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Speaker Andrews, Kevin, MP

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Mr ANDREWS (Menzies—Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service) (3.18 pm)—Mr Speaker, I seek the indulgence of the chair to add to an answer.

The SPEAKER—The minister may proceed.

Mr ANDREWS—I was asked a question about a collective agreement involving the Xstrata company. I have been advised since question time that, significantly—and this was not mentioned by the Leader of the Opposition when asking the question—the proposed workplace agreement contained an entirely separate clause entitled ‘Safety in the workplace’, which went to rights, obligations and duties in relation to safety in the workplace, and that this clause was not—and I emphasise the word ‘not’—prohibited content.