Question on notice no. 310

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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 Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 2 November 2023—

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10.For how many days was there a vacancy on the CASA Board as a result of Ms Andre's term expiring?
11.How many board meetings were held during the period Ms Andre's position was vacant?
12.Were there any issues obtaining a Quorum as a result of Ms Andre's position not being filled, or were any meetings required to be delayed?
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Answer —
Please find answer attached.

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Answer:

Ms Marilyn Andre's appointment expired on 30 June 2023 after a term of three years. Before the expiry date the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Board engaged the services of an external independent recruitment agency to identify suitable candidates. This process did not include the incumbent as she did not express interest for another term. A Board selection panel interviewed shortlisted candidates and the CASA Board Chair submitted the names of proposed members to the Minister. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts separately provided advice to the Minister. The Minister made a decision and, as per the Cabinet Handbook instructions,

sought endorsement for the new appointment from the Prime Minister. With the Australian Government's endorsement, the Minister signed the Instrument of Appointment to appoint a new CASA Board member. There were no issues of obtaining a quorum at any time.