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Topic: Smithton Mail Tender

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. I understand a tender for the Smithton mail run in Tasmania has recently been awarded. Is this correct?
2. How many tenders were received?
3. What processes does Australia Post have to keep applicants updated on the status of their tender?
4. Does the successful tenderer hold other mail contracts? If so, how many and where?
5. Who was awarded this tender?
6. Aside from price, what other factors were considered when comparing the tenders?
7. Is preference given to applications from local operators in the tender process?

Answer:

1. Yes.
2. Seven.
3. Australia Post does not provide status updates during the tender process. Successful and unsuccessful tenderers are notified on the same day.
4. Yes, they hold approximately forty contracts across Australia.
5. Aus-Lanka Express Pty Ltd.
6. In assessing a tender we review their costs, proposed operational, contingency, safety plans and any relevant prior work history. Each tender is then assessed against a selection criteria which includes the cost and capability of each tenderer. Based on this assessment, tenderers are then shortlisted and selected for interview.
7. No, once the mail contract goes to public tender it is bound by the terms and conditions of the tender process.