

Question on notice no. 114

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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 the Hon. Matthew Canavan: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts on 19 February 2026—

(1. Minister King issued a directive to Airservices Australia to prioritise the use of Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Runway Operations (SODPROPS) to reduce aircraft noise over populated areas in Brisbane with effect from 1 December 2024. What involvement has the Department had in engaging with Airservices Australia to ensure it is meeting the requirements of this directive?

2. Does the Department or the Minister meet regularly with Airservices Australia?

a. If not, why not?

b. If yes, please provide details of dates, locations and attendees of all meetings between 1 December 2024 and 31 January 2026.

3. Has the Department or the Minister requested an update from Airservices Australia about the implementation of its Noise Action Plan for Brisbane?

a. If not, why not?

b. If yes, please provide details of dates and format of these requests, including copies of responses received in writing.

4. Has the Department or the Minister specifically requested details from Airservices Australia about the usage of SODPROPS and the voluntary tailwind measure in Brisbane?

a. If not, why not?

b. If yes, please provide details of dates and format of these requests, including copies of responses received in writing.

5. Does the Department respond to written noise complaints?

a. If not, why not?

b. If yes, how many complaints have been received in the past 12 months to end January 2026

i. Provide details broken down by location (suburb) - daily, weekly and monthly for that period.

c. How long does it take on average to reply to these complaints?

6. Has the Department or the Minister met with community representatives impacted by aircraft noise in Brisbane?

a. If not, why not?

b.If yes, provide dates, locations and list of attendees for all meetings between 1 December 2024 and 31 January 2026.

7.Has the Department prepared a Government response to the RRAT References Committee inquiry into the Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise which was tabled on 27 November 2024?

a.If not, why not?

b.If yes, what is the current status of that response?

i.When is it expected to be released?