

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question: AAA 01

Division/Agency: Aviation and Airports

Topic: East-West Runway Closure at Sydney Airport

Hansard Page: 52 (19/02/08)

Senator Hutchins asked:

Senator HUTCHINS—So this advice is available to the Committee? Clearly, this is written advice?

Mr Mrdak—The advice I provided to the former Minister?

Senator HUTCHINS—Yes.

Mr Mrdak—I would have to take that on notice. It has not been the practice in the past to provide such advice to the Committee. It is advice that the Department has provided to the Minister.

Answer:

The Department confirms the answer given by Mr Mrdak. It is not the practice to disclose advice provided to the Minister.

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Senator Hutchins asked:

Senator HUTCHINS—What about advice provided to the Department by these agencies?

Mr Mrdak—I can certainly take that on notice. We certainly were provided with concept diagrams and the like on 6 September.

Senator HUTCHINS—I think we would be interested in having a look at all of that.

Answer:

The document provided by Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd to the Department is attached as requested.

[AAA 02 attachment]

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Question: AAA 03

Division/Agency: Aviation and Airports

Topic: Sydney Airport Curfew

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Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—At the last Estimates you provided this Committee with information about curfew breaches at Sydney Airport. Can we get an update on previously supplied documents, probably for the last six months or so?

Mr Mrdak—Certainly.

Answer:

In the past 6 months (1 September 2007 to 29 February 2008) there have been 53 applications for curfew dispensation under the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*. Of these applications, 28 were granted and 25 were rejected.

Section 20(4) of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* requires that a report on any dispensations granted must be tabled in Parliament. Information on dispensations authorised and the other information sought is available from the Tabling Office.

Commencing 2008, these tabling reports are also publicly-available on the Department's website at:

https://secure.dotars.gov.au/webforms/infopages/CurfewDispensationsReports_2008.htm