

Question on notice no. 147

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**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 14 November 2024—

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Answer —

Please find answer attached

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Answer:

1. The relevant Airport Lessee Company for each federally leased airport makes decisions around subleasing arrangements with the respective tenant, including arrangements for general aviation businesses on the airport site. These commercial decisions are made in the context of requirements under the *Airports Act 1996* (the Act), associated regulations, and the airport lease for the respective airport site.
2. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts regulates federally leased airports in line with requirements under the Act and associated regulations, and the airport lease for each airport. The department performs these regulatory functions in line with the *Statement of Expectations* and *Statement of Intent—Transport Regulation*.

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is the decision-maker for a range of matters under the Act, including matters such as approving, or refusing to approve airport master plans and major development plans. The department provides advice to the Minister in relation to decisions under the Act.

3. Refer response to question 2.