

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 79**

**Program No. Australia Post**

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**Topic: Model Litigants**

**Senator Ruston, Anne asked:**

**CHAIR:** Yes. Mr Fahour, before I ask you questions can I just commend you on the negotiations and the resolution that you received for the licensed post offices in getting an outcome after some reasonably tricky negotiations over the last 18 months and your response to a large amount of the recommendations that were in this committee's report. It was terrific. You have been through a number of the things that have come out of that. One of the things that still remains unresolved in my mind is the franchisees. My understanding is that the Commonwealth Legal Services directions sets out requirements for the Commonwealth and its agencies to act as model litigants? Is Australia Post governed by the requirement to be a model litigant?

**Mr Fahour:** I will take that on notice. You have got me on that one.

**Answer:**

The model litigant rules do not apply to Australia Post.