

**Question on notice no. 131**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-000238**

**2023-24 Additional 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 22 February 2024—

(1. Please provide a list of dates and times of weather events where the crosswind limit was reached and required the closure of the north/south runways for the past two years.

2. Please provide the number of services that were impacted by each event.

3. Please provide the maximum crosswind speed that was reached for each event and the number of hours/minutes that the speed was under 25 knots.

**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Committee Question Number: 131**

**Departmental Question Number: SQ24-000238**

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

**Hansard Reference: Written (22 February 2024)**

**Topic: AIRSERVICES - Crosswind limits at Sydney Airport**

**Senator Bridget McKenzie asked:**

1. Please provide a list of dates and times of weather events where the crosswind limit was reached and required the closure of the north/south runways for the past two years.
2. Please provide the number of services that were impacted by each event.
3. Please provide the maximum crosswind speed that was reached for each event and the number of hours/minutes that the speed was under 25 knots.

**Answer:**

- 1.- 2. Cross wind events have not closed the north/south runway in the past two years.
3. Airservices does not record all anemometer data, however the percentage of time between 0600 and 2300L the Meteorological Aerodrome Report exceed 20 knots of crosswind and runway 07/25 was in use was 3.5 per cent in 2022 and 2.4% in 2023. The percentage of time in between 0600 and 2300L the Meteorological Aerodrome Report exceed 25 knots of crosswind and runway 07/25 was in use was 1.8% in 2022 and 0.7% in 2023.