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**Senator XENOPHON** (South Australia) (19:20): It is an alternative rationale, but, the fact is that, if we have a cost—

**Senator Seselja interjecting—**

**Senator XENOPHON:** Whatever Senator Seselja said, I will just ignore it.

**Senator Seselja:** It was good!

**Senator XENOPHON:** I am sure it was not helpful! I think we all want to get home. I think the minister's office is contemplating a 1.28 am finish, but I am sure that it will not be that. Does the minister acknowledge, though, that there are additional administrative costs involved where a claim has been made that has been a wrongful claim and that there are additional costs to the Commonwealth as a result of dealing with that? I just want to get acknowledgement of that. I will not take it any further.