

**Question on notice no. 140**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-001339**

**2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates**

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

**Senator Steph Hodgins-May:** asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 14 November 2024—

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Division/Agency Name: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform**

**Hansard Reference: Written (14 November 2024)**

**Topic: Independent Community Health Study for Melbourne Airport**

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**Answer:**

Australian Pacific Airports (Melbourne) Pty Ltd (APAM) is required to engage suitably qualified expert(s) to prepare the terms of reference and to undertake an independent long-term community health study.

The independent expert(s) may consult with other parties. APAM is also to ensure consultation on the draft Terms of Reference and to provide updates on the progress of the study with the Melbourne Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group that has representation from local governments and local communities.