

**Question on notice no. 37**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-000035**

**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

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Estimates 2023 - 2024**

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

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**Departmental Question Number: SQ24-000035**

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

**Hansard Reference: Spoken, Page No. 64 (12 February 2024)**

**Topic: Airservices - Air Traffic Controller Numbers in the last five financial years**

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**Answer:**

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs)

	2019*	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*
Total FTE**	970	985	944	925	948

\* As at 31 December

\*\*Total includes ATCs who hold a licence, who are operational or have the ability to return to operational rosters. This includes ATCs seconded to other roles, long-term sick leave or long service leave etc.