### ::/1

#### **Description**

```
::Predicate
::(Predicate1, Predicate2, ...)
::(Predicate1; Predicate2; ...)
```

Send a message to self. Only used in the body of a predicate definition. The argument should match a public or protected predicate of self. It may also match a private predicate if the predicate is within the scope of the object where the method making the call is defined, if imported from a category, if used from inside a category, or when using private inheritance. We can also send a set of messages to self. The "," and ";" in the list have the usual Prolog meaning.

# Template and modes

```
::+messages
```

#### **Errors**

Predicate is a variable:

instantiation\_error

Predicate is declared private:

permission\_error(access, private\_predicate, Predicate)

Predicate is not declared:

 $\verb|existence_error(predicate_declaration, Predicate)|\\$ 

## **Examples**

```
area(Area) :-
    ::width(Width),
    ::height(Height),
    Area is Width*Height.
```

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