

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
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**Question no.: 121**

**Program:** N/A

**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport Security

**Topic:** Security contractors to Hobart Airport

**Proof Hansard Page:** 108 (19 October 2015)

**Senator Heffernan, Bill asked:**

**CHAIR:** Who are the security contractors to Hobart airport? I hope it is not Sydney Night Patrol.

**Ms Wimmer:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

MSS Security and Tas Security Services are contracted to provide security services at Hobart Airport.

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**Program:** N/A

**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport Security

**Topic:** Withdrawal of AFP resources from Hobart Airport

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**Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:**

**Senator GALLACHER:** What day did the AFP vacate Hobart?

**Mr Wilson:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The AFP has advised that they withdrew from Hobart Airport on 21 October 2014.

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**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport Security

**Topic:** Airport Security Audits

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**Senator Gallacher, Alex asked:**

**Senator GALLACHER:** So in amongst all of these audits you have done, have you done one in Hobart since then?

**Ms Wimmer:** I would have to take that on notice.

**Senator GALLACHER:** and your evidence is that you do not know whether you have done an audit of that yet. However, you do continual audits.

**Ms Wimmer:** We do continual audits around the country.

**Mr Wilson:** We took on notice the audit process around Hobart. We will come back to you with details on that.

**Answer:**

An audit was conducted at Hobart Airport on 27 May 2015.

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**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport Security

**Topic:** Aviation Identity Security Cards and Aviation Identification

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**Senator Williams, John asked:**

At the May estimates I raised the anomaly between the ASIC and AVID cards and the situation where some people with access behind security and on the tarmac and around aircraft have different cards and pay different fees for different periods. Mr. Mrdak said at the Estimates “I think you have raised a number of anomalies that are worth considering, particularly around the cost and time period...”.

Has the Department gone back and to have a look at the anomalies to determine why there is a discrepancy?

**Answer:**

No. The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has not looked at perceived anomalies of the Aviation Security Identity Card (ASIC) and Aviation Identification (AVID) schemes.

The ASIC and AVID schemes have different purposes and security applications. Consequently, each scheme has a different fee structure, depth of background check and is valid for a different period of time.

All persons operating in secure areas of security controlled airports must have an ASIC. This requirement includes pilots who fly in or out of security controlled airports.

The AVID is only available to pilots operating between non-security controlled airports. The AVID is pilot specific and not available to other on-airport operators such as truck drivers.