

Question on notice no. 392

Portfolio question number: SQ23-004945

2023-24 Supplementary Budget estimates

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

Senator Malcolm Roberts: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 3
November 2023—

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2. The free lounge access was not listed on the gifts and benefits register previously (an archive of the web page from March 15 confirms this) , when was this page updated to include the lounge gifts?
3. Which board members and executives were gifted the lounge access?
4. How long have those board members and executives had access to the lounge gifts without it being declared on the register?
5. Why did CASA not write to the committee to correct their evidence?

Answer —

Please find answer attached.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Departmental Question Number: SQ23-004945

Division/Agency Name: Agency - Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Hansard Reference: Written (03 November 2023)

Topic: CASA - Information regarding gifted lounge access

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Answer:

1. Nothing was declared on the CASA gifts and benefits register as no lounge access had been provided to CASA executives or Board members as a result of their role in CASA. CASA has added to the gifts and benefits register three CASA Board members and three current CASA senior executives who had been gifted membership to the Qantas Chairman's and/or Virgin Beyond lounges, prior to their commencement with CASA.
2. 20 June 2023.
3. CASA Board members: Air Chief Marshal (Ret'd) Mark Binskin AC, Mr Michael Bridge and Ms Jackie Korhonen – all prior to their commencement with CASA.
CASA Executives: Ms Pip Spence and Ms Philippa Crome – both prior to their commencement with CASA, Mr Simon Frawley – gifted as a result of his spouse having access.
4. It was not declared on the register as it was not a gift provided as a result of their role in CASA and therefore did not require a declaration for the CASA gifts and benefits register.
5. A correction was not required. Please refer to answers 1, 3 and 4 above.