

Question on notice no. 66

Portfolio question number: SQ24-000114

2023-24 Additional estimates

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

Senator the Hon. Matthew Canavan: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 12 February 2024—

Senator CANAVAN: Section 66

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform

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Topic: Compliance Committee for Sydney Airport – advice from the Attorney-General

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Answer:

The last appointments to the Slot Compliance Committee expired in 2020. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts has not located any record indicating the department sought advice from the Attorney-General on the expiry of these appointments.