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He argues company book inspection by registered union officials would require every business – from restaurant chains to airports – to be held accountable for correctly paying their staff, contractors and all labour in the supply chain.