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Select Committee on COVID-19

QoN Number: CV19-24

Subject: Seizures in relation to the postal system

Asked by: Rex Patrick

Question:

Senator PATRICK: There was an Operation Syndal that you were engaged in—it was reported on a couple of months ago—where drug trafficking was occurring via post. Are you seeing an increase in that as a result of the closure of other means of transport?

Mr Kershaw: Obviously a lot of drugs do come through the postal system, and that's something we do work with Australia Post and others on—ABF in particular. We've been up on that as well, and making various seizures and doing a number of operations in that area, but we haven't seen, necessarily, an increase. I would have to come back to you to say how our seizures have been in relation to the postal system. I could come back to you on that.

Answer:

Operation Syndal was conducted in response to the demand for Ice in the community. The AFP has not seen an increase in parcel post seizures between the end of Operation Syndal on 21 February 2020 and 7 May 2020.