

Question on notice no. 152

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2023-24 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 2 November 2023—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached.

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Answer:

- 1 - 6. The Australian Government is considering the recommendations from the Review of the Sydney Airport Demand Management Scheme, an independent review prepared by Mr. Peter Harris AO.