

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2015**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 69**

**Program No. Australia Post**

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**Topic: International mail**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** What was the increase—from \$7 million to \$15 million?

**Mr Burke:** I will have to take it on notice, but I think \$8.2 million to \$15 million in total.

**Answer:**

The Department of Agriculture charge to Australia Post relating to biosecurity services for international mail under the forward estimates, is increasing from \$8.2m to \$15.3m, an increase of \$7.1m. This increase is being phased in over the next four financial years to 2018-19, with no change to the amount for 2015-16.

2015-16	\$8.2 million
2016-17	\$11.7 million
2017-18	\$15.1 million
2018-19	\$15.3 million