

**Question on notice no. 64**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-000068**

**2023-24 Additional estimates**

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

**Senator the Hon. Matthew Canavan:** asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 12 February 2024—

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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: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform**

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**Topic: Extension of the Sunsetting Instrument – Advice to Stakeholders**

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**Answer:**

There are three legislative instruments under the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*:

- Sydney Airport Demand Management Regulations 1998;
- Sydney Airport Slot Management Scheme 2013; and
- Sydney Airport Compliance Scheme 2012.

On 6 September 2023, officials from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts advised a representative of Sydney Airport Corporation Limited via telephone that the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, had requested a deferral certificate for the sunsetting of the Sydney Airport instruments.

On 15 March 2024, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General, made the Legislation (Deferral of Sunsetting—Sydney Airport Instruments) Certificate 2024, which deferred the sunsetting date of these instruments to 1 April 2026.