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Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
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Dear Mr Fitzgerald

Peter,

Further to my letter dated 18 November 2010 to the previous SACF Chair, I am writing to update SACF on the status of the Industry Work Group report to me on options to improve monitoring, reporting and compliance with the maximum movement limit (cap) at Sydney Airport.

The Group reported to me in March 2011 with a range of operational and administrative measures that will assist in minimising the risk of further breaches. The Group found no instances where more than 80 gate movements had been scheduled in any hour but identified options for more active operational management of the rate of runway movements against the cap.

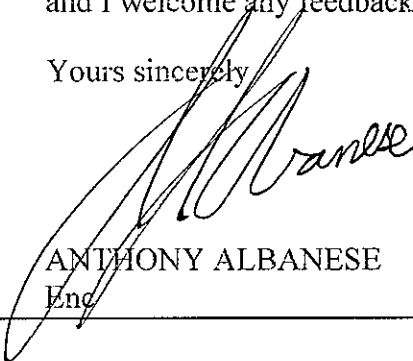
An industry group has been continuing to work with Airservices and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport on the implementation of these measures. Key measures implemented include processes for real time management of arrivals and departures against the cap and establishing a Movement Monitor to maintain a real time count of movements in each regulated hour to ensure airport operations are kept within the cap.

Since I wrote to you in November 2010 there have been more breaches of the movement cap with a total of nine occasions where the cap has been exceeded at Sydney Airport since June 2010. These breaches occurred when report measures were partially implemented. I expect now that all of the key measures in the report have been implemented that compliance with the cap will be better managed at Sydney Airport.

I have recently tabled the Airservices movement cap report for the April-June 2011 quarter in Parliament showing the latest cap breach. I enclose a copy of the Industry Working Group report.

Report findings and the effectiveness of these measures will be reviewed in early 2012 and I welcome any feedback from SACF in the review process.

Yours sincerely


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