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NO DECISION ON GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY EXPANSION

The Australian Government has not granted permission to Australia Post to “expand into” government service delivery such as Centrelink services despite an online report in today’s *Australian Financial Review* titled “AusPost gets green light for Centrelink duties”, following a senate estimates hearing.

Whilst Australia Post can make a submission to the Commission of Audit, proposing to offer a range of government services, the headline is inaccurate and pre-empted the outcome of the Commission of Audit process.

The Commission of Audit will consider all submissions on their merit, and the Government will consider the report of the Commission, however, no permission has been granted to Australia Post or any other third-party outlet to offer Centrelink or any other government payments.

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