

**Question on notice no. 34**

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Defence Portfolio**

**Senator Alex Gallacher:** asked the Department of Defence on 28 February 2018—

Senator GALLACHER: What model was this plane you paid \$330 million for? What year was it?

Air Chief Marshal Binskin: I think it was only driven to Brisbane on Sundays.

Senator GALLACHER: You can get a 2012 Airbus 330 for US\$70 million.

Air Chief Marshal Binskin: With engines? We've got to be careful. I've learned with aeroplanes, you've got to be careful what you order on eBay.

Senator GALLACHER: I'm just curious.

Air Vice Marshal Roberts: I can take that on notice as to the exact year, but I think the internet search might not give you the fidelity in terms of the life of the aircraft. These were very low life aircraft, which gives us

**Answer —**

The ex-Qantas aircraft receiving the government transport and communications modification was manufactured in February 2008 and purchased in November 2015.