

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Additional Estimates 2023 - 2024**

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

**Committee Question Number: 147**

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**Division/Agency Name: Agency - Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

**Hansard Reference: Written (22 February 2024)**

**Topic: CASA - Lowering of medical requirements for pilots**

**Senator Gerard Rennick asked:**

Why is CASA lowering the medical requirement for pilots by allowing them not to get a medical certificate? [Class 5 medical self-declaration - \(PP 2302FS\) - Civil Aviation Safety Authority - Citizen Space \(casa.gov.au\)](#) – “The proposed policy will allow private pilots to self-assess and self-declare without requiring a medical assessment if they meet fitness and eligibility requirements, complete and pass an online test and operate in accordance with specified operational limitations.”

**Answer:**

As noted in the policy documents referenced in the question, the Class 5 medical self-declaration aims to ensure that safety risks are managed through operational limitations, medical limitations, and self-declared medical assurances.

It is one of a number of classes of medical approvals available to pilots, and aligns with the type of flying activity they are involved in.