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**Senator JACINTA COLLINS** (Victoria) (02:44): Given that the response that we are getting from the minister is a shrug, which obviously *Hansard* cannot record, and given that I have returned to the chamber to see Senator Whish-Wilson returning to the—

**Senator Whish-Wilson interjecting—**

**Senator JACINTA COLLINS:** His version is that there are 38 amendments before us. There is actually only one before us at this stage, Senator Whish-Wilson, it is the first of the government's amendments that is—

**Senator Whish-Wilson interjecting—**

**Senator JACINTA COLLINS:** I am sorry?

**Senator Sterle:** I believe he said, 'Such a smart-arse'.

**Senator JACINTA COLLINS:** 'Such a smart-arse'?

An honourable senator interjecting—

**Senator JACINTA COLLINS:** Look, Chair, I think I will return to the point that I made earlier. I move:

That the committee report progress and seek leave to sit again.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is that the committee report progress.