

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates May 2006

**Transport and Regional Services**

**Question No:** OTS 01

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

**Topic:** Non-Australian Licensed Vessel Permits

**Hansard Page:** 53 (23/05/06)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Does anyone check with them to see that they are actually inquiring whether the permit states the type of cargo that was actually carried?

**Mr Tongue**—We will have to take that one on notice.

**Answer:**

Permits holders are required to provide a *Statement of Cargo Actually Carried* within 14 days of the sailing date.

The Department of Transport and Regional Services advises Customs when a vessel is issued with either a *Single or Continuing Voyage Permit* (SVP or CVP). The Master or operator of these vessels must apply to Customs for a clearance from each port in Australia whether on a direct departing voyage to a place outside Australia, or to an intermediate voyage to another port within Australia.

There is a requirement for domestic cargo to be reported to Customs via the *Integrated Cargo System* (ICS), however, the information reported through the ICS does not allow for a detailed reconciliation.

The Master of the vessel (or its agent) must produce to Customs a copy of the SVP or CVP whenever domestic cargo is to be uploaded or discharged. Customs officers examine the document to ensure that it is valid for the voyage involved.

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**Question No:** OTS 02

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

**Topic:** Unattended Baggage

**Hansard Page:** 58 (23/05/06)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—How many people have been charged for leaving baggage unattended so far?

**Mr Windeyer**—I would have to take that on notice

**Answer:**

We are unaware of any persons being charged yet.

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**Question No:** OTS 03

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

**Topic:** Unattended Baggage

**Hansard Page:** 59 (23/05/06)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—The maximum penalty of \$5,500 may apply to a person convicted of this offence. Have any penalties actually been imposed?

**Mr Windeyer**—I will have to take that on notice as well; it is obviously tied to the previous question. There have been successful prosecutions under the previous version of that regulation for other types of offence, but not for unattended baggage, obviously, prior to the amendment.

**Answer:**

Not applicable, given that we are unaware of any charges being laid.

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**Question No:** OTS 04

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

**Topic:** Regional Airport Security

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

With reference to advice at the February Estimates Hearing that 71 regional airports had received funding for security upgrades: Can full details of all regional airports that have received funding for security upgrades be provided, including the date of announcement, the quantum of funding and security-related purpose of the funding?

**Answer:**

The *Regional Airport Funding Program* (RAFP) provides assistance to regional airports to implement a range of basic security infrastructure including fencing, lighting, CCTV, alarm systems and signage.

Each airport, as part of undertaking a security risk assessment and developing a Transport Security Program, was required to identify specific enhancements to security infrastructure to assist in mitigating local risks. The security measures being undertaken by each airport are based on the size and scale of the airport and the type of aircraft that service the region.

Due to the confidentiality requirements regarding individual airport's Transport Security Programs, as set out in Part 2, Sub-part 2.06 of the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, specifications for each airport's security measures cannot be provided.

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#### Projects Announced

As at 13 June 2006, 126 approvals for funding at 114 airports have been announced, to the funding value of \$27,164,592.89.

The dates listed below are the dates the Minister for Transport and Regional Services signed a letter to notify the airport of the amount of funding to be provided.

#### NT

Bathurst Island Aerodrome	\$279,410.00		10 November 05
Elcho Island Airport	\$124,719.00		9 March 06
Garden Point Aerodrome	\$254,754.00		10 November 05
Hooker Creek Airport	\$164,433.00	(Stage 1 only)	5 March 06
Kalkurung Airport	\$265,472.00#		8 November 05
Katherine/Tindal Airport	\$94,250.01^		22 August 05
Lake Evella Airport	\$293,904.00		25 January 2006
McArthur River Mine Aerodrome	\$168,439.00		9 May 06
Maningrida Airport	\$179,601.00		5 March 06
Ramingining Airport	\$32,965.00	(Stage 1 only)	22 August 05
Ramingining Airport	\$178,574.00	(Stage 2 only)	24 October 05
Snake Bay Aerodrome	\$253,437.00		10 November 05
Tennant Creek Airport	\$485,427.13		9 December 05

#Kalkurung was originally announced as \$248,972.00. This was subsequently increased to \$265,472.00 due to an increase in the cost of implementing their approved basic security measures.

^ Katherine/Tindal Airport originally announced as \$88,513.00. This was subsequently increased to \$94,250.01 due to an increase in the cost of implementing their approved basic security measures.

#### WA

Albany Airport	\$130,644.00		12 October 05
Carnarvon Airport	\$81,070.00	(Stage 1 only)	22 August 05
Carnarvon Airport	\$93,585.00	(Stage 2 only)	28 March 06
Derby Airport	\$159,580.20		April 05
Esperance Airport	\$169,539.00		9 December 05
Fitzroy Crossing Airport	\$93,351.25	(Stage 1 only)*	May 05
Fitzroy Crossing Airport	\$222,132.00	(Stage 2 only)	8 November 05
Geraldton Airport	\$215,211.00	(Stage 1 only)**	May 05
Geraldton Airport	\$215,727.00	(Stage 2 only)	22 August 05
Halls Creek Airport	\$439,858.00		5 March 06
Jandakot Airport	\$885,741.00		12 October 05
Kalbarri Airport	\$38,880.00		12 October 05
Laverton Airport	\$171,314.00		28 March 06
Learmonth	\$155,501.00		9 May 06
Leinster Airport	\$221,457.14		10 November 05
Leonora Airport	\$161,617.00		12 October 05
Meekatharra Airport	\$66,820.00		12 October 05
Mt Magnet Airport	\$439,708.00		7 February 06
Ravensthorpe Airport	\$16,923.00	(Stage 1 only)	6 September 05
Ravensthorpe Airport	\$28,676.00	(Stage 2 only)	8 November 05
Shark Bay Airport	\$118,417.16		9 May 06

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\*The original funding amount announced in May 2005 for Fitzroy Crossing (Stage 1) of \$86,948.95 has increased to \$93,351.25 to cover an increase in the cost of materials required to implement Fitzroy Crossing's approved basic security measures.

\*\*The original funding amount announced in May 2005 for Geraldton (Stage 1) of \$210,987.00 has increased to \$215,211.00 to cover an increase in the cost of materials required to implement Geraldton's approved basic security measures.

#### NSW

Albury Airport	\$746,738.00		22 December 05
Armidale Airport	\$313,350.00		14 February 06
Bankstown Airport	\$74677.86 <sup>^</sup>		24 October 05
Bathurst Airport	\$185,871.00		12 October 05
Bourke Airport	\$56,650.00		12 October 05
Broken Hill Airport	\$50,520.00		8 November 05
Cobar Airport	\$20,495.40		12 October 05
Coonamble Airport	\$76,562.70		22 August 05
Dubbo Airport	\$15,560.00	(Stage 1 only)	22 August 05
Dubbo Airport	\$155,837.00	(Stage 2 only)	12 October 05
Dubbo Airport	\$55,282.00	(Stage 3 only)	30 March 06
Grafton Airport	\$121,058.00		5 March 06
Griffith Airport	\$27,237.00	(Stage 1 only)	June 05
Griffith Airport	\$28,281.00	(Stage 2 only)	22 August 05
Griffith Airport	\$202,441.00	(Stage 3)	25 January 06
Gunnedah Airport	\$43,901.00		24 October 05
Illawarra Airport	\$273,252.00		7 February 06
Inverell Airport	\$293,634.00		22 December 05
Kempsey Airport	\$121,631.00		9 May 06
Lightning Ridge Airport	\$77,402.00		22 December 05
Lismore Airport	\$78,730.00		14 February 06
Lord Howe Island	\$44,851.00		2 June 06
Merimbula Airport	\$859,444.30		24 October 05
Moree Airport	\$275,715.00		22 December 05
Narrabri Airport	\$205,276.00 <sup>#</sup>		12 October 05
Orange Airport	\$337,691.47	(Stage 1 only)	22 August 05
Parkes Airport	\$24,033.10		12 October 05
Port Macquarie Airport	\$343,795.00		24 October 05
Tamworth Airport	\$63,498.60	(Stage 1 only)	24 November 05
Tamworth Airport	\$328,654.00	(Stage 2 only)	23 November 05
Taree Airport	\$105,946.00		9 March 06
Walgett Airport	\$110,424.00		25 January 06
West Wyalong Airport	\$53,341.00		22 December 05

<sup>^</sup> Bankstown was originally announced as \$65,932.86. This was subsequently increased to \$74677.86 due to an increase in the cost of implementing their approved basic security measures.

<sup>#</sup> Narrabri was originally announced as \$183,854.00. This was subsequently increased to \$205,276.00 due to an increase in the cost of implementing their approved basic security measures.

#### SA

Ceduna Airport	\$292,228.00		24 October 05
Cooper Pedy Airport	\$43,485.60		6 September 05
Kingscote Airport	\$135,770.46		May 05
Mount Gambier Airport	\$444,385.10		29 June 05
Parafield Airport	\$2,065,540.00		20 February 06
Port Lincoln Airport	\$225,555.00		9 March 06
Whyalla Airport	\$239,396.27		June 05

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Olympic Dam Airport	\$707,142.86	8 November 05
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**TAS**

Cambridge Airport	\$38,911.00	12 October 05
Flinders Island Airport	\$97,729.69	29 June 05

**QLD**

Archerfield Airport	\$1,144,897.14	8 November 05
Aurukun Airport	\$107,103.00	5 March 06
Badu Island Airport	\$30,388.00	9 May 06
Bamaga Airport	\$94,050.00	14 February 06
Barcaldine Airport	\$22,990.00	5 March 06
Bedourie Airport	\$83,860.00	6 September 05
Birdsville Airport	\$209,244.00	6 September 05
Blackall Airport	\$86,790.00	6 September 05
Blackwater Airport	\$113,267.14	28 March 06
Boigu Island Airport	\$32,280.00	29 June 05
Boulia Airport	\$206,331.00	24 October 05
Bundaberg Airport	\$222,066.00	30 March 06
Burketown Airport	\$34,650.00	(Stage 1 only) 14 February 06
Burketown Airport	\$37,087.00	(Stage 2 only) 30 March 06
Charleville Airport	\$360,811.00	22 August 05
Cloncurry Airport	\$221,003.00	9 March 06
Coen Airport	\$136,221.00	24 October 05
Cooktown Airport	\$178,931.00	24 October 05
Cunnamulla Airport	\$240,222.00	3 June 06
Doomadgee Airport	\$200,853.00	9 May 06
Dunk Island Airport	\$42,978.58	24 October 05
Emerald Airport	\$288,228.00	5 March 06
Gladstone Airport	\$43,893.87#	April 05
Horn Island Airport	\$425,287.00	28 March 06
Hughenden Airport	\$68,154.00	7 February 06
Iron Range/Lockhart River Airport	\$40,253.00	22 August 05
Julia Creek Airport	\$88,064.00	22 August 05
Karumba Airport	\$91,574.00	7 February 05
Kowanyama Airport	\$107,448.00	6 September 05
Longreach Airport	\$95,003.00	9 March 06
Mabuiag Island Airport	\$52,422.00	9 May 06
Maryborough Airport	\$91,779.00	(Stage 1 only) 22 August 05
Maryborough Airport	\$289,935.00	(Stage 2 only) 8 November 05
Moranbah Airport	\$151,517.16	8 November 05
Mornington Island Airport	\$253,402.00	9 May 06
Normanton Airport	\$132,115.00	25 January 06
Edward River/Pormpuraaw Airport	\$174,322.00	5 March 06
Quilpie Airport	\$242,666.00	7 February 06
Roma Airport	\$262,902.00	30 March 06
St George Airport	\$80,850.00	5 March 06
Toowoomba Airport	\$121,502.00	6 September 05
Windorah Airport	\$183,578.00	9 May 06
Winton Airport	\$155,145.00	3 June 06
Yorke Island	\$173,619.00	30 March 06

#Gladstone Airport was originally announced as \$41,366.25. This was subsequently increased to \$43,893.87 due to an increase in the cost of implementing their approved basic security measures.

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**VIC**

Essendon Airport	\$1,911,430.70		12 October 05
Moorabbin Airport	\$663,834.00	(Stages 1 & 2)	12 October 05
Mount Hotham Airport	\$88,029.00		12 October 05
Portland Airport	\$39,953.00		9 May 06
Warrnambool Airport	\$40,441.00	(Stage 1 only)	6 September 05
Warrnambool Airport	\$38,162.00	(Stage 2 only)	30 March 06



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**Question No:** OTS 05

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

**Topic:** Rail Security

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

What action is the Department taking to address threats to the security of trains and rail tracks?

**Answer:**

The primary responsibility for surface transport security (including rail) lies with the States and Territories. Under the Inter-governmental Agreement on Surface Transport Security, the Commonwealth role is to provide strategic leadership, guidelines and coordination in agreement with States and Territories to develop a national approach to preventative surface transport security.

As part of this role, in response to the London bombings of 7 July 2005, and following the decisions of the Special Meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 27 September 2005, the Department is currently undertaking a range of activities relating to surface transport, which includes rail. These activities are an assessment of technology which can be applied to surface transport security, assistance in developing a national approach to the use of closed-circuit television in the mass passenger transport sector, and development of an integrated approach to the security of transport precincts.

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**Question No:** OTS 06

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

**Topic:** Rail Security

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

What quantum of funding will the Department spend on rail security-related programs in the 2006-07 financial year?

**Answer:**

The Department will not spend any monies directly on rail only security-related programs in 2006-07. However the Department supports and provides secretariat to a forum known as the *Trusted Information Sharing Network* (TISN). The TISN is for owners and operators of transport critical infrastructure, which includes rail, to share information on all hazards, including security issues that affect critical infrastructure.

The critical infrastructure with which the TISN is concerned are the physical facilities, supply chains, information technologies and communications networks which, if destroyed or unavailable for an extended period, could significantly affect the social or economic well-being of the nation, or affect Australia's ability to conduct national defence and ensure national security.

As outlined in Question **OTS 05**, surface transport security responsibility, including rail, lies primarily with the States and Territories. However, as part of the Government's response to the London bombings of 7 July 2005, funding has been provided for projects relating to surface transport, which includes rail. These projects were agreed at the 27 September Special Meeting of Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and include an assessment of technology which can be applied to surface transport security, assistance in developing a national approach to the use of closed-circuit television in the mass passenger transport sector, and development of an integrated approach to the security of transport precincts.

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**Question No:** OTS 07

**Division/Agency:** Office of Transport

**Topic:** Aviation Security Identification Cards

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

How many ASIC applications have been (a) lodged (b) approved (c) rejected?

**Answer:**

From 6 March 2006, the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) commenced the assessment of *Aviation Security Identification Card* (ASIC) applicants' criminal history certificates to determine an applicant's eligibility to hold an ASIC. Prior to 6 March 2006, this assessment was undertaken by 191 ASIC issuing bodies.

Between 6 March and 13 June 2006, the DOTARS' ASIC Background Checking Unit has assessed in the order of 40 000 criminal history certificates provided by the Australian Federal Police. Of these, some 39 800 have been approved, 112 have been assessed as not meeting the ASIC eligibility criteria, and 94 have been assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria for a conditional ASIC (a conditional ASIC is an ASIC issued for a period of one year).

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**Question No:** OTS 08

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

**Topic:** Aviation Security Identification Cards

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

How many ASICs have been reported (a) stolen (b) lost or (c) otherwise unaccounted for?

**Answer:**

The requested information is held by 191 ASIC issuing bodies and will be provided to the Department of Transport and Regional Services in July 2006 in accordance with annual reporting provisions in the Aviation Transport Security Regulation 2005.

**Revised answer (14/12/2006):**

Under the reporting requirements in the *Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005*, Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) issuing bodies are required to provide the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Regional Services within one month of the end of each financial year:

- The total number of ASICs issued by the body that have not expired and have not been cancelled; and
- The number of ASICs issued by the body that have expired or been cancelled but have not been returned to the body.

Results collected from the ASIC annual reporting disclose that there are 92,606 current ASICs and 1,379 ASICs that have expired or been cancelled and have not been returned.

Industry members have established practices to manage ASICs that have not been returned. These include:

- confirming the identity of the ASIC holder with the photograph on the ASIC at manned access points;
- disabling any electronic access rights that the airport may have included on the ASIC as soon as an ASIC is reported lost or stolen;
- reporting stolen ASICs to the police; and
- routinely auditing irregular card use, such as use at points that were not authorised for that holder.

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**Question No:** OTS 09

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

**Topic:** Maritime Security Identity Cards

**Hansard Page:** Written Question

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

How many MSIC applications have been (a) lodged (b) approved (c) rejected?

**Answer:**

DOTARS does not approve the issue of Maritime Security Identity Cards (MSICs). It is the role of DOTARS to determine whether the MSIC applicant has an adverse criminal record or security assessment. If the applicant has an adverse criminal record or security assessment the MSIC issuing body is directed, by DOTARS, not to issue a MSIC.

As at close of business on Thursday 8 June 2006, 4 211 MSIC applications had been lodged with the Background Checking Unit, 2 755 had been processed and none had been rejected.

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**Question No:** OTS 10

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

**Topic:** Inspector of Transport Security Legislation

**Hansard Page:** 52 (23/05/06)

**Senator O'Brien asked:**

**Senator O'BRIEN**—You still have no legislation. Drafting instructions were issued before Christmas. Where are we up to?

**Mr Tongue**—I am hopeful that we will be able to take a revised consultation draft out to particularly States, Territories and industry through June with the hope that, subject to the various legislative processes, we can introduce it in the Spring Sitings.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—You have a draft?

**Mr Tongue**—Yes.

**Senator O'BRIEN**—Can the Committee see a copy of the draft [Inspector of Transport Security Bill]?

**Mr Tongue**—I do not know what the usual processes are, but there is no difficulty in doing that.

**Answer:**

Committee members were provided with an exposure draft of the Bill on 5 September 2006.

The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on Wednesday 18 October 2006.

A copy of the Bill as introduced has been provided to the Committee.