

Question on notice no. 98

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2023-24 Additional estimates

**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 – details of the legislative instrument

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Answer:

As at 20 May 2024, a Technical Working Group comprising of industry members has been established by the Aviation Safety Advisory Panel and they have considered a draft instrument schedule to provide for two tests as options for pilots to take where they are unable to meet the prescribed clinical tests outlined in Part 67 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations sometimes referred to as 'tier 3 tests'.

This instrument will provide the greatest flexibility and choice to pilots to demonstrate that they are able to operate safely, despite not being able to pass the two clinical tests that the regulations currently prescribe. A pass in either of these additional tests will be determined as meeting the medical standard, and therefore no endorsement or restriction would be applied to a medical certificate.

The Technical Working Group met three times during March and April 2024. Public consultation was finalised in April 2024 with the intention of having the new testing available by the end of May 2024 and formally prescribed through said instrument.