My submission comprises copies of or extracts from three research publications that I have written or co-written and that are relevant to the issue of insecure work. They are as follows:

Item A: an article summarising findings of research on retrenched workers based on ABS data. Of particular relevance for this inquiry is the material on casual employees:


Item B: a book chapter discussing the situation of insecure workers in Korea and trade union responses, which highlights the dangers arising from trade unions’ marginalising of peripheral workers:


Item C: extracts from a book on women and their relationship to coal mining. The extracts relate to various matters concerning the use of contractors (or more precisely, employees of contractor firms) in the coal mining industry:


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