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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the House) (4.00 pm)—I take the Manager of Opposition Business's point. As I indicated before, if the Senate is going to deal with us in this way, I too would prefer to come back in the morning and finish things off at a civilised hour. But the advice I have currently is that there is going to have to be considerable toing-and-froing and that that will require us to be up at the same time that the Senate is up. I will look into this and seek better advice from my colleagues in the Senate. If it is possible to avoid a late-night sitting, I will certainly do my level best to avoid it because, like everyone else, I would rather keep to family-friendly working hours.

Question agreed to.