

Question on notice no. 137

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2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates

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

Senator Steph Hodgins-May: asked the Airservices Australia on 14 November 2024

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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Topic: AIRSERVICES - Tailwind application to CASA

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Answer:

Airservices Australia is providing support to Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) to develop an opt in trial of increased tailwind conditions at night. We understand that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has provided BAC advice that there is no regulatory approval requirement for airlines to opt into a trial of increased tailwind, and that BAC have progressed stakeholder engagement planning which includes pilot representative associations.