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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

I have just two very quick questions. If there were to be LPOs in Tasmania that went to the wall for whatever reason—it could be their own poor business management or it could be the fact that they are struggling under current arrangements—would you be able to pick up that capacity with other Australia Post offices? Is that something you have looked at?

Mr Fahour: Firstly, out of the 3,800, there were 10 last year that were unable to sell their business, for whatever it is—a general business—and have handed back their licence. Of those 10, I will find out if any were in Tasmania. I am not aware of it, but I am sure somebody will inform me of that information soon.

Answer:

In the event that a licensee takes action to terminate their LPO Agreement, Australia Post works with the local community to identify how their ongoing needs for postal services can reasonably be met.

There were no Tasmanian LPOs included in the 10 LPOs nationally where the agreement was terminated by the licensee during 2012/13.