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Senator McLUCAS (Queensland) (4.47 pm)—I do not know that that is the case, Senator. The question goes to the fact that this has been a mess right from the beginning. One operator did think that they had to remit GST, and they have been collecting it and they have remitted it to the ATO. But other operators were advised in good faith by AMPTO that they did not have to collect it. There has been differential treatment of two groups: this one operator and everyone else who operates in the same area of business. It is only fair and only right that we should have clarity on what should occur. I do not know that it is simply a matter between the ATO and that particular operator. We have been trying to deal with this for over five years. Let us take this opportunity to get some clarity on the matter, and then we can put it to bed.