

Minutes – Essendon Fields Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG)

Meeting held Friday 9 September 2022, at 10:30am by videoconference

Members: , Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten and Danny Pearson MP, Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Colin Fort (EAPL) represented by John Nahyna (EAPL), Cr.Narelle Sharpe.

Invited Guests: Emilie Parrott (Infrastructure), Kim Wickramariyaratne (Infrastructure), Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia), Peter Funder (Essendon Fields), Matthew Marais (Essendon Fields)

1. Welcome – Tim Gill (Chair) welcomed the committee and attendees.

Apologies:

- i. Frank Manti (Community Representative)
- ii. Christine Campbell – Air Services
- iii. Danny Pearson MP
- iv. Bill Shorten MP
- v. Colin Fort (EAPL)
- vi. Brendan Pihan (EAPL)

The Department note that Michael Joost and Darren Walker will no longer be part of the CACG. The CACG welcomes Emilie Parrott.

2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (10 June 2022)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

3. Noise

a) Airservices Update (attached)

4. Community Feedback/Concerns

No issues to report.

5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) Current movements (April to June 2022)

Refer attached summary. Marginal decrease in activity noted.

6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) EF aviation update

John Nahyna on behalf of Colin Forte outlined a detailed airfield operations update.

EAPL has recently undertaken an annual emergency procedure plan with representatives from Vic Police, SES, MVCC and Fire Services convening to work through a crash-landing scenario in preparation for such an event. The exercise was useful and another exercise is planned in 2023 which will be undertaken airside as opposed to a desktop scenario.

EAPL has been working with local developers in relation to airspace penetrations to the north-west of the airport – eg cranes and new development.

Pavement asset management. 300k has been spent addressing north-south runway works. 200k has been spent on the eastern apron slab replacement works.

The chinook firefighting aircraft will be placed on the airport this summer to deal with bushfire events.

7. Development Update (EAPL)

- a) *Bombardier Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Facility – Hangar 82*
Construction works complete.
- b) *Terminal Refurbishment Stage 2 “Bell Business Centre” – Complete*
- c) *Terminal Refurbishment Stage 3 “Bell Business Centre” – Underway.*
- d) *BVAQ Laboratory – Tenant re-engaged and design development underway.*

8. EF Master Plan and Major Development Plan (MDP) matters (EAPL)

Extension of time to lodge the Masterplan with the Department of Infrastructure approved.

EAPL targeting lodgement of the draft exposure draft Masterplan in October with the Department with a view to go out to public consultation in February 2023.

9. Department of Infrastructure Update

Kim provided an update of staffing changes at the Department which included:

- New secretary to the Department of Infrastructure- Jim Betts.
- The Department is commencing a white paper under instruction from Minister King in relation to emissions across the aviation sector.
- Will launch the Jet Zero Council – although it's still early days and membership is still being considered.
- Form a new Climate Change Unit within the Department to work across government and industry partners to identify how best the government can work with the transport sector to achieve net zero.

Meeting Closed 11:20am

**Next meeting will be held Friday 9th December 2022 @ 10:30am by videoconference / in EF Office
Chair – Frank Manti)**



TRANSPORT GROUP / AVIATION AND AIRPORTS

Essendon Fields Airport

Aircraft operations during the curfew period April-June 2022

Movement Summary

Month	Dispensations Approved	Pre-curfew Taxi Clearance	Emergency	Permitted Propeller Driven Aircraft	Permitted Helicopters
April	0	0	205	41	0
May	0	0	220	43	0
June	0	0	202	45	0
Total	0	0	627	129	0

Movements

There were a total of **756** permitted movements at Essendon Fields Airport between April and June 2022.

Dispensations

NIL.

Pre-Curfew Taxi Clearance

NIL.

Emergency Movements

627 emergency movements occurred using helicopters and propeller driven aircraft.

Other Permitted Propeller Driven Aircraft Movements

129 permitted propeller driven aircraft movements occurred.

Other Permitted Helicopter Movements

NIL.

Regulatory Action

No ongoing regulatory action.

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AIRSERVICES UPDATE

ESSENDON CACG

Christine Campbell – Unit Tower Supervisor

Timothy Gill – Community Engagement - Senior Advisor

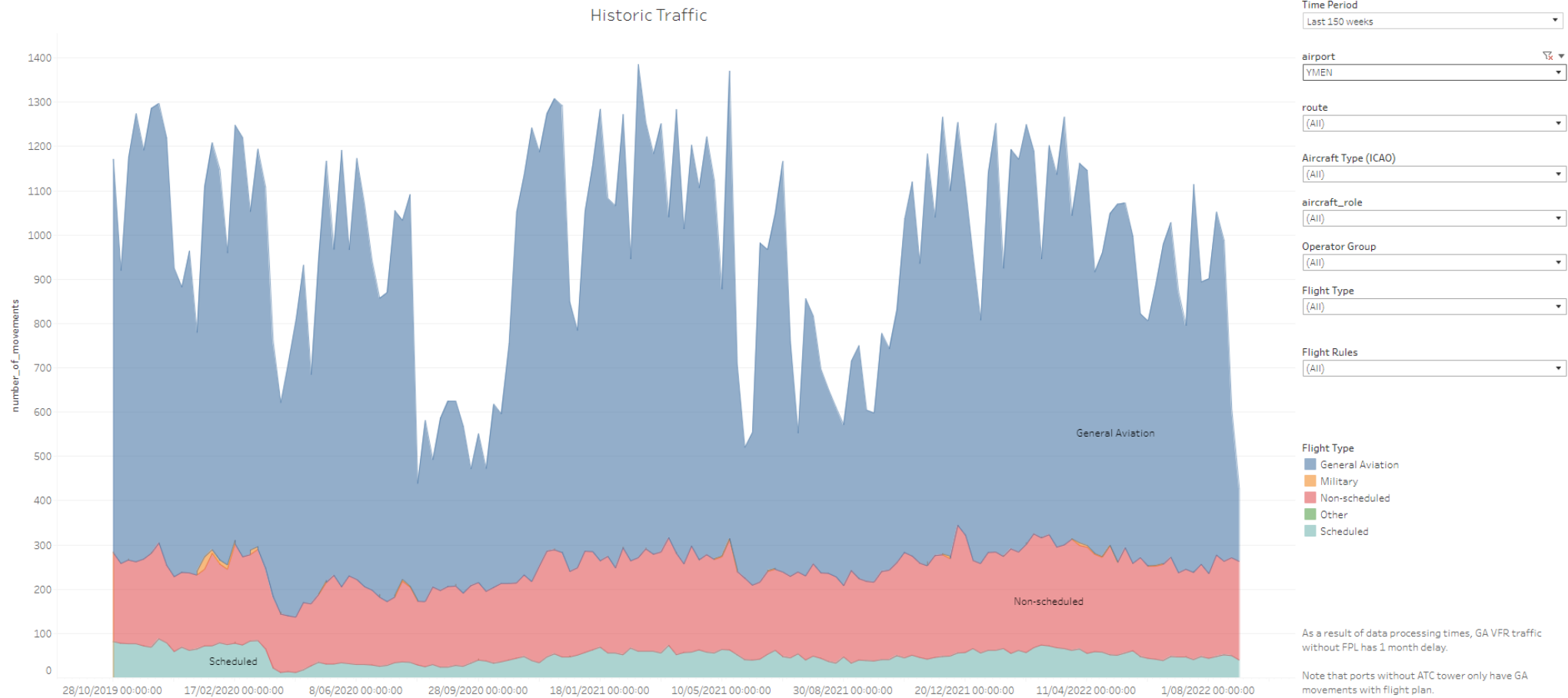
AIRSERVICES UPDATE

- Tower & Operational Update
- Noise monitors
- NCIS Update



AIR TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS (3 JAN – 2 JUN 2022)

Weekly Traffic - all GA included (incl. VFR)



NOISE MONITORS

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- Thomastown missed 16 hrs 20 May
- To see where aircraft operate and review data for the noise monitors near Melbourne Airport and Essendon Airport, visit <https://webtrak.emsbk.com/mel3>

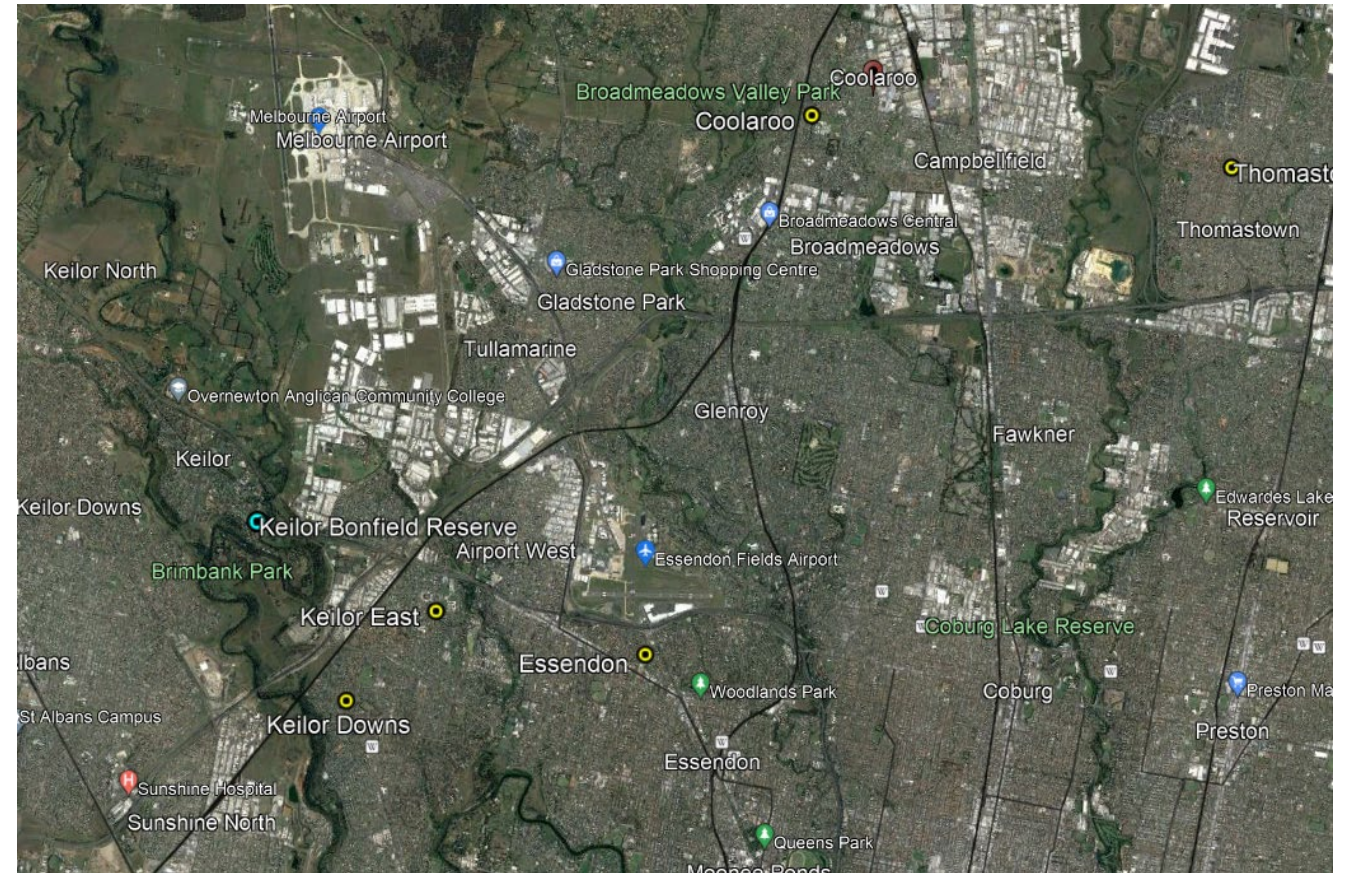


Figure 1: Noise monitoring terminals near Melbourne Airport and Essendon Airport (Yellow circles)

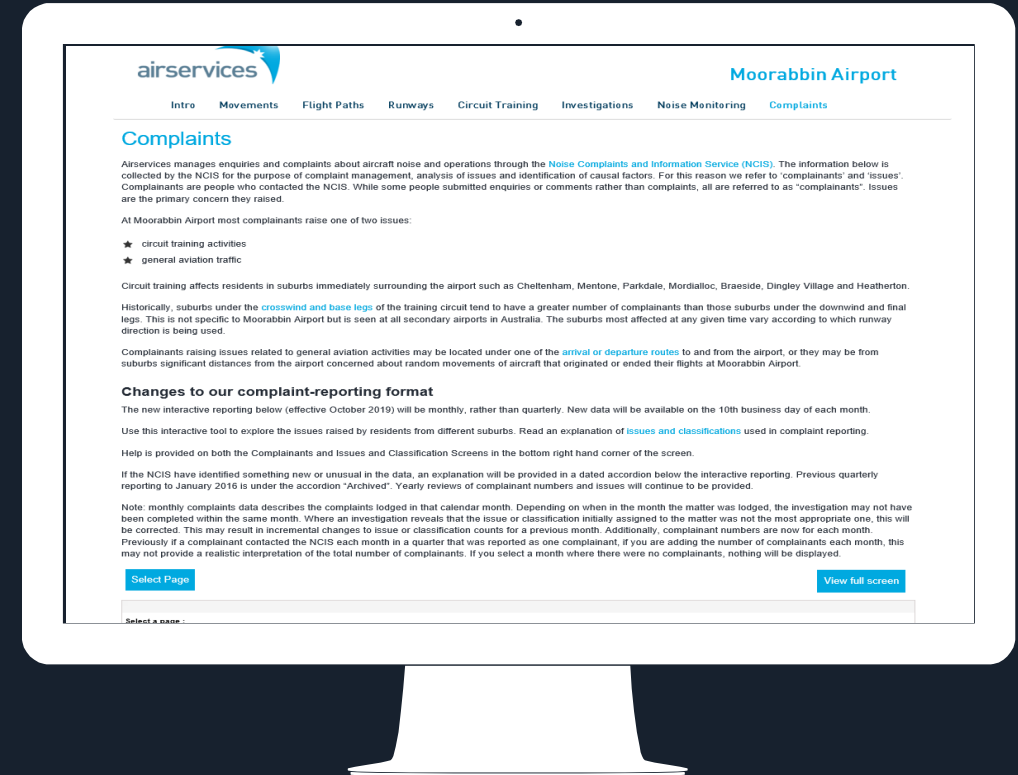
NCIS COMPLAINTS

ONLINE REPORT

- Available on our website at:

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/airports>

- Select Essendon and then select complaints



NCIS UPDATE

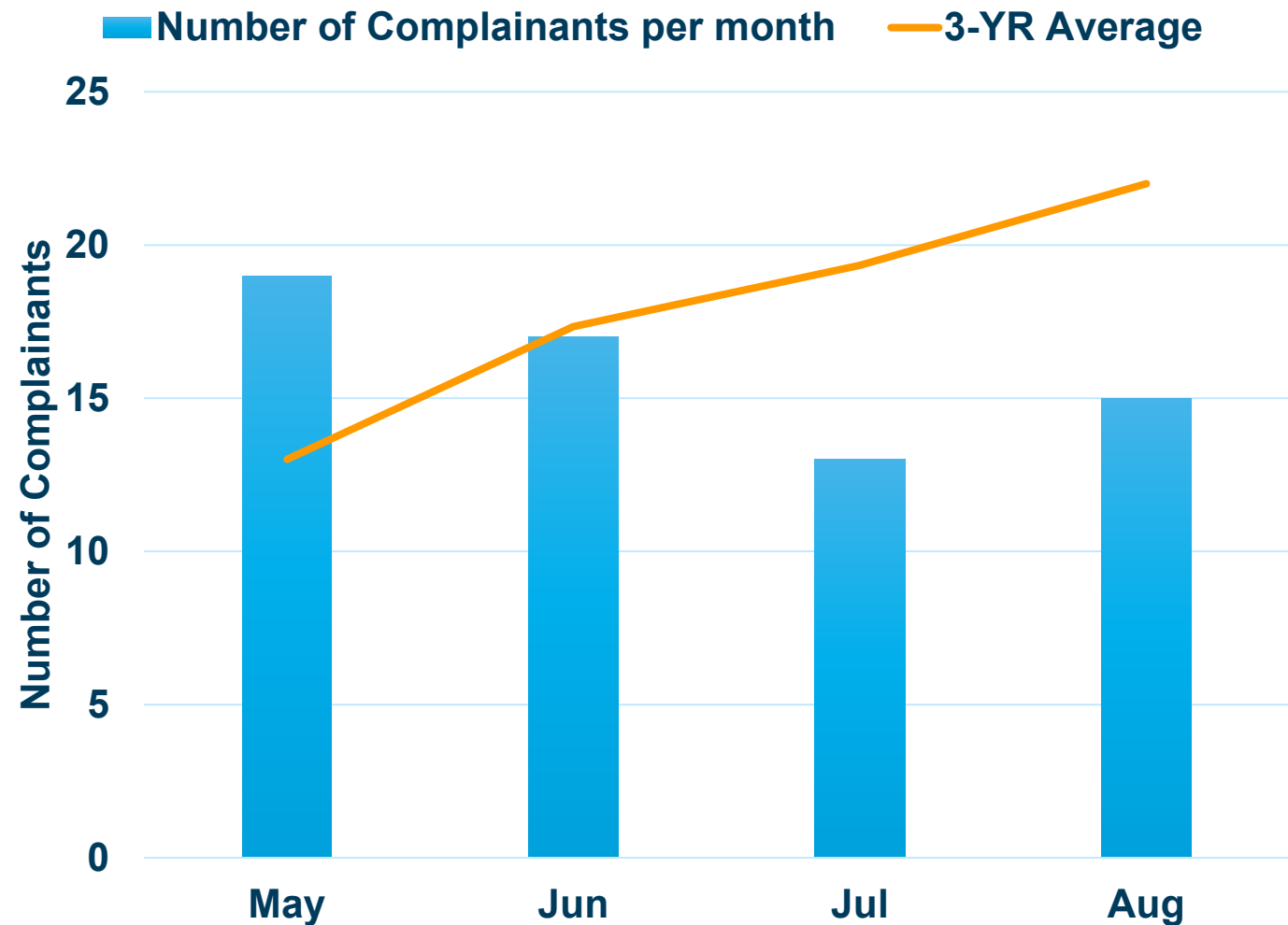
MAY TO AUGUST 2022

COMPLAINANTS

- 56 individual complainants
 - 212 contacts with NCIS
 - 43 new complainants

SUBURBS

- 47 suburbs recorded complainants
 - Reservoir – 3
 - Strathmore – 3
- 40 suburbs recorded a single complainant



NCIS UPDATE

MAY TO AUGUST 2022

ISSUES

— Night movements

- emergency services – 31

— Curfew movements

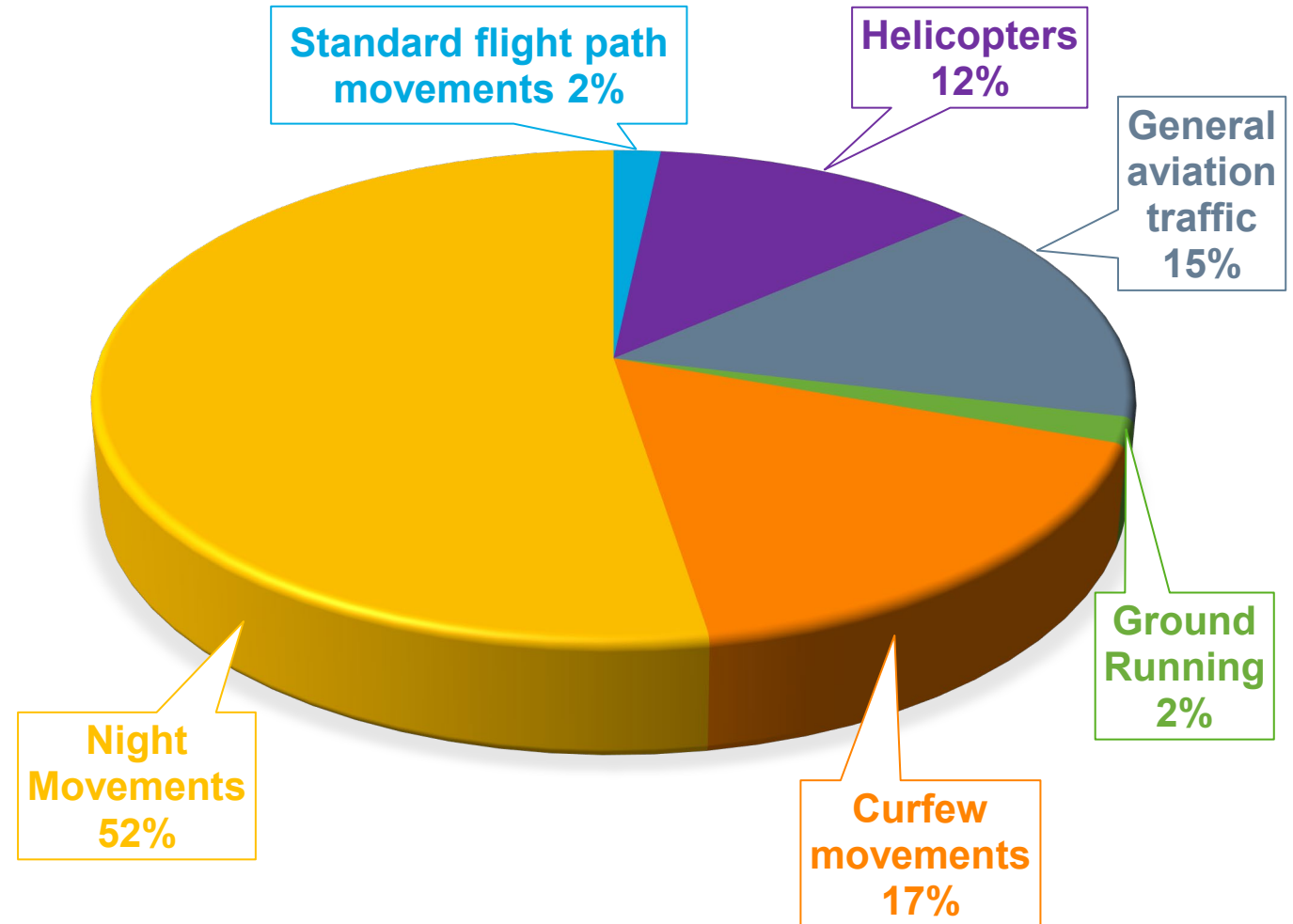
- emergency services – 5
- permitted movements – 5

— General aviation traffic

- emergency services – 3
- standard operations – 6

— Helicopters

- emergency services – 5
- standard operations – 2





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