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**Mr ABBOTT** (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (14:16): On indulgence, the coalition welcomes Australia's term as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Government members interjecting—

The SPEAKER: Order ! The Leader of the Opposition has the call.

**Mr ABBOTT:** Let me say that, in any contest between Australia and other countries, the coalition is always on Australia's side. Australia's voice should always be heard in the councils of the world. Australia's voice should be heard because of our values, and we should always act in accordance with our values.

The coalition, like the Prime Minister, wants to congratulate everyone who has worked so hard to secure this seat. Yes, we obviously thank and congratulate those countless officials and soldiers who do so much to uphold our name and reputation right around the world. But it would be churlish of me not to give a special mention to the former Prime Minister, the former foreign minister, Kevin Rudd, whose original idea and inspiration it was and who did so much, so indefatigably, to bring it about; and I think this is a special day in the parliament for the former Prime Minister. I should also thank a former colleague, on the coalition side of the parliament, former Senator Russell Trood, who was also a key part of our bid. This is a good development for our country. The challenge now is to put this term to the best possible use, and I am confident we will.

**Mr Dutton:** Let Kevin speak!

The SPEAKER: The member for Dickson should know he does not have the call or the right to speak at this point in time.