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Dear Senator Payne

Thank you for your letter of 2 February 2004 concerning the outcomes from the December meeting of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I note the concerns raised by members regarding the potential impact that traffic forecasts contained in the Sydney Airport Corporation Ltd's draft Master Plan may have on arrangements such as the movement cap and Long Term Operating Plan targets. As the Department advised members at the meeting, part of the rationale behind the *Airports Act 1996* requirement for Master Plans to be reviewed every 5 years is to ensure traffic forecasts are updated on a regular basis.

With regard to concerns regarding acceptances of curfew dispensation requests, I note the Department's advice to members and I understand a report outlining curfew request and acceptance statistics for the year 2003 will be tabled at the next meeting.

Thank you for advising me of the outcomes of the last SACF meeting.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Minister Anderson 26 February 2004

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