

**Question on notice no. 389**

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,  
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**Senator Glenn Sterle:** asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 8 November 2019—

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**Answer —**

See attachment.

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**Answer:**

- 70. Note that not all these staff will be required to, or undertake, operational flying as part of their duties within CASA.
- The total flying currency training hours for 2018-19 was 888.98. Providing an average of these hours is not a true reflection of hours for each Flying Operations Inspector due to their varied operational requirements.
- In 2018-19, 6.3 per cent of applications were declined because the request was inconsistent with CASA's operational capability needs at that time, an insufficient level of training or currency request or not meeting procurement requirements.
- Yes, however the ICAO's requirements for Flying Operations Inspectors relate to currency in support of the taskings they accomplish rather than 'the same level held by industry'.
- Nil.