

Question on notice no. 49

Portfolio question number: SQ24-001181

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 4 November 2024—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: DIV - International Aviation Technology and Services

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Topic: Meeting between the PMO and Minister King regarding Qatar Airways

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Answer:

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is not aware of any discussions between the Prime Minister's Office and Minister King's Office.