

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
 Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Sydney Airport Runway Movement Cap Report for December quarter 2010

You are aware that during the September quarter of 2010, there were a number of exceedances of the aircraft movement cap at Sydney Airport.

As a result, Airservices implemented some interim procedures which came into effect from 1 November 2010 to reduce the risk of further exceedances.

Unfortunately just prior to this procedure being implemented there was a further exceedance which involved 84 movements in the 08:15 – 09:15 hour on Friday 29 October.

The airport was operating under the high capacity Mode 9 (arrivals over water from the south to Runways 34 Left and Right, departures to the north and east from Runways 34 Left and Right) as provided for by the Sydney Airport Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP).

The table below illustrates that the gate movement slot allocations did not exceed 80 either in the hour of the exceedance or in the hours either side of this period, however a large number of ‘off slot’ arrivals and departures occurred.

29 October 2010

Period	Gate Movement Slot Allocation	Actual Runway Movements
06:15am-07:15am	43	40
07:15am-08:15am	73	70
08:15am-09:15am	79	84
09:15am-10:15am	56	57
10:15am-11:15am	59	60
Total over Period	310	311

Since 1 November, when Airservices implemented the interim arrangements, there were no further incidents of exceedance in the remainder of the December quarter of 2010.

You are also aware that Airservices has been working closely with your Department, the airlines and Airports Coordination Australia to produce a proposal which we believe will fix this issue.

We expect to have this to you by the end of January

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Greg Russell
Chief Executive Officer

18 January 2011