

Question on notice no. 152

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**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio**

Senator Malcolm Roberts: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 28 February 2023—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached.

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Topic: CASA - Cloudseeding operations

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Answer:

- The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has regulatory oversight of aerial spraying under Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) 138.
- No.