

Question on notice no. 101

Portfolio question number: SQ24-001231

2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates

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

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Topic: CASA - memberships held by head of corporate

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Answer:

The most recent offer to our head of corporate to continue the Chairman's Lounge membership was made in September 2023, which was accepted.