

Question on notice no. 145

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2023-24 Additional estimates

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

Senator Janet Rice: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 22 February 2024

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: Agency - Civil Aviation Safety Authority

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Topic: CASA - Piston engine aircraft using leaded fuel at Brisbane and Archerfield airports

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Answer:

There are no restrictions for flight over heavily populated areas of Australia for the Turbo Commander, Grand Commander AC680 and the Shrike Commander AC500S.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) does not and is not required to keep information about the movements of aircraft and their fuel type.

Leaded fuel (Avgas 100LL) is used by most piston-powered aircraft in Australia (with some exceptions). There are 12,104 piston-powered aircraft currently registered in Australia.

CASA does not have information on the activity and movements of individual aircraft.