

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
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**Question no.:** 238

**Program:**

**Division/Agency:** Australian Transport Safety Bureau

**Topic:** Safety Related Incidents

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**Senator Fawcett asked:**

**Senator FAWCETT:** I am happy to put this on notice: in the period since last estimates, how many safety related incidents have there been that ATSB has investigated? As a subset of that, how many, if any, relate to a pilot who had a colour vision deficiency?

**Mr Dolan:** I am not aware, but I think we can safely say that we have not investigated anything that relates to an occurrence notified to us relating to a colour vision deficiency.

**Senator FAWCETT:** That does not surprise me, but if you could still come back to me with a number that would be great, thank you.

**Mr Dolan:** We will confirm that on notice.

**Answer:**

The ATSB has initiated 59 investigations of safety incidents and accidents since the last Senate Estimates.

None of these 59 relate to a pilot who had a colour vision deficiency.

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**Topic: Canadian TSB**

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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

1. Does the ATSB have a date for the Canadian TSB to complete and table its report?
  - a. At what stage is the investigation?
  - b. Has a draft report been completed?
2. In response to a question I placed on notice last estimates (Q. 258), the ATSB provided a list of documents that it had given the TSB. Is this a complete list of all documents provided?
  - a. Has the TSB requested any further information since?
  - b. The response to this question states that the TSB obtained a copy of this committee's inquiry into the Pel-Air incident 'of its own initiative'. Did this occur before or after the ATSB provided documents?
  - c. Why didn't the ATSB provide the committee report?
3. In response to a line of questioning from Senator Fawcett in February estimates this year, Mr Dolan stated that three incidents were referred to the TSB as part of its review – the Pel-Air incident, the Canley Vale incident, and the winching accident at Bridal Veil Falls. Why was no documentation relating to the last two incidents included on the list you provided to me on notice?
  - a. What documentation relating to these incidents has been provided to the TSB? When did this occur?
  - b. Why wasn't this information included in the response to my question on notice?

**Answer:**

1. The Canadian TSB has advised the ATSB that they expect to release the final report by 1 December 2014.
- 1a. The ATSB has been advised that the report is currently undergoing the TSB's standard final editorial and language translation processes.
- 1b. Yes.
2. No – the ATSB subsequently provided a copy of an ATSB internal audit report on investigation risk management that was undertaken as part of the ATSB's internal audit program.
- 2a. The TSB subsequently sought and was provided with copies of earlier versions of some ATSB Safety Investigation Quality System (SIQS) material, and a copy of the MoU between the ATSB and CASA that was current at the time of the Norfolk Island accident. .
- 2b. On 23 August 2013, the TSB provided the ATSB with a list of documents with which they wished to become familiar prior to the TSB review team travelling to Australia. This included the Senate inquiry report. The TSB specifically noted that they did not require the ATSB to provide copies of documents that were publicly available and which they could source themselves (which included the Senate inquiry report).
- 2c. See answer to 2b.
3. The TSB was provided full and unfettered access to the ATSB's Safety Investigation Information Management System (SIIMS) records for all three accidents. The response to Q. 258 included that the TSB was provided with 'ATSB Safety Investigation Information Management System access'.
- 3a. Ongoing access to the relevant SIIMS records was provided to the TSB from the time they attended the ATSB's offices on 21 October 2013.
- 3b. See answer to 3.