

Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport

Inquiry into the current state of Australia's general aviation industry,
with particular reference to aviation in rural, regional and remote Australia

ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION ON NOTICE

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

IQ21-000160

Division/Agency: DIV - International Aviation Technology and Services

Topic: CASA – Affidavit provided to Mr Monahan

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Susan McDonald asked:

Ms Spence: If it's helpful we'll provide to the committee the affidavit that was provided to Mr Monahan to [inaudible] those court proceedings [...]

Ms Spence: I'm very happy provide the affidavit, which does [inaudible] which the decision was made to progress with the instrument. I don't agree with the suggestion that there was no analysis that there be a risk assessment taken or the safety basis on which the [inaudible] was made, but I think the simpler thing is that we provide you with the affidavit and you can see the evidence that we used to come to the position that we did, and then we would be very, very happy to answer any further questions in response to that.

CHAIR: The Senate committee has been asking for that for, I think, two years. [inaudible] It's very late. I understand that the [inaudible] might have been asking for you to be subpoenaed personally for not providing data, with an evidence subpoena.

Ms Spence: I think we're just trying to get to the bottom of that. That's that Campbelltown case that was mentioned previously. We're trying to understand what the basis [inaudible]. The only time that's been raised with me previously was that we couldn't get to the bottom of how they [inaudible] that comment. But I am following up on that.

Answer:

The affidavits made by Mr Monahan are included in CASA's second supplementary submission to the Inquiry provided on 6 January 2022.