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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. When does the Department first become aware of development proposals at federally leased general aviation airports such as Moorabbin Airport, Archerfield etc?

- (a) At concept stage
- (b) At formal application stage
- (c) Only after Airport Building Controller approval
- (d) Only after construction commences
- (e) The Department is not routinely notified

2. Is the Department automatically notified of all development applications submitted to the Airport Building Controller for Moorabbin Airport? If not, why not?

3. What statutory role does the Department play in assessing development proposals at federally leased airports under the Airports Act 1996?

4. Does the Department independently assess whether proposed developments are consistent with:

- (a) The approved Airport Master Plan
- (b) The Airport Environment Strategy
- (c) Aviation safeguarding (OLS/PANS-OPS)
- (d) The Aviation White Paper
- (e) The intent of the airport privatisation framework

5. If the Department does not conduct these assessments, who does?