

**Question on notice no. 130**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-001329**

**2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates**

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee, Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio**

**Senator Steph Hodgins-May:** asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 14 November 2024—

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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**

**Hansard Reference: Written (14 November 2024)**

**Topic: Melbourne Airport's Third Runway Health Study**

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**Answer:**

1. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts does not have possession of the Quigley and Watts Ltd Health Study.
2. In line with legislated requirements under the *Airports Act 1996*, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP, considered the full draft Major Development Plan (dMDP) and the accompanying documentation as listed in the Minister's Statement of Reasons. The statement is available at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/airports/ministerial-decisions>.