

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

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Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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What exactly will the \$19 million build and at which airport?

Answer:

The Department has not yet received detailed information about which parts of the project are proposed to be funded under the Community Infrastructure Grants program. The proposal for funding provided to the Department in October 2010 indicated that the total cost of the project was \$30 million and would include the following components:

- **Port Macquarie Airport** - includes lengthening the main runway and strengthening the pavement to cater for larger aircraft, the extension of the existing taxiway and apron system and upgrade and extension of the passenger terminal building;
- **Taree Airport** - includes the construction of up to 15 new hangar sites to cater for a new general aviation business precinct, new taxiways, aprons and associated access roads and services; and
- **Kempsey Airport** - includes the construction of up to 20 new hangar sites to cater for a new general aviation business precinct, new taxiways, aprons and associated access roads and services and resurfacing of the existing runway.

The proponent has been asked to provide detailed project information to meet the requirements of the Community Infrastructure Grants Program.