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Senator WHISH-WILSON: Do you feel that you have enough regional and small community experience on the board of Australia Post?

Mr Fahour : The make-up of the Australia Post board is a matter for the ministers, and I would, of course, say that we have been blessed with some very talented people in the past, as we are currently.

Senator CAMERON: There's a surprise!

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are there any representatives from rural and regional Australia on the board in any capacity?

Mr Fahour : Again, I would suggest that that is a matter for the minister to decide and to make a comment on.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Of course, but are there any at the moment?

Mr Fahour : What I can say is that, outside of the statutory board that we have, we also have what is known as a stakeholder council. The stakeholder council is a very important council. It is a representative council made up of a number of people from both the union side of things, regional and rural Australia, different states et cetera—

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Perhaps I might get that on notice from you, Mr Fahour. Just a specific question, one of the important things you have talked about at estimates and today concerns the future opportunities for LPOs and for CPOs. I have received a number of letters from Tasmanian LPOs who want the EPOS system and who have said they cannot access it. What is the key reason that these LPOs do not have access to this system at the moment?

Answer:

Six out of the ten stakeholder council members are from a regional and rural background, and one is specifically Tasmania, as inferred on Page 50 of Hansard.