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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the House) (5.22 am)— To assist members, we will have a brief debate on the Sex Discrimination Amendment (Pregnancy and Work) Bill 2002 while we are waiting for the latest message on the ASIO bill to come back to us from the Senate, but it is not expected to be long. If we can deal with that message expeditiously here—and I believe that we probably will be able to do that—we should be out of here by six o'clock, so people who need to catch planes can do so. Can I thank everyone for such cooperation and apologise for the fact that we have been hostage to the Senate for the last 12 hours.