

Question on notice no. 273

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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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: Agency - Airservices Australia

Hansard Reference: Written (02 November 2023)

Topic: AIRSERVICES - Protocols around distance of aircraft taking off over/near major hazard facilities

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Answer:

There are no safety hazards resulting from current or proposed procedures, which are consistent with the International Civil Aviation Organization's *Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) – Aircraft Operations – Volume II – Construction of Visual and Instrument Flight Procedures (Document 8168)* which includes obstacle clearance requirements.