

**Question on notice no. 154**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005362**

**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.

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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

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**Topic: Moorabbin Airport - Compliance of plans with relevant planning schemes**

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**Answer:**

Master plans and major development plans are not required to comply with state and territory planning schemes. Rather, the *Airports Act 1996* requires Airport Lessee Companies to explain the extent of consistency or otherwise that master plans and major development plans have with relevant state or territory planning schemes.

In providing advice to the Minister, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts assesses draft master plans against the requirements of the *Airports Act 1996*.