

**Question on notice no. 283**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005136**

**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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2. And what is the explanation for Airservices Australia's gold record for flights impacted at Albury Airport with 783 flights impacted?

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Committee Question Number: 283**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ23-005136**

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

**Hansard Reference: Written (02 November 2023)**

**Topic: AIRSERVICES - Flight cancellations out of regional Airports**

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**Answer:**

These flights are the number estimated to have occurred during periods when the air traffic services delivered varied from published levels. All of the flights referenced for Ballina, Alice Springs and Albury were able to take off and land safely, and were managed in accordance with appropriate levels of safety assurance as is standard practice in Australia and internationally.