

**Question on notice no. 49**

**Portfolio question number: SQ24-001181**

**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 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 4 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 - International Aviation Technology and Services**

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**Topic: Meeting between the PMO and Minister King regarding Qatar Airways**

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**Answer:**

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is not aware of any discussions between the Prime Minister's Office and Minister King's Office.