

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Question: **SR-8**
Topic: **Changes to international capacity at Australian airports**
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Senator Ronaldson asked:—I would like to go back to the 1 January 2008 and 1 January 2009 time frame. Have other aviation ports around Australia had reduced international aviation capacity as well? Can you tell us which ports and what is the reduction? You can take that on notice.

Ms Cox—I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

According to data sourced from Airport Coordination Australia, Cairns Airport is the only Australian airport expected to experience a reduction in international seat capacity, with a 40 per cent projected decline for the year ended October 2009 compared to the year ended October 2008. According to industry information provided in November 2008, total international seat capacity across all Australian airports is expected to increase by 10 per cent over the same period. Data from Airport Coordination Australia is based on actual flights operated as well as airline filings of their future intentions, and is subject to change.