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Mr ANDREWS (Menzies—Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service) (2.59 pm)—Mr Speaker, I seek the indulgence of the chair to add to an answer.

The SPEAKER—The minister may proceed.

Mr ANDREWS—In my previous answer to a question from the member for Gilmore, I said that it had been reported that the Leader of the Opposition had told Labor MPs that Labor would be a policy-free zone. I wish to table an Australian Associated Press report of 15 March 2005 the heading of which is ‘Labor to be policy-free zone as it attacks government’ and which contains this paragraph:

Mr Beazley told a private meeting of Labor MPs and senators that the opposition would be a policy-free zone while it focused on attacking the government.