

**Question on notice no. 277**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005105**

**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 - Changes to Mode 9 implementation**

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**Answer:**

Options for the operation of Mode 9 are under consideration through the Long Term Operating Plan Implementation and Monitoring Committee. These options remain under consideration and will be subject to safety, environmental assessment and consultation requirements.

If changes are proposed they will be consulted through the Sydney Airport Community Forum which is the main body for consultation on the Long Term Operating Plan for Sydney Airport. Targeted consultation would also be undertaken with affected communities identified through an environmental impacts assessment and social impact analysis.