

**Question on notice no. 295**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005049**

**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 Australian Transport Safety Bureau on 2 November 2023—

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2. On what date did Ms Bullas' appointment take effect?
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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Departmental Question Number: SQ23-005049**

**Division/Agency Name: Agency - Australian Transport Safety Bureau**

**Hansard Reference: Written (02 November 2023)**

**Topic: ATSB - Details of Ms Bullas' appointment to Board**

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**Answer:**

1. 6 October 2023.
2. 9 October 2023.
3. The timing of media announcements is a matter for the Minister.
4. No.