

AIR SERVICES — REGIONS

1114. 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) What type of aircraft will be utilised on the following regulated routes —
 - (a) Perth to Albany, Esperance, Carnarvon and Monkey Mia; and
 - (b) Perth to Mt Magnet, Meekatharra, Wiluna, Laverton and Leonora?
- (2) Has approval been obtained from each airport owner for the respective aircraft proposed to be used?
- (3) If no to (2), can the minister please list those for which approval has not been obtained?
- (4) If no to (2), was approval a condition of the tender process; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) (a) The routes from Perth to Albany, Esperance and Carnarvon will utilise Saab 340B, Saab 340B Plus, Saab 340B Plus WT and De Havilland Dash 8–402. The route from Perth to Monkey Mia will utilise Saab 340B, Saab 340B Plus and Saab 340B Plus WT.
 - (b) Those routes will utilise De Havilland Dash 8–100 and De Havilland Dash 8–300.
- (2)–(4) The airlines are responsible for engaging with, and seeking approval from, the relevant airport owner.