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

Senator Bridget McKenzie: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts on 12 December 2025—

(1. The Aviation White Paper refers to the Minister issuing a Statement of Expectations to airport operators to guide conduct, governance and protection of aviation capability. Has a Statement of Expectations been formally issued to Moorabbin Airport Corporation?

(a) If yes, on what date was it issued?

(b) If not, why not?

2. Has a Statement of Expectations been issued to all federally leased airport operators?

(a) If yes, provide the dates of issue for each airport.

(b) If not, which airports have not yet received one, and why?

3. Is the Statement of Expectations publicly available?

(a) If so, where is it published?

(b) If not, why has it not been made public?

4. What legal or regulatory status does the Statement of Expectations have?

(a) Is it binding on airport leaseholders?

(b) Is compliance with it monitored by the Department?

(c) Are there any enforcement consequences for non-compliance?

5. Does the Statement of Expectations include explicit requirements in relation to:

(a) Protection of General Aviation activity

(b) Retention of aviation land and infrastructure

(c) Replacement of demolished aviation facilities

(d) Limitation of non-aviation commercial development

(e) Engagement with State and local planning authorities

6. Has the Department assessed whether the actions of Moorabbin Airport Corporation, including the demolition and non-replacement of seven aviation buildings are consistent with the Minister's Statement of Expectations?

(a) If so, provide the outcome of that assessment.

(b) If not, why has no such assessment occurred?

7. If the Statement of Expectations has not yet been issued, how is the Department currently giving effect to the Minister's commitments in the Aviation White Paper in relation to General Aviation protection and airport governance?