

**Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates May 2014  
**Infrastructure and Regional Development**

**Question no.:** 226

**Program:** n/a

**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport Security

**Topic:** Hobart Airport – Australian Federal Police

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**Senator Sterle asked:**

1. Was the Department consulted prior to the Government making this decision?
2. Was any consultation done with the Tasmanian Government before making this decision?
3. What was the rationale for making this decision?
4. Has the Department provided any advice to the Government or other Government agency on future security arrangements for Hobart Airport?
5. Could this decision jeopardise Hobart Airport getting international flights?

**Answer:**

1. The Attorney-General's Department consulted the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development about the likely security risks at Hobart International Airport on 17 March 2014.
2. This is a question for the Attorney-General's portfolio.
3. This is a question for the Attorney-General's portfolio.
4. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has been advised that the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is currently reviewing regulatory requirements at security controlled airports across Australia. This review includes an assessment of currently 'designated airports' under the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005.
5. No, the removal of the AFP presence at Hobart Airport will not impact on its current designation as a Restricted Use International Airport under the *Air Navigation Act 1920*. Applications for international services at Restricted Use International Airports will be considered by relevant regulatory authorities in accordance with established procedures.