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**Senator McLUCAS** (Queensland) (4.45 pm)—The question that I asked during my speech in the second reading debate was: are there any operators—and I understand from Senator Coonan's response that there is at least one—who have been paying the GST on the environment management charge since the inception of the GST? The second question that I did ask during my speech was: what is the government going to do about that? Where is the equity that this operator should expect to receive when they have been given different advice to other operators? They have remitted GST and others have not. What is the government going to do to redress that situation?