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CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL AGREEMENT BILL; APPROPRIATION BILLS

Miss SIMPSON (Maroochydore—NPA) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.27 am): What an unprecedented mess that the government has so little confidence in its budget that it has to morph it in and combine it with another bill! This is extraordinary! It is also impractical. We have a situation where we have a bill that is already in progress. In fact, I have the call currently to speak to the coal bill and apparently we are about to have a cognate debate because the government has so little confidence in its budget that it wants to combine it with a coal bill and I have the call on that bill. In reality, if we are going to have the importance of the budget debated the Leader of the Opposition and the shadow Treasurer should have the right to speak first in reply to this bill. It should be their right to be the first ones on behalf of the opposition to respond to the budget. But this government has so badly organised its business that it is embarrassing this parliament by this stunt today where it has tried to have a cognate debate between two unrelated issues.