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Speaker Collins, Sen Jacinta

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS (Victoria) (23:34): I am trying to clarify what the situation is, as indeed was Senator Xenophon from his own inquiries. Certainly some witnesses had proposed that case, and obviously Senator Rhiannon had a concern on the penalty side, but I am concerned on the lawfulness side. You referred to section 329 of the Electoral Act. Perhaps you would like to run as through how it works and how it would deal with this situation.