

**Question on notice no. 55**

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**2024-25 Supplementary budget estimates**

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

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

Senator SHARMA: Has there been contact with the various tenderers since the application process closed? Is that a normal part of the tender process?

Ms Sachse: We'll have to take that on notice. None of us is on the assessment panel.

Senator SHARMA: So you can't tell me if there has been any contact with, for instance, the existing slot manager, Airport Coordination Australia, since the application window ended with regard to this process, not in regard to business as usual?

Ms Purvis-Smith: We'll take that on notice, Senator.

Senator SHARMA: Has there been any communication with either Qantas or Virgin regarding the new slot manager?

Ms Purvis-Smith: We'll have to take that on notice, Senator.