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**Senator STOTT DESPOJA** (South Australia) (11.45 am)—That is what you get for being nice! Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Greens. I move Democrat amendment (22) on sheet 4869:

(22) Schedule 2, page 62 (before line 5), before item 1, insert:

1A At the end of section 6DA

Add:

(5) Despite subsection (1), a person holding an appointment to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal may not issue a warrant under Part VI in cases to which subparagraph 46(1)(d)(ii) applies.

This amendment is intended to remove the ability of the AAT members to issue B-party warrants. There has been discussion in the committee stage and previously about the concerns as to whether that is an AAT responsibility. We believe this is important considering the statistics that show that AAT members issue the most warrants out of the issuing authorities. We do not believe that is particularly appropriate, and the effect of my amendment will be to remove that ability.