

**Question on notice no. 54**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-001187**

**2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates**

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

**Senator Dave Sharma:** 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

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

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**Answer:**

If a transition period is required it will commence after the appointment of a new slot manager.