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Senator McLUCAS (Queensland) (9.56 am)—I need to indicate to Senator Allison that Labor is of a view to support the principle of a review. However, we are concerned that subclause (2) of the Democrats proposed amendment, which essentially sets out part of the terms of reference, does not accommodate the potential that there might be for value to be achieved especially through broader health cover. It is our view that the terms of reference that you have proposed are somewhat charged and indicate a view prior to there being an open analysis of the implementation of this legislation. So, if the Democrats were of a mind to delete the second section, Labor would be able to support the amendment. Reviewing legislation is something we all have to do, but I think to construct the review within a fairly negative construct pre-empts an outcome that may not in fact be there. I just put that on the table for Senator Allison.