

Question on notice no. 147

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2023-24 Additional estimates

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

Senator Gerard Rennick: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 22 February 2024—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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Hansard Reference: Written (22 February 2024)

Topic: CASA - Lowering of medical requirements for pilots

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Answer:

As noted in the policy documents referenced in the question, the Class 5 medical self-declaration aims to ensure that safety risks are managed through operational limitations, medical limitations, and self-declared medical assurances.

It is one of a number of classes of medical approvals available to pilots, and aligns with the type of flying activity they are involved in.