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Dear Dr Nelson

Thank you for your letter of 11 June 1999 in which you conveyed to me the resolutions of the 19<sup>th</sup> SACF Meeting. My comments on the resolutions are set out below.

Airservices Australia publishes every month the 'Sydney Airport Operational Statistics' which specifically compare the actual vs target percentages for the north, east, south and west. I am informed that the 'Sydney Airport Operational Statistics' are sent to all SACF Members on a regular basis and are also available on the Airservices website. In order to address the concerns raised I will place a reference to the 'Sydney Airport Operational Statistics' on the front page of the fortnightly Briefing Notes in the future to assist members of the public in locating more detailed information on Sydney operations than provided in the Briefing Notes.

Management of the detailed implementation of the LTOP is a matter for Airservices Australia, consistent with the Direction given by the then Minister for Transport and Regional Development in July 1997. I understand that Airservices has committed itself to providing an implementation plan for the LTOP measures that have not yet been implemented.

I share SACF's views on the importance of adequate community consultation and environmental assessment prior to the introduction of any new modes at Sydney Airport including the proposed Mode 6A. The Government remains fully committed to the principles underlying LTOP including flight path non-reciprocity whenever practicable.

I am pleased to inform the Forum that the *Air Navigation (Fuel Spillage) Regulations 1999* came into force in June 1999. The maximum fine per fuel spillage incident is set at the maximum rate consistent with Commonwealth Civil Aviation Regulations.

I have noted the Forum's view on the issue of updating the list of permitted light, low noise jet aircraft permitted to use Sydney Airport during curfew under Section 15 of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995*. I will consider the applications for additions to the list as well as the removal from the list of aircraft types that are no longer used. I will keep the Forum informed about relevant future developments on this issue.

Thank you for informing me on the key issues discussed by the Forum.

Yours sincerely

<p><b>Signed by Minister</b> <b>19 July 1999</b></p>
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JOHN ANDERSON