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Speaker Smith, Anthony, MP

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Mr ANTHONY SMITH (Casey) (11.14 am)—Does the minister concede that, for someone on a work contract now who will be affected by the changes, this will mean that either the firm will have a significant cost or the workers will have a significant cost that was unforeseen?

In asking that question I go to the minister's earlier answer from his perspective about the difficulties of grandfathering, because work contracts may last a very long period of time. To take one example from the mining industry in Western Australia, I ask whether he acknowledges that that worker is going to be disadvantaged unless the company picks up this significant cost.