

Question on notice no. 61

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

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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Topic: CASA - List of airstrips in the Torres Strait

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Answer:

The operator providing services in the Torres Strait that had identified an issue with meeting regulatory requirements initially indicated that there were up to 8 aerodromes potentially impacted.

Following discussions with the operator, CASA subsequently only received applications to vary the approvals for 3 aerodromes in the Torres Strait, and those applications have been approved for:

- Murray (Mer) Island (YMAE)
- Mabuiag Island (YMAA)
- Darnley Island (YDNI).

No applications have been received for other airstrips in the Torres Strait.