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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Whish-Wilson asked:**

Could you please detail:

- The make and model of cargo planes that are known to be able to land fully laden at Wilkins Runway?
- The make and model of cargo planes, and their country of origin, that are expected to land fully laden at Wilkins Runway?
- The make and model of cargo planes that are known not to be able to land fully laden at Wilkins Runway?

**Answer:**

- With the necessary advanced preparation the Wilkins Runway is capable of receiving any type of fully laden cargo aircraft. However no formal requests have yet been received for cargo aircraft to land at Wilkins Aerodrome.
- As no formal requests have yet been received for cargo aircraft to land at Wilkins runway, we can provide no advice as to expected type and country of origin.
- With the necessary advance preparation, the Wilkins runway could accept all known routine cargo-type aircraft, including Boeing and Airbus Freighters and any type of military heavy lift aircraft.