Question on notice no. 132

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## 2023-24 Additional estimates

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

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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**Departmental Question Number:** SQ24-000237

Division/Agency Name: Agency - Airservices Australia

Hansard Reference: Written (22 February 2024)

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#### Answer:

- 1. Following is the list for implementing Continuous Descent Operations (CDO) in the order of priority:
  - a. Melbourne
  - b. Sydney
  - c. Perth
  - d. Brisbane
- 2. The initial plan to implement CDO, is for 4 high-density airports listed below. Based on the outcome of the trials on these initial 4 airports, expansion of the CDO will be considered for other airports.
  - a. Melbourne trials commenced in December 2022, with a plan to transition into routine operations in Quarter two (Q2) 2024;
  - Sydney (only specific to arrivals from oceanic) trials planned to commence in Q4-2024;
  - c. Perth trials planned to commence in Q4-2024; and
  - d. Brisbane (specific to arrivals from oceanic) trials planned to commence in 2025.
- 3. Complexity of the airspace (e.g. current airspace design, special use airspace, flight paths, volume/ mixture of traffic etc.) can constrain CDO's implementation.
- 4. Please see response to question 2b.