

Question on notice no. 201

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

Senator Glenn Sterle: asked the Airservices Australia on 2 December 2025—

What are the number of staff that are available to work on duty the next day should someone get sick?

Answer —

Please see PDF attachment.

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Departmental Question Number: SQ25-002511

Division/Agency Name: Agency - Airservices Australia

Hansard Reference: Written (02 December 2025)

Topic: AIRSERVICES - Number of staff available to cover absences

Senator Glenn Sterle asked:

What are the number of staff that are available to work on duty the next day should someone get sick?

Answer:

Airservices Australia requires an average of 430 air traffic controllers each day to cover operational rosters. There are approximately 400 additional staff available to cover short term unplanned leave across all air traffic control groups.