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Senator JACINTA COLLINS (Victoria—Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations) (11:33): Unfortunately, this question of Senator Mason's is starting to become somewhat repetitious. Senator Mason, I will not be drawn on answering that question in the way you seek. Indeed, nobody would, because your attempt to make those sorts of value characterisations is not appropriate. I have said, as I mentioned before, those particular matters of liberal democracy, Judaeo-Christian background and science and technology are all covered in core subjects. Why Senator Mason continues to insist that these matters must be part of the first cross-curriculum perspectives is beyond me.