

Question on notice no. 275

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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

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Division/Agency Name: Agency - Airservices Australia

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Topic: AIRSERVICES - Possible renaming of existing flight/noise corridors associated with noise abatement for runway 16L

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Answer:

The noise abatement procedures labelled flight Corridor E and flight Corridor G have been in place since 1998. Flight corridor E in the noise abatement procedure has some overlap with Flight Corridor G in the illustration of runway modes, Flight Corridor G in the noise abatement procedure has some overlap with Flight Corridor J illustration of runway modes.

The noise abatement procedures illustrate the spread of aircraft movements within a flight corridor. While there is some overlap with the illustration of flight corridors in the Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP), those corridors illustrated in the LTOP operating mode diagram are narrower than how aircraft operate as noted in Committee Question Number 232 (SQ23-003497) from the 2022-23 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing.