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## Ministers' OWN assessment finds new law could lead to more strikes and workplace disputes as firms pay...

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ANGELA Rayner's workers' rights bonanza will cost businesses up to £5billion a year, the Government has admitted.

The Deputy Prime Minister insisted her reforms were 'pro-business' and 'pro-growth', and herald a 'new era for working people'.

But she faced a backlash from Conservatives in the Commons after official impact assessments laid bare the staggering cost of more than 70 new measures aimed at improving conditions for employees and boosting trade union power.

An economic analysis of the Employment Rights Bill revealed that 'delivering those benefits will place a direct cost on employers', with the 'maximum likely cost' estimated at up to £5billion annually.

The costs will be 'proportionately higher for small and micro businesses', while the impact

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# £5BILLION COST OF LABOUR'S REVOLUTION FOR WORKERS