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

Senator Larissa Waters: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 14 April 2022

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Answer —

Answer attached.

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Answer:

Under subregulation 11 (1) of the Airspace Regulations 2007, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) may, in writing, designate air routes and airways in Australian-administered airspace.

On 30 May 2013, CASA ceased designating air routes and airways, as Australian air routes are better described in Airservices Australia's *Designated Airspace Handbook*. CASA did not designate any air route or airways as a result of the Brisbane Airspace Change Proposals (ACP) that were approved on 31 October 2018 and 26 August 2019.