

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australia Post**

**Question No: 301**

**Program No: Australia Post**

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**Topic: Increase of VPR**

**Senator Ruston asked:**

**CHAIR:** The increase of the VPR from 60c to 70c—what did that deliver in terms of bottom line modelling on existing postage numbers? What is the net value of the increase?

**Mr Fahour:** It was only introduced at the beginning of April this year.

**CHAIR:** What would that increase deliver over 12 months?

**Mr Fahour:** I would like to take that on notice but I am just going to give you an estimate. We said at a previous estimates hearing that our projection was that it would lower our losses by around \$100 million. At a previous Senate estimates—I nearly got it right—I said it was about \$95 million.

**Answer:**

The full year impact of the increase to the Basic Postage Rate (BPR) is forecast to be approximately \$87m for the 2014/15 financial year.