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**Topic: Closure of franchise post office – Vale shopping centre**

**Senator Abetz, Eric asked:**

**Senator ABETZ:** Good. Thank you. I was reminded that the 150th anniversary was commemorated with a stamp when they were only 4c, but that is another issue! I go to Western Australia and the Vale Shopping Centre in Canning Vale. Does anybody have an understanding of the closure of the franchise post office there and its move to Harris Vale?

**Mr Fahour:** That is one I must admit we would probably have to take on notice.

**Senator ABETZ:** In that case, I will put some questions on notice about it. There have been exceptionally strong and very forceful representations made by an excellent local member for Southern River, who has been seeking—

**Answer:**

The Licensee of the Canning Vale Licensed Post Office (LPO), originally located at the Vale Shopping Centre, requested permission from Australia Post in November 2015 to relocate to the Harrisdale Shopping Centre due to concerns over ongoing viability as a result of declining foot traffic and expensive lease costs. Relocation occurred in June 2016.