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Speaker Abbott, Tony, MP

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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the House) (8.02 pm)—At the risk of trying your patience, Mr Speaker, I wish to respond to the Manager of Opposition Business. I appreciate his words; I also take his point that this is not substantial parliamentary reform. I would like to reassure him that the government is continuing to consider the proposals that have been put by various people for the better management of this House and for the better running of the chamber. Members opposite should not assume that the government has closed its mind by any means to further changes, but parliamentary reform is something that is probably best achieved by instalments.