

Question on notice no. 186

Portfolio question number: SQ23-003778

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—

Senator DEAN SMITH: Great. I want to turn specifically to Robinson R44 Raven helicopters. How many Robinson R44 helicopters are registered in Australia at the present time?

Ms Spence: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Are you sure you don't have it there?

Ms Spence: I'm positive I don't have that in my pack.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Would you like to take an estimate? Is it 100 or 200?

Ms Spence: I would give you an accurate answer. We will certainly take it on notice.

Senator DEAN SMITH: You are welcome to give me an answer and correct the record. You are the director of aviation safety.

Ms Spence: Yes. I don't have the number of R44 helicopters operating in Australia. I can certainly get that for you on notice.

Senator DEAN SMITH: Perhaps while we're having this discussion-

Ms Spence: If any of my team behind me know what the answer is, I will certainly jump in and let you know.

Senator DEAN SMITH: I am also interested to know where they are located. Can someone give me a figure? Are they located in Northern Australia? Are they located in Perth or Melbourne et cetera? I would be very interested in-

Ms Spence: We will give you as much information as we can. I don't know if we would have that breakdown for you. Whatever level of detail we can provide you with, we certainly will.

Answer —

Please find answer attached.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: Agency - Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Hansard Reference: Spoken (23 May 2023)

Topic: CASA - Number and location of registered Robinson R44 Helicopters

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Answer:

As of 9 June 2023, there were a total of 631 Robinson R44 helicopters on the Australian Civil Aircraft register. This includes all models of the R44.

The table below indicates the location of the registered operator by state. This may not always reflect where the helicopter is operated.

State of registered operator	R44/R44II
ACT	5
NSW	116
NT	75
QLD	253
SA	24
TAS	8
VIC	75
WA	75
Total	631