

**Question on notice no. 273**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005096**

**2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates**

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

**Senator Bridget McKenzie:** asked the Airservices Australia on 2 November 2023—

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

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**Topic: AIRSERVICES - Protocols around distance of aircraft taking off over/near major hazard facilities**

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**Answer:**

There are no safety hazards resulting from current or proposed procedures, which are consistent with the International Civil Aviation Organization's *Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) – Aircraft Operations – Volume II – Construction of Visual and Instrument Flight Procedures (Document 8168)* which includes obstacle clearance requirements.