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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio**

Senator Glenn Sterle: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 23 March 2021

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Answer —

Answer attached.

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1. Is it correct we don't have standardised training?
2. Why do we not?
3. Do you think we should?
4. What impact would it have on aviation safety if a standardised program were introduced?

Answer:

1. The Certificate IV in Aviation (Flight Operations Supervision) and Certificate III in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service) are recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework, which is administered by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment.
2. There are defined qualifications within the Australian Qualifications Framework, however these qualifications are not being delivered by any registered training organisations at present. CASA understands there has been no demand for these specific qualifications.
3. CASA regulates aviation safety and can advise that new flight operations regulations will commence from December 2021. These include requirements for air transport operators to incorporate information into their manuals about how they achieve and maintain competency for all their personnel (through training and assessment procedures), including those personnel involved in operational control duties (such as flight dispatch).
4. Certificate III in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service) and Certificate IV in Aviation (Flight Operations Supervision) are standardised programs of study which are fit for purpose.