

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2007

Transport and Regional Services

Question: ATSB 01

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Novice Driver Programme

Hansard Page: 37 (15/02/07)

Senator Nash asked:

Senator NASH—Where are the trials going to be held?

Mr Motha—The trials will be held in New South Wales and Victoria.

Senator NASH—Are there no plans yet for where?

Mr Motha—At this stage it will be in metropolitan Melbourne and Sydney as well as possibly some regional centres.

Senator NASH—When you say ‘possibly regional centres’ when will that decision be made?

Mr Motha—It will be made very shortly. The programme management tender also has to be awarded. Part of that tender will be to determine where the sampling will take place.

Senator NASH—When that is available, could the Committee be provided with where those regional centres will be?

Mr Motha—Yes.

Answer:

Participants for the Novice Driver Programme Trial will be recruited in metropolitan Sydney and Melbourne and in some regional areas in NSW and Victoria. The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and VicRoads are currently considering the regional areas to be chosen for recruitment, but a decision has not yet been made. The Committee **will be provided** with further details when they are available.

Supplementary response received 11/10/2007:

For the Novice Driver Programme Trial, it is expected that recruitment and programme delivery for NSW will be in metropolitan Sydney and in Newcastle, Wollongong and the Central Coast; and for Victoria, in metropolitan Melbourne and in Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong. However, depending on overall recruitment requirements, extensions of the Trial locations may be considered later.

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2007

Transport and Regional Services

Question: ATSB 02

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: Factors in Aviation Incident

Hansard Page: 42 (15/02/07)

Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—So what work do you do? Have you looked at statistical issues like age of aircraft or level of pilot experience—factors such as those?

Mr Bills—Yes, we have. In terms of age of aircraft, we put out a report extremely recently, as in 6 February this year, entitled *How old is too old? The Impact of Ageing Aircraft on Aviation Safety*. In part, that was sparked by a question you asked almost two years ago. It has taken a while to pull some of the research together. That is quite a useful report in terms of aircraft in the Australian fleet. We also have various reports on human factors, including a recent one that compares our experience with the United States using its data and our data. It is reasonably comparable, as you would expect. There is also a number of other research reports that we could refer you to if you were interested.

Senator O'BRIEN—Thanks for that.

Answer:

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has published a range of aviation safety research reports since 2003. Aviation safety research and analysis reports published by the ATSB from 2003 to 2007 are attached.

[ATSB 02 - attachment]