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

Senator Steph Hodgins-May: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 14 November 2024—

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Answer —
Please find answer attached

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Committee Question Number: 139

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Division/Agency Name: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform

Hansard Reference: Written (14 November 2024)

Topic: Reduction in flights over Brimbank City Council

Senator Steph Hodgins-May asked:

Can it be confirmed that Off Peak Runway utilisation should see a reduction in flights over Brimbank City Council?

Answer:

The Melbourne Airport Third Runway (M3R) Major Development Plan's (MDP) conditions of approval are available at https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/airports/ministerial-decisions.

These conditions require Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne (APAM) to:
- take steps to progress the Eastern Extension Project (re-extend the east west runway); and
- develop a Noise Sharing and Airspace Concept Plan, which will require the minister's approval and enable Airservices Australia (Airservices) to undertake detailed airspace and flight path design.

The objective of these conditions is to distribute aircraft movements across the 3 runway system to facilitate effective noise sharing, where and when it is possible to do so.

Estimates for the numbers of flights over particular areas will be confirmed once Airservices completes the detailed airspace and flight path design.