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Senator ABETZ (Tasmania—Special Minister of State) (8.33 pm)—I will be very brief. I cannot let the comments of the 'Australian extremes' go by. The simple fact is that under this government there has been a growth in full-time employment. The so-called increased casualisation of the work force is something that is easy to roll off the tongue, but those of us who have actually done the research know that there has been growth in full-time employment and that it has been a very strong growth in that area. Any assertion to the contrary is simply incorrect. I also take the opportunity to indicate that I may have said that tonight will be the 40th time that this place will have rejected the unfair dismissal laws. It will in fact be the Labor Party that will have opposed this for the 40th time, both in this place and in the other place.

Question negatived.