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Senator Dave Sharma: asked the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 4 November 2024—

Senator SHARMA: I have some questions about the tender for the Sydney Airport slot manager. Can I get an update on the tender for the Sydney Airport slot manager? I understand the request for proposals closed on 2 September.

Ms Sachse: Yes, that's correct. The responses closed on 2 September. The department is still doing its assessment of them.

Senator SHARMA: How many applications were received?

Ms Sachse: I don't think we can provide you with that information, I am sorry, as it's still under assessment.

Senator SHARMA: Why not? Are you making a public interest immunity claim? I'm not asking for who the applicants were. I am asking for how many applications were received.

Ms Purvis-Smith: Can we take that on notice, Senator? I wouldn't like to prejudice a process accidentally. We'll see if we can get that to you. Usually while we're in the middle of a process-I know you are not asking who-we also don't usually say how many there may be. If you wouldn't mind, I would like to take that on notice.

Senator SHARMA: Sure. Take that on notice.