

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Transport and Regional Services

Question: ATSB 01

Division/Agency: Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Topic: ATSB Aviation Investigation Reports

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Senator O'Brien asked:

Senator O'BRIEN—Which reports are due for release shortly?

Mr Bills—I will ask Mr Walsh to consult his list and take you through that.

Senator O'BRIEN—Can you advise which of the ongoing reports are due to be completed shortly?

Mr Bills—By 30 June?

Senator O'BRIEN—By 30 June, yes.

Mr Bills—It will vary a little bit at the margins because sometimes we are guessing what level of comment we get back from directly involved parties as to whether we will release it publicly. We will have our best guess.

Mr Walsh—This is predicated on one receiving timely DIP comments and also, as Mr Bills mentioned, the nature of those comments. We had an accident near Tamworth in March 2005: a Foxtrot India November involving a Cessna 310 that I would anticipate will go out before June.

Mr Bills—Before 1 July.

Mr Walsh—Sorry, before 1 July.

Mr Bills—If you prefer we could take it on notice. It may be more efficient for you and put less pressure on Mr Walsh.

Mr Walsh—There is roughly a dozen that I am hoping will go out between now and the end of June. I can quite happily provide those details.

Answer:

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau released 19 final aviation investigation reports between the May 21 Senate Estimates Hearings and 1 July 2007. These reports are listed in the **attachment**.

[ATSB 01 attachment]