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Senator JACINTA COLLINS (Victoria—Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations) (12:18): Proposed subsection (1) is there for clarity. But the main point, the point I was referring to earlier when I gave the assurance that the bill requires higher education providers to spend student services and amenities fees only on allowable expenditures listed in proposed subsection (4), was about proposed subsection (3), which highlights:

A higher education provider must not spend, for a purpose other than that specified in subsection (4), an amount paid to the provider as a *student services and amenities fee.

The section in proposed subsection (1) to which Senator Mason refers is simply there for further clarity. But Senator Mason can be assured, by the comments in the discussion that we are having now and the comment that I made at the outset, that it is the government's firm view that student services and amenities fees be spent only on allowable expenditures listed in proposed section 19-38(4) of the bill.