

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2023 - 2024**

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

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**Division/Agency Name:** Agency - Australian Transport Safety Bureau

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**Topic:** ATSB - Date Minister was advised of Mr Manning's term expiring

**Senator Bridget McKenzie asked:**

Senator McKENZIE: On what date did the ATSB advise the minister or the department that Mr Manning's term was due to expire and to reappoint, or that a new appointment process would be required?

Mr Mitchell: I would have to take on notice the exact date, but it was around six months prior to the expiration—

Senator McKENZIE: Mr Hornby, do you have that?

Mr Hornby: We will have to take that on notice. It is a matter that is also handled by the department, with the appointment of commissioners as well.

Senator McKENZIE: I am asking what you did, not what the department—

Mr Hornby: I can take that on notice.

Senator McKENZIE: I want to know when did ATSB advise the department or minister of Mr Manning's upcoming need to be either reappointed or a new appointment process to be instigated.

Mr Hornby: We will take on notice the exact dates.

**Answer:**

The ATSB discussed the proposed new appointment process with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts on 8 February 2023.