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**Ms LEY** (Farrer) (6.28 pm)—I ask the Attorney-General what his views are on penalties in the area of online child exploitation in Australia. In particular, does he have a view of whether the heinous crime of online child abuse should be brought under federal government legislation and therefore produce better opportunities for conviction and sentencing rather than leaving it to individual jurisdictions? Does the Attorney have a view on the comparison between the sentences for online child abuse in this country and those overseas?