

Question on notice no. 57

Portfolio question number: SQ24-001191

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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Senator SHARMA: To the current slot manager?

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Senator SHARMA: If you could. And with some advice on to what extent obligations exist on the current slot manager to manage conflicts of interest and where that exists. I'm curious to know whether this is a new addition to the tender documentation.

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Senator SHARMA: Thank you.

Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Division/Agency Name: DIV - Domestic Aviation and Reform

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Topic: Statement of Expectations for the Sydney Airport Slot Manager

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Answer:

In April 2024 the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, issued Airport Coordination Australia (ACA) with a statement of expectations, which includes expectations about the management of conflicts of interest.