

**Question on notice no. 313**

**Portfolio question number: SQ23-005067**

**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 Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 2 November 2023—

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**Answer —**

Please find answer attached.

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**Answer:**

- a. There are two applications for large air tanker aircraft in progress.
- b. Three applications were submitted. Of these, two applications are in progress and one application cancelled by the operator.
- c. One application for an operator in New South Wales and one application for an operator in Victoria.
- d. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority assessment teams are in contact with the operators regarding progress of the applications.