

Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

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Senator Rex Patrick asked:

Senator PATRICK: Is there any possibility that you could give, on notice, the GA statistics that you have for the last, say, four or five years—just the total number of movements?

Mr Harfield: We can provide you a breakdown of movements. We would classify general aviation as aircraft maximum take-off weight below 5,700 kilograms, as a general rule. We can provide that data.

Senator PATRICK: And obviously it would be a commercial pilot if it's GA—as opposed to a private pilot, which is not necessarily my concern here.

Mr Harfield: No, no; it would be anything that is 5,700 kilograms or less.

Senator PATRICK: What I'm trying to do is understand the total number of movements over the last five years, and perhaps also by state as well if that's possible.

Mr Harfield: We can give it by location.

Senator PATRICK: Okay. That would be helpful, on notice

Answer:

Attachment A lists General Aviation movements for the 5 financial years to June 2021. The data includes:

- flights marked with 'G' (General Aviation) in the Flight Plan, operated by aircraft with a maximum take-off weight below 5,700kg
- flights by fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters
- flights operated by commercial, private, and recreational pilots and may include training flights.

The data is for flights managed by Airservices Australia, either through an air traffic control tower during opening hours or through the filing of a flight plan at non-controlled airports (i.e. without an air traffic control tower). Actual General Aviation movements at non-controlled airports may therefore be higher.

A movement is defined as either a take-off or full-stop landing. Touch-and-go movements during circuit training operations are recorded as only one full-stop landing.

Attachment

- Attachment A – General Aviation movements over 5 years by state and financial year

Attachment A

General Aviation movements over 5 years by state and financial year

State	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total (5 years)
QLD	310,871	303,493	284,923	261,197	277,349	1,437,833
NSW	287,678	296,549	291,560	263,190	256,648	1,395,625
VIC	201,074	211,839	206,538	200,197	160,347	979,995
WA	165,870	144,976	149,354	152,364	152,231	764,795
SA	116,829	113,425	119,576	128,249	99,389	577,468
NT	65,451	66,358	63,718	54,052	65,534	315,113
TAS	22,728	23,318	29,945	28,654	32,851	137,496
ACT	12,171	11,017	13,394	13,386	12,116	62,084
N/A*	4,398	4,194	4,925	1,495	299	15,311
Total	1,187,070	1,175,169	1,163,933	1,102,784	1,056,764	5,686,977

* Flights to or from locations without an International Civil Aviation Organization designator (such as private grass strips) and not specified in Airservices' database.