

Question on notice no. 157

Portfolio question number: SQ23-005365

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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Division/Agency Name: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform

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Topic: Moorabbin Airport - Evicted tenants

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Answer:

1. No, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is not aware of these claims.
2. The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, met with the Moorabbin Airport Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 3 November 2023.

Officials from the department delivered a presentation to the Moorabbin Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group on 22 September 2023 on a number of issues including the reasons for the Master Plan approval.