

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2009  
**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government**

**Question No.:** AAA 01

**Division/Agency:** Aviation & Airports  
**Topic:** Canberra Airport Master Plan  
**Hansard Page:** 112-113 (20/10/09)

**Senator Nash asked:**

**Senator NASH**—How many submissions were made in relation to the draft 2009 plan?

**Ms Gosling**—I do not have that information here. I will attempt to get it, if I can, to give to you shortly.

**Senator NASH**—Okay.

**Ms Gosling**—I would be guessing, from memory, how many there were.

**Senator NASH**—If you have officials here that might be able to find that for us during the course of the evening, that would be really useful. If not, take it on notice. Perhaps they could also break it up into how many of those submissions were in support of the plan and how many were not in support of the plan.

**Mr Doherty**—I am not sure that we can give you that information, because these submissions are made to the airport, commenting on aspects of the draft plan as it is published for consultation. The nature of the submissions is likely to be that it will focus on a specific element and indicate that the person submitting would like that to change.

**Senator NASH**—All right.

**Mr Doherty**—They would not normally make a comment necessarily on the whole of the plan.

**Senator NASH**—Comment about the plan in general? All right. As far as is practical, if there is a certain element of the plan being discussed that they are either supportive of or not, that would obviously fit with the overall plan.

**Mr Doherty**—Certainly. We may be able to identify the main areas where the comments went.

**Senator NASH**—That is fine. I understand it might be difficult.

**Answer:**

A total of 233 submissions were received. As part of the Master Plan process, Canberra Airport posted all submissions on its website where the authors had given permission to do so.

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**Division/Agency:** Aviation & Airports  
**Topic:** Canberra Airport Master Plan  
**Hansard Page:** 114 (20/10/09)

**Senator Nash asked:**

**Senator NASH**—Thank you very much, Chair. In relation to those six movements, I understand there are three planes in and out over the three hours.

**Mr Doherty**—Do not hold me directly to three planes. It was a matter of a handful of planes.

**Senator NASH**—Yes, but I think you said six movements.

**Mr Doherty**—I thought it might be slightly more than that in their longer term strategy. I think they were initially starting off with something like two to three aircraft but notionally moving to five reasonably quickly.

**Senator NASH**—Would you like to perhaps take on notice just to confirm those figures for us?

**Mr Doherty**—Yes, certainly. That will be in the document.

**Answer:**

The Canberra Airport 2009 Master Plan indicates that the initial stage of the freight hub, if it is developed, is proposed to operate with one to three aircraft per night growing to five aircraft within two to three years of commencement.

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**Question No.:** AAA 03

**Division/Agency:** Aviation & Airports  
**Topic:** Canberra Airport Master Plan  
**Hansard Page:** 115 (20/10/09)

**Senator Nash asked:**

**Senator NASH**—That is true. I understand that. Obviously, when you were looking at this master plan you must have had a look at the areas that, in your view, would be affected or not at all affected in terms of disturbing households. Can you provide for the committee any information on your deliberations on which households would not be affected to any degree by the noise? Surely you would have had to have taken that into account before you made the decision.

**Mr Doherty**—To put it around the other way, we can provide I think from the plan an indication of the areas where it shows that noise is forecast.

**Answer:**

All relevant details are contained in the Canberra Airport Master plan, which can be found on the Canberra Airport website.

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**Question No.:** AAA 04

**Division/Agency:** Aviation & Airports

**Topic:** Costs of Developing the Aviation White Paper

**Hansard Page:** 117 (20/10/09)

**Senator Macdonald asked:**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—On notice, perhaps, could you give me some idea of the costs of developing that white paper?

**Mr Doherty**—I can. The departmental cost has been absorbed within the cost of the division. We have a team dedicated to working on the white paper. During the process we have commissioned a number of consultancies—this is going through the green paper process last year and the white paper. The total cost of those was something less than a million dollars—\$700,000, I think, from memory.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—Would it be easy enough just to give us that on notice?

**Mr Doherty**—We can provide that.

**Answer:**

The cost and details of external consulting and contracting services for the Aviation White Paper are provided on the AusTender website.

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**Question No.:** AAA 05

**Division/Agency:** Aviation & Airports

**Topic:** Remote Aerodrome Safety Program – List of unsuccessful applicants

**Hansard Page:** 119 (20/10/09)

**Senator Macdonald asked:**

**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—If I were not feeling so generous or happy we would perhaps argue that further. Let me ask this, finally: is it possible to get a list of all those who applied for funding under this program, and also a list of which ones actually received the funding?

**Mr Borthwick**—The list of successful applicants is on our website and we are happy to provide that to you. All the unsuccessful ones were individually advised by the department, including a reason why they were not eligible for funding. We are happy to provide that as well.

**Senator Conroy**—We might take that one on notice, about whether or not we supply the ones that were not. In the past we have sought the advice of the unsuccessful tenderers about whether or not they would like their names released publicly. So we might just take that on notice and come back to you on that.

**Answer:**

A list of successful applicants can be found on the Department's website.

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**Question No.:** AAA 06

**Division/Agency:** Aviation and Airports

**Topic:** Aircraft Noise Insulation Program at Perth

**Hansard Page/s:** Written Question

**Senator Back asked:**

- 1 Provide detail on whether the Government has / is considering introducing a Airport Noise Insulation Scheme for Perth, similar to the programs operated in Adelaide and Sydney?
- 2 Provide reasons why
- 3 If not, why?
- 4 What is the noise requirement in order to qualify for this scheme in Adelaide and Sydney?
- 5 What noise levels are being reported in all suburbs surrounding Perth Airport?

**Answer:**

See pages 206-216 of the Aviation White Paper.

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**Question No.:** AAA 07

**Division/Agency:** Aviation and Airports  
**Topic:** ACCC Airport Price Monitoring  
**Hansard Page/s:** Written Question

**Senator Nash asked:**

Does the Department believe that the current monitoring of airport services by the ACCC is sufficient to promote competition and the efficiency of Australia's airline industry?

**Answer:**

See pages 174-184 of the Aviation White Paper.

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**Question No.:** AAA 08

**Division/Agency:** Aviation and Airports

**Topic:** Status of Aviation White Paper and Costs of developing the White Paper

**Hansard Page/s:** Written Question

**Senator Nash asked:**

- 1 What is the status of the airport white paper?
- 2 What have been the costs of developing this paper?

**Answer:**

- 1 The Aviation White Paper was released on 16 December 2009.
- 2 Information on consultancies is available on the AusTender website.