

AIR SERVICES — REGIONS

**987. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the announcement on 15 August 2023 of the awarding of exclusive rights to operate air services on select regulated regional Western Australian routes.

- (1) How many compliant tenders were received by the Western Australian government in response to the open tender process for the following regulated routes —
  - (a) Albany, Esperance, Carnarvon and Monkey Mia; and
  - (b) Mt Magnet, Meekatharra, Wiluna, Laverton and Leonora in the northern goldfields?
- (2) What regulatory or contractual actions are available to the minister in the event of any contractual breaches by operators on the regulated air routes?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) (a)–(b) The level of interest in the routes varied; either one or two submissions were received for each route.
- (2) The deed of agreement with the airlines operating on these routes allows the Department of Transport to discharge the deed in some circumstances that relate to commonwealth licensing requirements, solvency, the performance of services and other circumstances.