

**Question on notice no. 149**

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**2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates**

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

**Senator Bridget McKenzie:** 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**

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**Topic: ALC lease agreements**

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**Answer:**

1. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts ensures oversight of its federally leased airports by:
  - a. assessing draft master plan and draft major development plans against the requirements of the *Airports Act 1996* and provides advice to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government;
  - b. reviewing new building activity applications, through the Airport Building Control Regulations 1996, to ensure consistency with the in-force master plan, airport head lease and (if applicable) an approved major development plan; and
  - c. conducting lease and compliance reviews at least once every three years for each leased federal airport.
2. See response to question 1.
3. The department has visibility of processes and outcomes between Airport Lessee Companies and Airport Building Controllers through the Airport Building Control Online (ABCO) system.