

**Question on notice no. 272**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005095**

**2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates**

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

**Senator Bridget McKenzie:** asked the Airservices Australia on 2 November 2023—

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

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**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Division/Agency Name:** Agency - Airservices Australia

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**Topic:** AIRSERVICES - Environmental change assessment and social and noise impact analysis for new SID for runway 16L

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**Answer:**

The new Standard Instrument Departure (SID) is being introduced for positive safety assurance. Under Airservices National Operating Standard 2.100 - *Environmental Management of Changes to Aircraft Operations* social impact analysis requirements were not triggered for the implementation of this SID, due largely to it being located over water. In accordance with the Community Engagement Framework, environmental assessment information was provided to the community via *Engage Airservices* including a fact sheet documenting the change proposal, its location, suburbs overflown, altitude and forecast noise levels.