

Rural & Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates November 2013

Infrastructure and Regional Development

Question no.: 218

Program: n/a

Division/Agency: (OTS) Office of Transport Security

Topic: Horn Island Airport

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Senator Macdonald asked:

Question on Notice 77 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department to clarify how much of a \$4.9 million regional infrastructure grant program had been spent, the status of the capital works being funded by the grant, and specifically about the status of upgrades to the taxiway and expanded apron at Horn Island airport which was the recipient of a \$460,000 portion of the grant monies.

In answer to Question on Notice 77 from Budget Estimates in May the Department indicated that all of the \$4.9 million has been spent, all of the works have been completed, and that taxiway and apron upgrades at Horn Island airport did not form part of the funding matrix under which the \$460,000 was conferred (see attached media release that confirms the \$460,000 was to assist with security screening upgrades).

1. Did the previous Government instruct the Department to make any assessment of the current condition, and/or feasibility of remediation, of the taxiway and aprons at Horn Island Airport?

Answer:

No. However, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority conducted a surveillance event ('audit') of Horn Island Airport in February 2013, which included an assessment of taxiways and aprons.