

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Transport and Regional Services

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Consideration of Senate Budget Estimates May 2005

Question No.: AAA 01

Topic: Terms of Reference for AA Charging Regime Inquiry

Hansard Page: p. 99 (Monday, 23/5/05)

Output: Aviation and Airports

Senator Bishop asked:

—Is it not just the payment is out, back to airline companies in this particular scheme; it is the whole charging regime that Airservices Australia conduct?

Mr Mrdak—We have been asked to report back to Government in relation to the Airservices charging regime, particularly its impacts on regional public transport aviation. This is one of the issues—the continuation of the on-route subsidies—that the Government wishes to pick up in that broader charges review that it looks at in the context of the next year's Budget.

Senator O'BRIEN—Will they be looking at location-specific versus network pricing for the Airservices charges?

Mr Dolan—Not that I am aware of. It is hard to predict what sorts of comments will come in from airlines when they wish to provide comments on these things. We have not finalised the Terms of Reference at this point...Can you provide a copy of the Terms of Reference to the Committee when they are publicly-available?

Answer:

The Terms of Reference have not yet been finalised. They will be provided to the Committee as soon as they are **available**.

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Question No.: AAA 02

Topic: Noise Amelioration Programme

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Senator O'Brien asked:

What was the original time plan for the complete implementation of the Program?

Mr Dolan—The original time frame was complete implementation for Sydney in 2004-05.

Senator MARK BISHOP—And Adelaide?

Mr Dolan—Adelaide, I think, was 2005-06, but I would have to check.

Answer:

The original time frame was complete implementation for Sydney in 2004-05 and Adelaide in 2005-06.

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Question No.: AAA 03

Topic: Airport Development Applications

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Senator Bishop asked:

How many airport development applications have been received by the Minister or the Department?

Answer:

To date, 19 major development plans have been received.

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Question No.: AAA 04

Topic: Airport Development Applications

Hansard Page: p. 106 (Monday, 23/5/05)

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Senator Bishop asked:

Have any major airport development applications been rejected by the Minister?

Answer:

To date, the Minister has not rejected any major airport development applications.

Consistent with section 94 of the *Airports Act 1996*, the Minister has placed conditions on his approval of some of the major development plans.