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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

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Topic: Shareholder Ministers

Senator Cameron asked:

So you put your submission in but have not met with the Commission of Audit. Okay. Have you had any discussions with Minister Turnbull, Minister Payne or any adviser or staff member in relation to your submission?

Mr Fahour: We have definitely spoken with our shareholder ministers around our submission.

Senator Cameron: Who are your shareholder ministers again?

Mr Fahour: Minister Turnbull and his office and Minister Cormann's office. They are aware of our submission to the commission.

Senator Cameron: Do you provide details of who you met with, when you met with them and who instigated the meetings?

Mr Fahour: Can I take that on notice so we can respond to that?

Answer:

On 31 October, the Secretary of the Department of Communications emailed Portfolio Colleagues a copy of correspondence he had received from the Commission of Audit, inviting submissions from the Department and Portfolio agencies.

Upon receipt of this email, a meeting was set-up between Australia Post and the Commission of Audit Secretariat on 8 November 2013 to provide a briefing on opportunities that exist within Australia Post, that the Commission could consider as part of their report to the Commonwealth Government.