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Australia Post

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Topic: Post Office Modelling

Senator O'Sullivan asked:

In your modelling, have you said, 'If it all goes okay and the wind's at our back, this should translate to XYZ'—and I know there are big post offices and little post offices; there are pink ones and red ones—'on average across all regions'?

Mr Fahour: Because of the complexity of the component parts, I would be delighted to take that on notice, but you would be aware that we have been working on certain things that we have already announced; certain things that, as long as the minister does not object, will come through on 1 April, which will be worth X; and the opportunity—

Senator Xenophon: Make it 2 April. There is just something about 1 April!

Mr Fahour: It is 31 March, actually, to be correct.

Chair: Can I just interrupt. Time is getting short. Could you take that on notice? No doubt you will get the question put to you if the committee decides to call you—

Mr Fahour: Sure.

Answer:

Australia Post's modelling shows an overall increase in payments to licensees of some \$33m per annum associated with the increase in the basic postage rate and the payment of a scanning fee for the delivery of trackable articles.