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Topic: Australia Post Board

Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

1. Has the Government made any changes to the Australia Post Board since the publication of the Annual Report?
2. Does the government plan to boost the skills on the Australia Post Board relating to Rural and Regional Australia or Small Business?

Answer:

1. No.
2. In nominating persons for appointment to the [Australia Post](#) Board, subsection 73(3) of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* (the Act) requires that the Minister have regard to the need to ensure that the directors collectively possess an appropriate balance of expertise. Section 2.7 of the *Commonwealth Government Business Enterprise Governance and Oversight Guidelines* (GBE Guidelines) provides that directors comprise people with an appropriate mix of skills, who are to be appointed on the basis of their individual capacity to contribute to the Board having an appropriate balance of relevant skills (such as commerce, finance, accounting, law, marketing, workplace relations and management). The Minister is required to consult, under the Act, with the Chairman of Australian Post and, under the GBE Guidelines, with the Minister for Finance on appointments to the Australia Post Board. This is a matter for Shareholder Ministers.