

Question on notice no. 9

Portfolio question number: SQ26-000065

2025-26 Additional estimates

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

Senator the Hon. Matthew Canavan: asked the Civil Aviation Safety Authority on 9 February 2026—

Senator CANAVAN: Have you got any applications at the moment to launch rockets over 100 kilometres?

Ms Spence: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not aware of anything.

[...]

Senator CANAVAN: Is the Department of Defence involved at all?

Mr Marcelja: When it comes to airspace activity, we would talk to them as one of the stakeholders for a particular launch. So, yes, there's cooperation with them as well.

Senator CANAVAN: If they're doing their own missile tests, would any of their missiles or defence capabilities breach these 100 kilometres? Do they have to seek your approval, or do they go ahead and they've got their own arrangements?

Ms Spence: We can take that on notice.