/aerodrome incidents reported via the Corporate Integrated Reporting and Risk Information system (CIRRIS).

Number of Regulatory Services

- A total of 296 Regulatory Service activities were provided between 2018 and 2022.
- The 296 Regulatory Service events were broken down as follows:
 - 228 – Simple Examples include – renewal of a certificate with no changes.
 - 54 – Standard Examples include – A significant change (dependent on the complexity of the change)
 - 14 - Complex - Examples include – A new permission.

A total of 41 Regulatory Services were conducted onsite.

Summary of information 2018 – 2022 – Aerodromes/ RPAS

- In addition to Authorised Maintenance Organisation (AMO), Air Operator Certificate (AOC), Operator Certificate (OC), Flight Training Organisation (FTO) there are 53 Aerodrome and Remote Piloted Aerial System (RPAS) Authorisation Holders located in the Northern part of West Australia between Carnarvon and Kununurra.
- These Authorisation Holders are broken down as follows:
 - 39 Aerodromes
 - 14 RPAS

Number of surveillance activities

- A total of 50 surveillance events were conducted between 2018 and 2022.
- The 50 surveillance events were broken down as follows:
 - 42 - Level 1 surveillance events – onsite
 - 0 - Level 2 surveillance events – onsite
 - 8 - level 2 surveillance events – desktop

A total of 42 surveillance events were conducted onsite.

Number of Regulatory Services

- A total of 112 Regulatory Service events were conducted between 2018 and 2022.

Aerodromes

- 81 - Simple
- 20 – Standard
- 11 - Complex

RPAS

- 17 - Simple
- 31 – Standard
- 0 - Complex

A total of 8 Regulatory Services were conducted onsite.