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Senator XENOPHON (South Australia) (20:43): Very briefly, because I understand there will not be a division on this particular amendment. I, and on behalf of my colleagues, support this amendment, but we do believe that this authority is by no means a toothless tiger, that it is a significant improvement on what there has been. We think, though, that this amendment moved by Senator Rhiannon will improve it and give it added force, but we still think that it will do a lot of good work. A final question: can the minister confirm that this authority will be appearing before Senate estimates? If not, what other mechanism is there for it to be accountable to the parliament?