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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

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Australia Post

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Topic: Closures

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

- 1. Have any corporate outlets or LPOs closed this year? Can you provide more detailed information?
- 2. Are there are any plans for upcoming closures of any corporate outlets or LPOs? Can you provide specific information if there are?

Answer:

1. Yes. Closures that have occurred during the period 1 January 2015 to 31 October 2015 are as follows:

Licensed Post Offices (6)

Outlet	State	Region
Higgins	NSW	Metro
Brushgrove	NSW	Rural
Mount Lewis	NSW	Metro
Lake Wyangan	NSW	Rural
Urbenville	NSW	Rural
Torbanlea	QLD	Rural

Corporate Outlets (8)

Outlet	State	Region
South Brisbane BC	QLD	Metro
Sumner Park BC	QLD	Metro
Nerang BC	QLD	Metro
Burleigh Heads	QLD	Metro
Hervey Bay Annexe	QLD	Rural
Pymble BC	NSW	Metro
Preston BC	VIC	Metro
Lonsdale Business Hub	SA	Rural

2. As at 23 November 2015, there are no plans to close any corporate outlets or LPOs. However, it is acknowledged that Australia Post operates a dynamic network and closures may, from time to time, occur. For example, there are several corporate outlets where we are currently seeking new leases or where we are unable to continue with a lease at the current location and are currently exploring alternative tenancy locations. If we are unable to secure a lease or an alternative tenancy location, a closure may be the eventual outcome once all other options are explored and exhausted.