

Question on notice no. 171

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

Senator Bridget McKenzie: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 14 November 2024—

- (1.Can the Department confirm that there have been no changes to the draft noise mitigation policy from the draft EIS?
- 2.How many residences will be obtaining noise mitigation treatments for their homes?
- 3.Why has the Department not made changes to provide noise treatments to other residences that are outside the ANEC 20 zone but could still potentially have the same amount of noise from aircraft affect them, when more than half of the submissions received by the Department related to aircraft noise impacts?
- 4.How many submissions did the Department receive about noise mitigation as part of the EIS process?
- 5.Does the Department feel that releasing a draft EIS over Christmas and giving only three months for consultation, was enough time for Western Sydney communities such as Penrith and St Clair who had not previously been severely impacted by the EIS 2016, to understand complex information and present a submission to the Department?