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Mr David Morris MP
Chair
Public Accounts & Estimates Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Mr Morris

**2013-14 BUDGET ESTIMATES FURTHER INFORMATION - MINISTER
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AVIATION INDUSTRY**

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2013 requesting additional information following the 2013-14 Budget Estimates Aviation Industry Portfolio hearing.

My response to your request for additional information is attached.

If you or your officers have any queries regarding the response, please contact Ms Deborrah Jepsen, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Ministerial Services on 9651 9421.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for the Aviation Industry

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**ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND
FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO
BE SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

1. Please advise, for the Regional Aviation Fund:

- a. the projects funded, with the amount each was funded for; and
- b. if any projects have not fully expended their funding, please detail the projects involved and the amounts unspent.

(Pages 5-6 of the transcript for the Minister Responsible for the Aviation Industry)

- a) The Regional Aviation Fund (RAF) was established to assist regional airport owners with the cost of infrastructure upgrades at public-access airports.

To date, applications have been received from and approved for Bendigo (\$5.0 million), Colac (\$0.182 million), Warrnambool Aerodrome (\$2.0 million), Latrobe Regional Airport (\$1.24 million), Edenhope Aerodrome (\$0.1 million), Cohuna Aerodrome (\$0.27 million), Benalla Aerodrome (\$0.21 million) and Stawell Aerodrome (\$0.565 million).

- b) RAF infrastructure projects are long-term in nature. Upgrades have been completed at Cohuna and Edenhope aerodromes, with other projects progressing. Contractual agreements with airport owners regarding their funding from the RAF stipulate funding timelines and milestone reporting dates. Funding is received by the applicant following successful completion of agreed stages.

TECHNOLOGY PORTFOLIO

No questions were taken on notice for this portfolio.