

Question on notice no. 102

Portfolio question number: SQ24-001232

2024-25 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 4 November 2024—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

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Answer:

All 3 members of the executive team that hold Chairman's lounge memberships have declared this. The declarations are included on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) gift and benefits register, which is publicly available on CASA's website.

Board members are required to declare any conflicts of interest at the commencement of every board meeting, and any changes that arise in relation to Chairman's lounge memberships are updated on the gifts and benefits register following the meeting.