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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 386

Program No: Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: LPO Agreement

Senator Urquhart asked:

At the Estimates Hearing, Mr Fahour said that Australia Post has legal advice that would prevent it from renegotiating the LPO Agreement. What specific legal advice was provided in this regard? Could you provide a copy of this advice to the Committee?

Answer:

Australia Post believes this question refers to Mr Fahour's comments regarding the Consultative Agreement between Australia Post and the Post Office Agents Association Limited (POAAL) and how this relates to making changes to/ renegotiating the terms of the LPO Agreement.

It was intended to convey through these comments that in order to make changes to/ renegotiate the terms of the LPO Agreement there are relevant terms within both the existing Consultative and LPO Agreements which Australia Post must comply with.

Subject to complying with the relevant terms of the Consultative and LPO Agreements, and more broadly the requirements of the Franchising Code of Conduct, changes may be made to the terms of the LPO Agreement.