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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: I have a series of questions on executive remuneration of a GBE, particularly Australia Post. Has the department since late 2013 had any discussions with Australia Post or the department of communications about executive remuneration?

Mr Edge: Has the department had any conversations with Australia Post about executive remuneration?

Senator GALLAGHER: Yes.

Mr Edge: I have not had any such conversations. I would need to take it on notice as to whether any other officers of the department have had conversations about remuneration.

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Senator GALLAGHER: So in the time that you have been in your role, the past two years, you have not had any discussions with either the department of communications or Australia Post about executive remuneration?

Mr Edge: As I said, me personally, no, I have not.

Senator GALLAGHER: But you will take it on notice as to whether there were previously?

Mr Edge: Yes.

Answer:

Executive remuneration is a matter for the board of Australia Post. The Department has not had discussions with Australia Post regarding the setting of its executive remuneration prior to January 2017. Discussions since then were in the context of Australia Post's disclosure to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications.