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## **THE SENATE**

# **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2004**

**In Committee**

**SPEECH**

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**Senator CHERRY** (Queensland) (8.56 pm)—I thank the minister for her answer. I am looking at the Board of Taxation recommendations. The Board of Taxation recommendations suggested a series of modifications to enhance the workability of the draft charities bill. Is the minister saying that the government will be bringing forward a new charities bill which will incorporate the recommendations of the Board of Taxation or has the bill been dropped completely, as was the implication in the budget statements? The minister did say in her answer that the government had fully responded to the issue of benevolent charities. The government has not said anything in response to the definition of a benevolent charity. Am I correct to read into that that the government is rejecting the recommendation to modify the definition of a PBI?