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Senator Macdonald asked:

Mr Fahour, in the October 2012 estimates you told me that \$2 billion was being invested in Australia Post and 'a sizeable component' would be spent in Queensland—I quote you—and on North Queensland parcel processing. You told me in a written answer to a question from the May 2013 budget estimates that \$739.7 million of the \$2 billion had been spent. Can you tell me how much of the balance of the \$2 billion is being spent in Queensland and, in particular, what is being spent on expanding your parcel-processing capability in North Queensland, which you told me in October 2012 you were going to do.

Mr Fahour: I am happy to take that on notice and give you the specific details on the questions you ask.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Okay. Let me be more specific. You also said the Rockhampton Mail Centre 'did not receive any significant funding' under the \$2 billion funding program. What funding did it receive?

Mr Fahour: To give you the exact amount, we will go back and collect those records of what was spent on the Rockhampton Mail Centre and put that back to you in writing.

Answer:

Approximately \$61m of the \$2 billion investment program is anticipated to be spent in Queensland.

In particular, a new parcels processing site is being developed in North Brisbane, with anticipated costs of \$58.5m. Other projects planned include Northgate Mail Centre air conditioning replacement, Rockhampton Mail Centre dock renovation and Cairns Mail Centre/Delivery Centre works.

Specific funding relating to the Rockhampton Mail Centre is as follows:

2012/13	-	\$0.2m	(Truck Ramp and Resurfacing of dock area)
2013/14	-	\$nil	
2014/15	-	\$0.3m	(Dock renovation)