

Question on notice no. 295

Portfolio question number: SQ23-005049

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 Australian Transport Safety Bureau on 2 November 2023—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Departmental Question Number: SQ23-005049

Division/Agency Name: Agency - Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Hansard Reference: Written (02 November 2023)

Topic: ATSB - Details of Ms Bullas' appointment to Board

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Answer:

1. 6 October 2023.
2. 9 October 2023.
3. The timing of media announcements is a matter for the Minister.
4. No.