

**Question on notice no. 41**

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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 Airservices Australia on 12 February 2024—

Senator RICE: For package 3 and package 4 to be implemented, what's the time line?

Mr Curran: Package 3 is being developed throughout this year, for implementation into next year, and package 4 can start in parallel next year but will likely continue into 2026.

Senator RICE: And will require more staff.

Mr Curran: For the training et cetera, yes. I couldn't give you an exact number at the moment, but we're anticipating that the training load for a major change would require some additional staff. It's not many staff; it's a small number of licence-rated staff in those particular roles in Brisbane.

Senator RICE: So you've got a double-whammy going on, in that you are currently short of staff, compared with where you'd like to be in Brisbane, even to conduct your operations as normal, and then you've got this additional load that's going to be required.

Mr Curran: I think that's the point that Mr Harfield was making around the change program that we have coming with Brisbane, Western Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

Senator RICE: You've said that you aren't able to say now how many extra staff, compared with what you've got at the moment, will be needed for the implementation of package 3 and package 4. Could you take that on notice.

Mr Curran: Yes.