

In regard to the supplementary question for Dubbo City Council as follows, "If a hub and spoke system was introduced between Bourke, Walgett and Dubbo, would it be feasible for the three councils involved to negotiate one passenger landing fee to improve the financial viability of the RPT provider",

I advise that the development of a single fee would not be considered feasible. In this regard when the hub and spoke system operated previously between the western ports and Dubbo, the landing fee into Dubbo was set at \$2.50. Such fee took into account the fact that the majority of passengers were en route to Sydney. Dubbo currently still provides a reduced fee in relation to these ports, for charter services operated by Airlink, a subsidiary of Rex, between the western ports and Dubbo. It would be difficult for each airport to provide the same reduced fee as Dubbo, as the other airports would have a smaller revenue base to draw from to cover the cost of running their airports. In addition given that some passengers may fly say from just Bourke to Walgett, it would also be difficult to develop an all encompassing single landing fee.