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2025-26 Additional estimates

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Portfolio**

Senator Steph Hodgins-May: asked the Airservices Australia on 18 February 2026

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Context:

AirServices' 2025 SODPROPS target was 5.3% (Minister King directive) , but actual usage was 2.57%.

1. AirServices achieved only 2.57% SODPROPS usage in 2025 (vs. 5.3% target; revised Senate prediction 3.2%) . How often was SODPROPS unavailable due to Air Traffic Controller shortages?
2. What is AirServices' expected SODPROPS usage target for 2026? Why does the Department and AirServices claim SODPROPS is a viable ongoing noise reduction strategy?