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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Heffernan

**AMENDMENT TO HANSARD
BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – 23 MAY 2005**

I would like to request an amendment to page 109 of the Hansard transcript from the Budget Estimates hearings held on Monday 23 May 2005.

In response to Senator O'Brien's question, Mr Mrdak provided the following response:

"In terms of the operations of the airport in particular? The regulatory standards which determine whether a rescue and firefighting service is required on site are set at a certain number of aircraft movements. I do not think that is driven by an operational risk assessment per se. It is a standard regulatory parameter I think of the order of 350,000 per annum. That is domestic"

It would be appreciated if Mr Mrdak's response could be amended as follows:

"In terms of the operations of the airport in particular? Government policy requires rescue and firefighting services to be provided at airports once a certain number of passenger movements is reached. I do not think that it is driven by an operational risk assessment per se. It is Government policy that such services are to be provided at domestic airports with a throughput of more than 350,000 passengers in the previous financial year. That is domestic"

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely

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