

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 593**

**Program No. Legal**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Australia Post Deregulation**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In answer to a question on why reform of Post was not included in the Communications Department Deregulation Roadmap the Secretary advised that “it is a different proposition to regulatory reform per se”.

- a. Are there other large policy issues currently before the Department not included on the roadmap?
- b. Can it be inferred from this that the primary intent of the media reforms and the spectrum review is to be deregulatory?

**Answer:**

- a. There are policy issues being considered by the department that are not based in regulation and therefore are not in the roadmap.
- b. No. The Roadmap indicates that there are other areas of reform that are not just deregulatory in nature that will require the Government’s consideration in 2014.