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Senator ABETZ (Tasmania—Leader of the Government in the Senate, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service and Minister for Employment) (13:44): The answer is neither and that answer would not surprise Senator Ludlam. Might I also say that it is somewhat disingenuous of him to suggest that the parliament is considering 100 changes on a day and that it is all a bit rushed.

This legislation was introduced into the House of Representatives four days short of six months. So it has been there for the public to see now for six months. We stand by the amendments that we are seeking and just remind everybody that the Commonwealth Ombudsman will still be able to review ACMA's administrative actions in performing its investigative functions.