

Question on notice no. 147

Portfolio question number: SQ23-005334

2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates

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

Senator Bridget McKenzie: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 2 November 2023—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached.

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Answer:

Outside of the Aviation Green Paper consultation process, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has not received correspondence from regional airports seeking assistance in relation to the Regional Airport Screening Infrastructure program following operational support funding concluding in November 2023.

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