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Topic: Australia Post Corporate Plan

Senator Urquhart asked:

Thank you. I note that the minister has great interest in transparency. Has the minister suggested that the corporate plan for Australia Post should be public?

Mr Besgrove: Not to my knowledge. I think I had better take that on notice. I do not recall him making such a suggestion.

Senator URQUHART: If you could take that on notice and come back, that would be appreciated. Does Australia Post provide an annual report that is tabled in the parliament each year?

Mr Besgrove: Yes, I believe it does.

Senator URQUHART: Has the minister suggested that Australia Post should provide a quarterly results briefing?

Mr Besgrove: Again, not to my knowledge. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

- i. The Corporate Plan is submitted as a commercial-in-confidence document by Australia Post to Ministers, together with a Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI). The SCI is a brief, high-level summary of the Corporate Plan which is tabled in Parliament and published on Australia Post's website.
- ii. Yes. Australia Post is required under Section 9 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* to prepare annual reports for tabling in both Houses of Parliament.
- iii. Consistent with Paragraph 3.10 of the Commonwealth Government Business Enterprise Governance and Oversight Guidelines, the Australia Post Board provides Quarterly Progress Reports to Shareholder Ministers.