

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Budget Estimates 25 May 2011

Question: 49-50

Topic: Mid North Coast Aviation Plan - Proposals

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011

Number of pages: 1

Does the \$19 million fully cover the cost of the proposals announced in the Plan?

The plan:

- upgrades, extends and strengthens the main runway at Port Macquarie to cater for up to B737-800 and A320 series aircraft
- funds the first stage of construction of new general aviation business precincts, including taxiways, aprons, hangar sites and access roads at Kempsey and Taree;
- resurfaces the existing runway at Kempsey; and
- upgrades the passenger terminal building and car parking at Port Macquarie

If not, how much is it expected the Plan's upgrades will cost?

Answer:

The proposal for funding provided to the Department in October 2010 indicated that the total cost of the project was around \$30 million.