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Senator JACINTA COLLINS (Victoria—Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations) (11:24): Much as I am loath to take the Senate down this path, which has been journeyed many times by Senator Mason in Senate estimates, I can quite clearly indicate to Senator Mason that I have listened in detail to his concerns, as I am sure that any person looking at the advances that have been made to a national curriculum would have their own perspective on, but I have yet to encounter someone who has quite the ideological fervour for the particular issues that you raise, Senator Mason. Certainly, there will be some criticisms of some elements of a national curriculum from some sectors or some areas but all I have heard in the main is people relieved to see that progress in this area is occurring.