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Topic: LPO

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Thank you very much. I have four questions on LPOs. Have there been any LPOs or small post offices that have closed in the past year?

Mr Fahour: Would you like us to look that up or would you like that on notice?

Senator URQUHART: No. I would like you to tell me. I would like some answers if I could. I would feel much better going home tonight if I had some answers.

Mr Fahour: Fourteen.

Senator URQUHART: What were the circumstances under which they closed?

Mr Fahour: We were struggling to get the total number out of the 4,000 or so that we have. I am not sure we would have each of the individual circumstances but we are happy to take that on notice and provide you with that detail.

Senator URQUHART: Yes. Are you able to provide us with details of which ones they were?

Mr Fahour: Yes. We know who they are.

Senator URQUHART: Ms Corbett is nodding her head.

Mr Fahour: Ms Corbett is nodding to me to say yes, we know who they are.

Senator URQUHART: No. She was looking at me and nodding to me.

Mr Fahour: The question is: do you want, on the public record, the names of these post offices?

Senator URQUHART: I am happy for you to provide them to me.

Mr Fahour: Thank you very much.

CHAIR: On that basis, we probably need to have them provided to the committee because if you provide them to us on notice they are a matter of public record...

..Mr Fahour: I do not personally talk to 4,400 post offices.

Senator URQUHART: But surely you would have talked to 14 that have closed.

Mr Fahour: I am more than happy to get you the answer on notice.

Answer:

LPOs that have closed during the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 appear below. In all circumstances the licensee has terminated the relationship for reasons not formally disclosed to Australia Post.

CLOSURES

Licensed Post Offices (14)

Barrington	TAS	Rural	01/07/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Willow Tree	NSW	Rural	01/07/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Kingston Beach	TAS	Metro	01/07/14	Agreement terminated by licensee

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Wollert	VIC	Metro	04/07/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Wanniassa	NSW	Metro	25/07/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Chatsworth Island	NSW	Rural	08/08/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Banana	QLD	Rural	22/08/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
Cooma North	NSW	Rural	07/11/14	Agreement terminated by licensee
City Beach	WA	Metro	09/01/15	Agreement terminated by licensee
Higgins	NSW	Metro	30/01/15	Agreement terminated by licensee
Brushgrove	NSW	Rural	20/02/15	Agreement terminated by licensee
Mount Lewis	NSW	Metro	20/02/15	Agreement terminated by licensee
Lake Wyangan	NSW	Rural	27/03/15	Agreement terminated by licensee