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**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearing February 2017**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 3**

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**Topic: Prime Minister knowledge of salary**

**Senator Di Natale, Richard asked:**

**Senator DI NATALE:** Can you also take on notice what the Prime Minister knew about his salary when he was communications minister?

**Senator Fifield:** I am happy to take questions on notice from colleagues, but—sorry, someone has helpfully just looked at the dates. The PM's comments were the day after—I think—the public release of the information.

**Answer:**

The setting of the remuneration of Australia Post's Managing Director was managed independently by the Australia Post board of Directors in accordance with section 86 of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* which provides that the board is responsible for setting the terms and conditions of the Managing Director.

Mr Fahour's remuneration for 2013-14 was published at an individual level in the 2014 Annual Report.

After changes to disclosure rules, Mr Fahour's remuneration for 2014-15 was not separately published in the 2015 Annual Report.

The Department is not aware that the then-Minister had any further information in relation to Mr Fahour's remuneration beyond what was in the public domain.

On 24 February 2017, the Australia Post Managing Director's remuneration was made subject to oversight by the Remuneration Tribunal, an independent statutory authority.