

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**Friday, 26 July 2019****ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A****Chair:**

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Members:

Mr D.K.B Basham
Mr M.E. Brown
Mr J.P. Gee
Mr S.P. Murray
Mr L.K. Odenwalder
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*The committee met at 09:00**Estimates Vote***SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE, \$839,077,000****ADMINISTERED ITEMS FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE, \$61,000****Minister:**

Hon. C.L. Wingard, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services,
Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Departmental Advisers:

Mr G. Stevens, Commissioner of Police, South Australia Police.

Mr A. Rice, Chief Inspector, South Australia Police.

Mr S. Jihinke, Director, Business Services, South Australia Police.

Ms E. Kokar, Executive Director, Road Marine Services, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Ms G. O'Neill, General Manager, Road Safety, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Mr B. Cagialis, Director, Finance and Risk, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

The CHAIR: Good morning everyone, and welcome to the Friday sitting of Estimates Committee A. I can advise that the following members have requested to be discharged: the members for Hammond, King, Mawson, West Torrens and Giles. They have been replaced by the members for Davenport, Finniss, Elizabeth and Playford. We have a whole new-look committee.

Ladies and gentlemen, estimates committees are a relatively informal procedure and, as such, there is no need to stand to ask or answer questions. Changes to committee membership will be notified as they occur. Members should ensure that the Chair is provided with a completed request to be discharged form. If the minister undertakes to supply information at a later date, it must be

submitted to the Clerk Assistant via the answers to questions mailbox no later than Friday 5 September 2019.

I propose to allow both the minister and the lead speaker for the opposition to make opening statements of about 10 minutes should they wish. Questions must be based on lines of expenditure in the budget papers and must be identifiable or referenced. There is no formal facility for the tabling of documents before the committee; however, documents can be supplied to the Chair for distribution to the committee. All questions are to be directed to the minister and not the minister's advisers. The minister may, however, refer questions to advisers for a response.

The portfolio we are dealing with today is road safety. The minister appearing is the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. I declare the proposed payments open for examination. Minister, I invite you to introduce your advisers and make a brief statement if you would like to.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you very much, Chair. I will not make an opening statement, but I will introduce the people I have with me, and thank you for the indulgence. On my far left, your right, is Gabby O'Neill, General Manager, Road Safety, DPTI. On my immediate left is Emma Kokar, Executive Director of Road Marine Services at DPTI. On my right is the good-looking gentleman, the Commissioner of Police, Mr Grant Stevens. Behind me, on my left, is Bill Cagialis, Director, Finance and Risk at DPTI, and Steve Johnke, Director, Business Services at SAPOL. In the third row is Adam Rice, Chief Inspector with SAPOL.

The CHAIR: There is no need to make an opening statement, minister?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, let's get on to talk about the budget.

The CHAIR: Does the member for Elizabeth wish to make a statement or get straight into questions?

Mr ODENWALDER: No, I will just ask some questions, thank you.

The CHAIR: It is your call.

Mr ODENWALDER: Minister, welcome, and welcome to your advisers. Thanks for coming. I am glad DPTI are here. I was a bit confused last year about the separation of responsibilities regarding road safety. I understand that it has become the subject of some comment. My first question, minister, is simply: why is the road toll so high this year, in your opinion? What is going on this year to make the road toll so high?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry? What is the budget reference?

The CHAIR: What is the budget line?

Mr ODENWALDER: I beg your pardon. Let's try SAPOL, Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 193.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 193.

Mr ODENWALDER: Road safety.

The CHAIR: Road safety. We could try that.

Mr ODENWALDER: We will give that a go.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And which line, sorry?

The CHAIR: It is a general question.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is a general question about road safety.

The CHAIR: And I am happy to accept that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Let's not start off on a—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And the question was generally about road safety?

Mr ODENWALDER: Why is the road toll so high? You are the minister responsible for it. I am just asking you why you think it is so high.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I appreciate where you are coming from. Can I start by saying that one death on our road is one death too many. If there were a magic wand that a minister could wave, I am sure that a police commissioner could wave, DPTI could wave or an opposition person could wave, you would be waving it. We had a seminar with road safety experts just a few months back. We sat down at about the halfway mark of the year, maybe a bit before, and I asked that question of the road safety experts. I am not the expert; we had the experts in the field there.

We had a discussion and I asked, 'What is the reason this year that the road toll is comparatively higher than last year? Is there one thing we are not doing? Is there an area that we are not looking at? Is there something that we are not seeing here?' To a person in the room, they all said, 'No, no there's not. There's not something that is a stand-out that me, you or anyone could be triggering to prevent this.' We just need to keep working away at the things we know, which are evidence based, that can bring down the road toll.

We know that road safety is a collective, hence the two agencies we have here. DPTI have a role in the licensing, as far as licences are concerned and as far as road infrastructure is concerned. We know that if we can make road infrastructure better and safer, we can help with that as well. We talked about car manufacturing as well. RAA were at the summit and they had plenty to say. We also talk about education: how do we better educate people? How do we make people more aware?

We have advertising campaigns, of course, partnerships and promotions that now also sit with DPTI. We want to look at how we can change behaviour and get people to do the right thing. Likewise, SAPOL have a role to play to make sure that they are out there policing and educating. Now of course they are doing the advertising arm as well. When we look across at other jurisdictions, which is something we are very conscious of doing, the trend of being higher is sadly common in other states and jurisdictions. They are actually higher than what they have been previously.

CASR is very aware that there is a differential element that will always be seen year on year. They look more over a five-year trend as opposed to a one-year trend. If we ask whether there is a magic wand or something that can fix it straightaway, no, there is not. Are we working on all those areas, as previous governments have? Absolutely; yes, we are. Have the experts identified one area where we need to do more work? No, we need to do work across right across the board.

Another thing I will note, which is an anomaly—it is not a reason: it is just a fact—is that, whilst deaths on our roads this year are up, serious injuries are down. What is the reason for that? Who knows. But for a millimetre here or there, or a foot here or there, or a few seconds here or there is the heartbreak that families experience. We are very conscious of that. We continue to work on that in a bipartisan manner, as we have in the past and will continue to do in the future. I do not think we should be political about this. I think this is something on which we should be working together to make sure we do all we can to bring down the road toll.

As I said at the outset, one death on our roads is one too many. Sadly, I have had some in my community that have been absolutely heartbreaking for people in and around my area. In speaking with SAPOL when we have our regular meetings to discuss this, I ask the question all the time: is there something we can be doing? The one point that has been noted is that a lot of the deaths could have been avoided. The incidents could have been avoided if a different decision had been made. That is something that we are very conscious of. That is why we want to address that, and push and drive behavioural change as much as ever before.

We want people to think about what they are doing when they get behind the wheel, and not be blasé—for want of a better term—or take things for granted. We want to make sure that people are thinking. When you get behind the wheel, you are responsible for yourself and the passengers in your vehicle, other people on the road and pedestrians. You are part of a much greater network. We want to make sure that the people are really thinking about what they are doing.

The commissioner has just informed me that Australian police met earlier this month, and SAPOL led discussions. SAPOL are doing their bit on their side, DPTI are doing their bit on their side

and, as minister, I am pushing this as hard as I possibly can. Anywhere we can find an area to make improvements, we are looking to do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Given the new structures following the abandonment of the Motor Accident Commission—we will get into that in a minute—what is your own role in regard to road safety campaign strategies as of 1 July this year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The previous government sold the Motor Accident Commission, as you would be aware. Hundreds of millions of dollars were invested in the Motor Accident Commission because they ran CTP, as you would know. The previous government sold off that asset, and that was gone. They were then left to run just the road safety division, the advertising, the sponsorships and the like. They had a board that was paid over \$300,000. From memory, Kevin Foley was one of the members up until recently—

Mr ODENWALDER: Point of order: I am happy to ask plenty of questions about the new structures and the Motor Accident Commission, but this is about your role—your role.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will get to that. I am just explaining how it is structured and how it is set up.

The CHAIR: The point of order is about—

Mr ODENWALDER: It is bringing him back to the substance of the question.

The CHAIR: —the relevance of the minister's response.

Mr ODENWALDER: We only have half an hour on road safety.

The CHAIR: For everybody's benefit, we only have half an hour. We are down to 20 minutes on road safety. Minister, I will bring you back to the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will keep it brief, then, and you can flesh out your other questions. I am the spokesperson for road safety and I am the Minister for Police, so I have the police aspects of road safety. As I mentioned, DPTI is here as well. Minister Knoll is the minister for transport, planning and infrastructure. He has responsibilities for the DPTI elements of road safety. As I said, it is a collective. It is a bigger picture.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry, I beg to differ, minister. Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 136 clearly states that you are responsible for the road safety elements of DPTI.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, say that again.

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 136 clearly states that you are the minister responsible for that particular program or sub-program of road safety within DPTI.

The CHAIR: Thank you for that clarification, member for Elizabeth.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am just trying to help.

The CHAIR: The minister will consider his answer to the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am just finding the budget paper line that you are referring to. Could you repeat that, please?

Mr ODENWALDER: Page 136.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Page 136, Budget Paper 4, Volume 3?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, ministerial responsibilities or something.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: For road safety; that is right. Infrastructure planning and policy is an element of road safety, as I have talked about. Road safety goes into the planning of roads and those aspects. Roads and marine are there as well. The elements of transport projects and land use planning are with the Minister for Transport.

Mr ODENWALDER: I note what you are saying. I appreciate your fulsome answer to my first question, and I accept that road safety is a whole-of-government responsibility. What discussions

have you had with other ministers—I think particularly of the Premier and the Minister for Transport—about road safety policy going forward?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think I outlined this in some detail before, but I am happy to go over it again.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am asking particularly about any conversations with the Premier about road safety.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will not go into the detail of what we discuss in cabinet, but road safety is discussed all the time. It is discussed across a number of portfolio areas. That is one thing about road safety: I do not think it should be the remit of one person. I think there is a collective responsibility there. I know I talk about it with all my cabinet colleagues. It is important. I think I discussed from the outset that it is really important that there is a bipartisan approach to this. In your electorate and in others' electorates, everyone has that concern for road safety. So, yes, it is discussed very broadly in a wider sense with the Premier and the other ministers, most closely, though, with the minister for planning, transport and infrastructure.

Mr ODENWALDER: Minister, are you responsible for the new advisory board that oversees the coordination of road safety?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are the minister responsible for that committee. Can you outline the difference between the advisory board and the working group and how those two will interact? Are there terms of reference, and who will be on it? I note that you have appointed a chair; is it Jim Plouffe?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is correct.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is he amongst us today?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Why not?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Because he is not needed here. I have the head of SAPOL here and I have DPTI here as well.

Mr ODENWALDER: But you do not have the chair of the working group in charge of the responsibility for road safety promotion.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, it is a road user safety committee. It is a committee, not a board, as it has been previously. From memory, I do not—

Mr ODENWALDER: It is not a board?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, it is not. That has been made very—

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay. I am just asking questions.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I apologise. I have put out media statements. I am not sure whether you have seen them. It has been put into the public very, very clearly about how this will be set up. I am happy to go through it again with you, if you like.

Mr ODENWALDER: My question, then, is how the two groups interact. You have the advisory committee. What is it called, the committee? Then you have a working group, so who is on the working group?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The working group that I think you are referring to, and I am not sure where you got this working group from—

Mr ODENWALDER: I think, in fairness to the commissioner, I got it from the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I understand there were some questions asked there, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: I think that is where I heard those two terms.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I am happy to talk you through the process because it is a similar process to what was in place under the previous government. We now have the road user safety advisory committee, that group there, which is headed by Mr Plouffe and which has a number of other road safety experts on it.

I was starting to say before that the previous incarnation, the Motor Accident Commission Board, which, as we said, after the previous government sold off all the assets at the Motor Accident Commission, was just down to running the road safety part, was probably not the most wise spend of taxpayers' money—having a \$300,000 plus board to run the road safety aspect which is sitting at around \$14 million.

We have re-established this committee, which has a number of key road safety people involved to cover all aspects there to make sure that we are utilising that expertise. We have the chair, as you mentioned, who is Mr Jim Plouffe. They will be giving advice to me. Sitting below that in the departments, they have these working groups, which will funnel information in. So they can do the work, which they actually have had in place previously; and it was a previous model that was used. Under the previous government, those working groups were established.

The experts within the departments, within SAPOL, gather the data, the information, and feed that up to the advisory group. The advisory group will make assessments and feed that information through to me. As I outlined before, bear in mind that the money MAC had was hundreds of millions for running the CTP operation, which was sold off, and now we have some \$12 million-odd that was spent on the advertising, the sponsorships and the partnerships.

That has been distributed across to SAPOL running the advertising arm of things, as has been very publicly identified, and DPTI running the sponsorships and partnerships, and those agreements. The funds have gone across to them to run that. We have DPTI doing that work, SAPOL doing that work, funnelling through the advisory group to me, and that is how that group will work.

Mr ODENWALDER: So does the advisory group, headed by Jim Plouffe, have the authority to make decisions in regards to road safety promotion? Is Jim Plouffe the ultimate arbiter of that—under you, of course, minister?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, very much by name it is an advisory group.

Mr ODENWALDER: It advises, for instance, the commissioner and the CE of transport, and then decisions are made?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, the commissioner and CE of transport are both on that advisory group, so they will then take the information, funnel it through to me, and a decision will be made accordingly.

Mr ODENWALDER: So who makes the decision?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will be.

Mr ODENWALDER: You make all the decisions about road safety policy and advertising going forward?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. To be clear, and I just stated this before, SAPOL will make their decisions around the arms they are responsible for and DPTI will make the decisions around the arms they are responsible for, but with respect to road safety policy and structure, that will come through the road safety advisory group and be funnelled through to me.

Mr ODENWALDER: So Mr Plouffe or the advisory group will not have the authority to direct resources?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: On their own, no; okay. Have you considered the possibility of advice coming through the advisory group, which is contested or disagreed with by the commissioner, or by the CE of transport, or by the road safety units within DPTI?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think I just outlined that the commissioner and the CE of DPTI are on the road safety advisory group, so they will be funnelling through the information. If you are asking me if there might be disagreements—

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, you can foresee that there may be disagreement within the group. Is there a voting system within the advisory group?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I need to clarify. Are you saying that there might be discussion within the road safety advisory group about different ideas and different concepts?

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, yes, that's right, and there may be strong disagreement about which direction to take. How would that disagreement be resolved?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to clarify, you are saying to me: will the road safety advisory group have discussions and conversations around what policy direction or issues might be taken going forward? Yes, they will have discussions about that and, yes, they will share them, and it will be filtered through to me to say, 'This was the majority decision,' and if there is dissent that will be made clear.

I point out as well that at the end of the Motor Accident Commission, when your side was in government, the commissioner was on the board of the Motor Accident Commission, so he had a say at the same level, so it is very similar. Yes, the advisory committee I hope will discuss, flesh out and talk about policy directions and what will be good and what will not be good, and that information will be fed through to me. That is exactly how it is designed.

Mr ODENWALDER: The difference between the new arrangements and the previous arrangements, though, as you just said, is that, while the commissioner was on the committee that steered the board of the Motor Accident Commission, ultimately the Motor Accident Commission was independent of government and it made decisions and it made spending decisions. Now SAPOL and DPTI are making those decisions. I am just asking you if there is a potential for conflict.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Fundamentally, to be clear, the advisory group, with its key people on board, will funnel information through. SAPOL will take that advice on board when they make their decisions. DPTI will, likewise, do the same thing. I think what we have fundamentally done here—and it may be a point that I need to be clear on, and I apologise if I have not explained it—is that with the MAC being sold off what we had in the past was the treasurer responsible for MAC, the minister for police responsible for the policing side of road safety and the minister for road transport responsible for the DPTI side of road safety.

We have fundamentally just lost one of those arms, so we have made it even simpler and clearer that the responsibility and the roles, as we have been outlining here in this committee, sit with SAPOL and DPTI, with me as the spokesperson out the front aligned with SAPOL, and then with the Minister for Transport also heavily involved from the DPTI perspective.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has the police commissioner approached you for extra resources regarding road safety communication?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, I missed that; can you repeat it?

Mr ODENWALDER: Has the commissioner approached you for extra resources in order to fulfil the new role in road safety?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, extra resources—I can give you the detail, if you like.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, the detailed split between SAPOL and DPTI would be good.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Within the split—and this is the shell that was left in MAC after the previous government sold it off—in the funds that went to DPTI there were two FTE roles that went with that as well. I think I have already outlined it but, just to be clear, they were for data analytics, administration, policy and research through CASA, the major and minor partnerships and also administrative support of the road user safety advisory committee. As I mentioned, there are two FTE roles to support the functions of the committee and the ongoing sponsorship and partnership arrangements.

From SAPOL's point of view, they will pick up the road safety advertising campaigns, the digital communication and media campaign evaluation, as I think I have outlined as well. With that came six FTE roles to support the functions of campaigns, digital communications and media and the evaluation of those campaigns. SAPOL will also be responsible for the schoolies component, the Encounter Youth arrangement that is in place there. That has been very positive and they will continue to run it through SAPOL.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, that is good. So there are eight FTEs in total, then, spread across DPTI and SAPOL. Were any of those people from the previous Motor Accident Commission taken on?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Have they come across from the Motor Accident Commission, any of those eight?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that four of the six who came to SAPOL came from the Motor Accident Commission and none of the FTEs who went to DPTI came from the previous Motor Accident Commission.

Mr ODENWALDER: We will go to those sponsorships, then. Presumably that is under the DPTI line, Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 142. If I understand what you have been saying correctly, those sponsorships—apart from schoolies, as we have already discussed—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, what page was that?

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 142, DPTI, road safety. Can you reassure the RAA that their Street Smart High and Street Smart Primary programs, which were funded through the Motor Accident Commission, will continue to be funded beyond 30 June 2020?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think the Treasurer made it very clear in the budget papers that all those programs were funded until 2020. We will discuss that with all the people involved, and we will go through those, as we want to make sure we are getting good bang for our buck. I have been to a couple of those RAA events, and we will very much have a look at what they want to do going forward and how we go forward. However, in the transition they will all be assessed by DPTI. We will look at those—

Mr ODENWALDER: So you cannot guarantee beyond June 2020?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, the guarantee has been made until June 2020.

Mr ODENWALDER: Does the same thing apply to the Road Awareness Program that the MFS runs?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As far as I am aware, that is the date the firm commitment has been made to. The Road Safety Advisory Council will funnel information back and we will make decisions on those going forward. All the funding allocated to those programs has been committed to by the Treasurer, so the funding—

Mr ODENWALDER: This year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to explain, the quantum is guaranteed going forward. Like any program—

Mr ODENWALDER: Beyond 2020?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes; like any program, though, it will be reassessed. We may look to expand it; anything could happen there. Someone may not want to run the program anymore. Again, I will take advice from SAPOL and DPTI and the advisory group to say, 'This is a program that's working really well.' I know you know the RAP program as well, a great program. I was at Westminster School just recently witnessing it for myself, and it has a great impact.

All these programs are great. Am I the expert to evaluate them and say what could be better and what may not be? No. It probably goes back to the first question you asked when we sat down here: what are we doing and what can we do better? I will always evaluate and always look at and

take advice from our new committee to get the best outcomes for road safety. If something better comes along, we will definitely have a look at that, and if something is not working as well as it should be we will have a look at that too.

The quantum is guaranteed, and I think the Treasurer made that abundantly clear in his estimates. All the programs that are in play are there until the end of June 2020, and we will assess from there and also assess them along the way.

Mr ODENWALDER: On the same budget line, page 142, DPTI is responsible for road safety. Do you agree with the Treasurer's comments made on 26 April to the ABC? He said—and I paraphrase—there is evidence, and road safety experts agree, that the one thing you can do to improve road safety is to reduce speeds in the community.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, who said that and when?

Mr ODENWALDER: The Treasurer said that on 26 April on the ABC. Would you agree with the general proposition that there is evidence, and road safety experts would argue, that the one thing you could do to improve road safety is to lower speed limits?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know the context you are referring to as far as the radio interview, and I do not know what was said in preface. In simple terms, the Treasurer would be right if he said that if you are driving a car at 3 km/h you are going to be far safer than driving it at 100 km/h. I do not think anyone would disagree with that. What we want—and I think I made this really clear, from a road safety perspective, right from the outset—is to have that suite of road safety measures being the best it can possibly be. We know that freight has to move across the country, and we understand that people have to move across the state and through our regions.

We know that there has been a massive underspend that we inherited from the previous government as far as the standard of roads is concerned, and that is why we put billions of dollars into upgrading our roads right across the state. We think this is really important. It has been a big feature of what the Minister for Transport has been pushing out there. A safer road system actually makes our roads safer. So it is a collective.

We know that road shoulders, overtaking lanes and these sorts of things add a great deal of safety to our road infrastructure. We know that policing and making sure that people are sticking to the speed limit are important. It is not safe to think that you can do just a few kilometres over the speed limit and be safe; it is not a safe speed. A speed limit is set for a purpose and a reality. So many people see a speed limit and think, 'I can go 10 or 15 per cent over, and everything is okay.' It is not. A speed limit is posted on a road because that is the maximum speed that the experts suggest you should be doing on that road. So it is a suite of things.

What you were referring to in regard to what the Treasurer said, again, I do not know the context, but, very simplistically, if a car is doing 3 km/h or 100 km/h, there is going to be a difference if you have a collision; there is no doubt about that.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, we have reached the allotted time.

Mr ODENWALDER: Thank you.

The CHAIR: Given that, I declare the examination of the proposed payments for road safety to be completed.

**ADMINISTERED ITEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND FINANCE,
\$2,058,173,000**

Minister:

Hon. C.L. Wingard, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services,
Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

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Mr A. Stark, Acting Chief Officer, SA Country Fire Service.

Ms L. Lew, Business Manager, SA Country Fire Service.

Mr G. Benham, Acting Deputy Chief Officer, SA Metropolitan Fire Service.

Ms L. Cvetanovic, Business Manager, SA Metropolitan Fire Service.

Mr. C. Beattie, Chief Officer, State Emergency Service.

Ms S. Di Ciocco, Business Manager, State Emergency Service.

The CHAIR: The next portfolio for examination is SAFECOM, SA Country Fire Service, SA Metropolitan Fire Service, State Emergency Service and Emergency Services Levy Fund. The minister appearing is once again the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Minister, would you like to introduce your advisers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Chair, I certainly would. On my far left, your far right, is Andrew Stark, Acting Chief Officer of the CFS. To my immediate left is Dominic Lane, the Chief Executive of SAFECOM. To my right is Mr Chris Beattie, the Chief Officer of the SES. Behind me is Glenn Benham, the Acting Deputy Chief Officer of the MFS. We have people in the third row too: Luba Cvetanovic, MFS Business Manager; Lisa Lew, CFS Business Manager; Silvana Di Ciocco, SES Business Manager; and Luis Pineda, SAFECOM Business Manager. It is very good to have them here and I am very glad that I have acknowledged them in *Hansard* for the shadow minister.

The CHAIR: Thank you, minister. I just clarify that this session is until 10.30am. Do you wish to make an opening statement?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, let's talk about the budget, please.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, do you have an opening statement or questions?

Mr ODENWALDER: No, not an opening statement, but I do want to welcome Mr Lane to the role. You have been in the role for three weeks now? I should ask the minister that, shouldn't I? I want to talk a little bit about the role of the CE of SAFECOM. I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 67, SAFECOM key agency outputs. Minister, were you personally involved in the appointment of Dominic Lane to the role of CE? What was the process by which the appointment was made?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That was made by a panel through the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. The commissioner headed that up. From memory, there was a panel that involved, amongst others, the CFSVA, the SESVA executives and the UFU. I think the police commissioner was on that panel as well—there may have been one other—along with, as I said, the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. I am informed the police commissioner was not on that panel. If you want to know the other members, I can chase that up for you if it is important to you.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, that is alright. How many other people were considered? How many people put their hand up for the role?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That I do not know. This was a recommendation that came to me from the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment.

Mr ODENWALDER: I do not want to pry, but is the new CE employed under the same payment conditions as the previous CE?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to check that. I am sure that that is all publicly available, though.

Mr ODENWALDER: We are in the public now.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That would be reported in the annual reports. I do not have the detail in front of me. What is appropriate to be reported would be reported publicly.

Mr ODENWALDER: Will you take that on notice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Are you talking about his terms and conditions and those sorts of things?

Mr ODENWALDER: I am talking about the pay and conditions. Is it roughly analogous to the previous CE's arrangements?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That would all be tabled through the Premier's department. That is readily available for you to access through the Premier's department's website.

Mr ODENWALDER: But I am asking you whether you will take that on notice and provide that to the committee?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You want me to go to the website and get the information for you?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, I do.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can do that if you do not want to go to the website; that is fine.

Mr ODENWALDER: Presumably Mr Lane is employed on a full-time basis?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Given that he is employed on a full-time basis, how was it that the previous CE was able to perform the role of the CE of SAFECOM on a part-time basis, on a three-day-a-week basis?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a very good question. I think the last time we were here that was raised by the member for Kaurna, the previous minister in this role before me. I found it enlightening when the previous CE came to me and said that he could do the role on that basis. I accepted what he was saying and accepted that premise. Again, I spoke to the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment and we made that change to the contract, which triggered me to have a review of how this was working, because I asked the exact same question.

When the member for Kaurna was in this position and he was asked the same thing and the CE said that was what he could do, I was surprised that the member for Kaurna did not follow that up. That is the sort of thing that ran a flag to me. So we did that. We reviewed how it was operating and what was happening. As it turned out, when the chief of SAFECOM's contract ended he decided that he would not continue and, as a result, we decided to look for someone with the skill set needed.

As I mentioned a few moments ago, the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment went about finding that person and came to me with the recommendation of Dominic Lane, which I gleefully accepted, and we now have a full-time commissioner for SAFECOM. He is doing some really great work at this very early stage. Everything is going well. That is how we got to this point. I think I said 'commissioner', but it is 'chief executive'. I need to get those terms right.

Mr ODENWALDER: Indeed.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: My slip-up. I do apologise.

Mr ODENWALDER: I beg your pardon if you just mentioned this, but has the review into SAFECOM that you ordered last year, as you were just discussing, been completed?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That was what I outlined. We reviewed the way that the operation was structured. At the end of that, the then chief executive finished at the end of his contract. He decided not to go on. He has gone on to bigger and better things, I am informed, and we went about the process of getting the new chief executive. So that worked in wonderfully well with our review and here is the result of our review.

Mr ODENWALDER: What, just getting a new chief executive; that is the result of the review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Fundamentally, what we wanted to do was look at the operations of how SAFECOM was working and what we needed to do. We think having the new chief executive in place is the right direction for us to go, and he is having a look at that and assessing how we operate and where we go as far as making sure we are complying with the act and doing those things.

I think at the time I read some public statements from you about a wideranging, sweeping review, which were actually incorrect and were never points that were made. What we wanted to do was look at the operation, how it was working and how it was meant to work. The fundamental change that we have made is that we have a new CE.

Mr ODENWALDER: You had a review into SAFECOM. I will just get the time line again: Mr Jackman announces he wants to go to three days, you agree with that proposition, that triggers a review into SAFECOM—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No—

Mr ODENWALDER: —hang on, you can clarify after—and the end result of that review process is that you just get a new CE?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The review, and the scope with which you are expanding the review, is very overinflated. I do not want to paraphrase, but I think you were reported in the media at some stage as saying it was some wideranging, far-reaching review and whatever else. That was not the case. We just wanted to have a look at the structure of the emergency service and how it was going to operate.

As I said, the suggestion that the CE go to three days a week did spark alarm bells, and I am surprised it did not spark alarm bells for the previous minister when the CE suggested the role could be done in that fashion. As it has turned out, we think the role is a full-time role and we have put the appropriate person in place to do that. The concept of the review is one that I think you out in the media pushed as a far wider ranging piece of work than it actually was.

Mr ODENWALDER: You told committee B last year that Christine Bierbaum would undertake the review and would work with the emergency services sector and SAFECOM to develop terms of reference, to identify appropriate governance arrangements, budgets and time frames. You said that a working group would be established, comprising chief officers, etc., as you have outlined. You said, 'The review will examine a number of other issues,' and, 'whether the functions provided by SAFECOM are delivered in the best manner'. So are you saying that the only sort of improvement to the functions provided by SAFECOM is that it has a new CE?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, what I think I said was—

Mr ODENWALDER: I am not saying that is not the case. I do not want to be disparaging of anyone's work.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I appreciate that. What I am saying is that one of the outcomes of that was that we do have a new CE to work through some of the things that I have outlined there and, if anything comes from that, we will put those processes in place. But one of the key outcomes, as I think I have outlined quite clearly, was to put a new CE in place.

Mr ODENWALDER: What were the other outcomes? What were the other recommendations of that review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The other elements that you are talking about, the CE of SAFECOM will have a look at but, fundamentally, they will be cabinet-in-confidence, so I cannot speak about that obviously to this end. But the CE will work through—

Mr ODENWALDER: The entire result of that review is cabinet-in-confidence; is that what you are saying?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Except for the fact that you have appointed a new CE.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I am saying is, and what I think I outlined there was, that the CE will work through any of those other elements which I mentioned a few moments ago. I think you mentioned that he has been in the job for three or maybe four weeks, so he will work through any of those other elements as they are put to him and we will work through those. Some of those elements are cabinet-in-confidence, so I cannot go into those details but, as they are worked through, we will implement them and/or make them public where appropriate.

Mr ODENWALDER: So a report of some sort with recommendations has gone to cabinet?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot talk about what goes before cabinet. You are aware of that. You know the protocol.

Mr ODENWALDER: But I think you already did, though.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, what I said was—

Mr ODENWALDER: Didn't you say something had gone to cabinet?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, what I said was that there are elements that are cabinet-in-confidence, so I cannot talk about those, but what the CE will do, as far as an administrative and operational manner goes, is he will work through any of those recommendations. Where processes are needed, he will put them in place, but he has been in the job for three to four weeks. The point I was making from the get-go—

Mr ODENWALDER: Full-time?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The point I was making from the outset was that the new chief of SAFECOM is one of the outcomes from what we did when we had a look and had a review of the operations of SAFECOM.

Mr ODENWALDER: Did the chief officers of the MFS, CFS, and SES see any of these recommendations or see any reports or see any results of this review before anything went to cabinet?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The SAFECOM review?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, the SAFECOM review. Before these documents were prepared for cabinet—I am not asking what the documents are—did the chief officers have a chance to review them at all, or were they consulted?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to check that and take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, will you take that on notice, thank you. I appreciate that. Will any of the recommendations of the review result in any job losses across any part of the emergency services sector?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That was not the intention. I think you read out the scope of the review before, so that was not in the scope of the review.

Mr ODENWALDER: It was not in the scope of the review at all?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You read that out before. You read the—

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, it was really vague. So, within the scope of the review, there was no mention of workforce numbers or positions?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, that is correct.

Mr ODENWALDER: While we are on that type of thing, I will just go to the CFS workforce, which is Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 32, but you probably do not need to look this up. I am just wondering when a new chief officer will be appointed to the CFS?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That process is again with the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, and they are doing that interview process at present.

Mr ODENWALDER: So nothing has come up to you yet regarding that?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Did you not make some public comments last week about a candidate?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Why has that process taken so long? Presumably, the previous chief officer's contract has expired. Why was there not an arrangement in place upon that expiration?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think I outlined before that this is done through the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. It is a very thorough process and you would have to ask—

Mr ODENWALDER: You have taken no interest in that? You have not tried to push it along?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a matter for the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. I would not want to rush a decision and make a wrong decision from that perspective, that is for sure. I will be guided by the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, who does a very good job, and take the advice that comes from her.

Mr ODENWALDER: Why was the previous chief officer's contract not renewed?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It was renewed in December last year. It came up in the middle of fire season, which was not an appropriate time, in my opinion, to have a look at that. He was extended for another six months, but then the decision was made that we would go and search and see who was out there in the marketplace who might potentially want to work in what we think is a very good organisation.

Mr ODENWALDER: One of your stated reasons at the time was that you wanted to take the CFS into a new direction. I wonder if you could explain or outline what that new direction is for the committee?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What budget paper are you referring to?

Mr ODENWALDER: I am referring to the CFS workforce, Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 32. I am talking about the chief officer, who is part of the workforce presumably, and the reasons for his departure. One of those reasons was that you wanted to take the CFS into new directions.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I think I said was that his contract was up and it was not renewed. We want to have a look at who is out there and who is available and who might be interested in working in what we think is a really good organisation.

Mr ODENWALDER: So at no point did you say that you wanted to take the CFS into a new direction?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think, again, the concept of a new direction has been very much overstated. We were looking for a new CE. A new chief will bring different ideas to the table. We want to have a really strong volunteer focus around what we do. We really appreciate and thank our volunteers for their great service. We want a strong focus on that, as far as the CFS is concerned. I have covered the state, visiting as many CFS brigades as I can. I think I have visited over 50 brigades, and the key element is making sure that we are growing our volunteer numbers and supporting our volunteers. That is a key focus, from where I stand, so that is what I am very keen and determined to do.

Mr ODENWALDER: The decision not to reappoint the previous chief officer, or not to offer a renewal of contract—however you want to characterise it—was that your decision?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: It was entirely your decision, okay. I just want to talk about the MFS.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What page?

Mr ODENWALDER: Page 32 of the Budget Measures Statement, where it talks about the PFAS contamination at Largs North.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which line is that one?

Mr ODENWALDER: 'Operating initiatives, per-and poly-fluoroalkyl remediation and testing'.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You said you were not going to say it. You said you were not going to try to get your lips around that word. Have another crack.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, that's that. We will call it PFAS.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which line?

Mr ODENWALDER: Page 32. There are only a few words on that page and that is one of them.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Page 32 is CFS. Budget Paper 4, Volume 2?

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Measures Statement, page 32.

The CHAIR: At the very bottom of the half page.

Mr ODENWALDER: There is some money set aside for continued testing, presumably across the MFS but largely related to Largs North Fire Station. Could you give us a bit of an overview as to where that testing is at?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That testing is still progressing. They are still doing that work, hence the money allocated in the budget.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you be more specific? Can you tell me what quantum of the workforce has been tested and whether anyone is significantly at risk or injured? How many people are left to be tested?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As I outlined, it is still being progressed; I do not have the numbers at hand. I will endeavour to get some numbers. I am informed that the voluntary option to be tested is still open, so there might still be people who are going to come forward to be tested. That is still in place, and then we will be looking at the potential for a university study and have an investment in that to help.

Just to clarify, as I am informed, there are a couple of studies going on. We are going to look at what involvement there is. Fundamentally, it is not known what PFAS is, does or how it works. It is not definitive in nature so, whilst we are aware of what is happening, there is no conclusive evidence. I am informed that there are studies going on and that we will look to dovetail into those.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you satisfied, minister, that the Largs North Fire Station is now safe for personnel to return to?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The investigation is still ongoing around Largs North.

Mr ODENWALDER: When will personnel return there?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The investigation is still ongoing, so I do not have—

Mr ODENWALDER: When do you expect the investigation to be complete?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The investigation is still ongoing. I do not have the definitive date.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not have a definitive date. Is it going to be this year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The investigation is still ongoing. I cannot speak for the experts. I would not want to guess at what their findings are, where they are going and what is happening. It would be silly of me to guess when I am not the expert. I am not actually doing the science. I am not the scientist. I will leave that to them to determine, and they will do those investigations. Once those investigations are done, then we will take the steps forward from there, but I would not like to just take a stab in the dark and have a guess at those things.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have you read the report entitled 'PFAS exposure pathways assessment: Largs North Fire Station', which was commissioned by the MFS and prepared by Melbourne fire brigade commander Mick Tisbury?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That report went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: I know it went to the MFS; I am just asking if you have read it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you have not read it?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It did not come to me: it went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you have not seen it?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: This is a yes or no answer. You are not on the radio now. Answer the question: have you read it or not?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It went to the MFS. I cannot be any clearer.

Mr ODENWALDER: Why can you not say no?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot be any clearer. It went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: You can be clearer: you could say yes or no.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It went to the MFS.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay. When did you become aware of this report? It was delivered to the MFS on 27 February, as I am advised.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am just thinking about dates. I would have to go back and check my briefings with the chief of the MFS. I would have to check on dates and timing because I do not have my diary in front of me to that level.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you want to take that on notice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, I will have a look at that. If I can give you a more fulsome answer, I will.

Mr ODENWALDER: Thank you. As the minister, have you taken any action on the central recommendation of that report that the MFS strongly consider permanently decommissioning the Largs North Fire Station?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think I made it clear earlier that the investigations are still going on. A number of reports have been done. Scientists are doing a body of work around this, and that is still being investigated. Are you talking specifically about Largs North?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, scientists have done work. There have been a number of investigations, as far as I am aware. That body of work is still ongoing and that investigation is still continuing, so I will wait for the outcome of that work.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have you seen any other completed reports, or are you waiting for everything to be done and then something comprehensive will arrive on your desk to review? Is that what you are saying?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am waiting for all the investigations to finish and all the scientific work to be done. I think I outlined before that I am not a scientist at that level, whilst I do have a science degree.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not have to show me your degree.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You were a police officer; you know how it goes. You raised that one, and I appreciate that.

Mr ODENWALDER: I have a degree too.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What was that in? Not science.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, not science—definitely not science. The Largs North Fire Station brigade are now temporarily housed at Fort Largs; is that right?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is correct.

Mr ODENWALDER: In the old section or the new section, if you understand what I am saying. Is it in the abandoned section?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The abandoned section? No. Are you talking about the Police Academy?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes. Are they sharing facilities with the Police Academy?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told yes. The Police Academy does not always use that facility, as far as I am aware, therefore they have it for the bulk of the time. As far as I am informed, they are using the new area—not the abandoned area, as you pointed out—of the Police Academy. They are based and stationed there.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is there any cost incurred across agencies for that arrangement, or is that just a gift of the police department?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that the police do charge for the use of the facility.

Mr ODENWALDER: How much?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I have been advised to take that on notice. I do not have that dollar figure in front of me, but I will endeavour to get that number and get it to you.

Mr ODENWALDER: That money is coming out of the MFS budget into the police budget for the foreseeable future until you decide that Largs North is—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will take that on notice. I am not entirely sure of the breakdown of the arrangement. Again, I am led to believe that, early on, SAPOL and the police commissioner were very helpful in allowing this to happen, and then an arrangement—

Mr ODENWALDER: They get paid for it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry?

Mr ODENWALDER: They are very helpful and they get paid for it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think that they were actually helpful from the get-go. I am not sure when the cost sharing occurred, and I am not sure whether the cost is around, for example, linen, electricity, water supply, etc. I do not know whether that is the cost or whether there is a charge, but I will have a look at that and come back to you with some numbers once I can ascertain exactly what they are.

Again, it is early days, early stages, of this. They moved in and I am not sure whether they were charged right from the get-go or whether a deal was struck a little bit later down the track. I am not sure. I will look into this, as I have outlined, about whether it was just to cover costs or whether there is a charge involved as well. I will have a look at that for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: I appreciate your bringing all that back. Thank you, minister. I appreciate what you said before about waiting for the studies to be completed before you make any decision about the fire station itself. Has there been any forward planning, any contingency planning, should the Largs North Fire Station not be operable? Has any work been done into identifying any other sites?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Fundamentally, because the investigation is still ongoing, that is what we need to get the information around first. We know that it is an expanding area. There is a lot happening over on the peninsula; it is very, very exciting. However, the investigation is still ongoing and we just do not know where that is going to land, so until we know that detail it is hard to look a long way into the future.

Mr ODENWALDER: There would be some level of planning, surely, because, as you have stated, at some point in the future a report is going to land on your desk without warning and you will not have considered these issues at all because they are all in these studies that are ongoing.

The report is going to land on your desk possibly saying that Largs North is no longer a desirable place to house a fire station, and then the planning will start to get a new fire station and in the meantime they will continue this cost-sharing arrangement at Fort Largs; is that right?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I appreciate what you are saying. Again, I stress the point that we are waiting for the investigation but, with respect to one element and across all agencies, contingencies are put in place. Perhaps the example you have raised is a really good one: this ability to work in with SAPOL and to utilise the facility that is there at the academy for this scenario, which no-one would have known was going to unfold. Across all agencies, they do a great job putting those contingencies in place, so I have no doubt that forward planning is going on, futureproofing is going on. All that stuff—

Mr ODENWALDER: But you are not aware?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —would always be considered. However, to that end, my focus is on the investigation and waiting for the outcome of that, but whether or not other works have been done would sit with the agencies, and I have every confidence that they would be having a look at those things, having futureproofing in place and planning for decades to come.

We have just invested significant money in the last budget for a new emergency services centre, and, again, in this budget from a SAPOL perspective in their communication centre because of the concerns going forward around a report that came out around earthquakes and the like. This sort of thinking is always happening through the agency, and I have every confidence that they are doing that work.

Mr ODENWALDER: We will get onto the emergency services headquarters, then, I think.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What Budget Paper?

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 67. Before we do, did you say before that Mr Lane's remuneration was on the departmental website, the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment's website?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is what I am led to believe. It is outlined on the DPC website, I am led to believe. All that information has to be tabled. But I think you asked me to go away and get that formation to you, which I am happy to do.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you are saying that must be supplied publicly? Humour me; I have never been the minister. The chief executive's remuneration must be published on this website; is that right?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As far as I am led to believe, all executive contracts at that level are tabled in the annual reports of the agencies; they are tabled there and henceforth put up online. That is what I am led to believe, that they are tabled as such in the annual reports and they are put online. If it is not online, as I outlined before, I am happy to go away and get the details for you. I am not sure of the timing of when they go online. I must say, I am scientist not a computer expert.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, but you are a minister. Do you know whether there is a statutory obligation for you to ensure that is on the website?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to check that. Again, I know they are tabled. I will go away and check.

Mr ODENWALDER: What do you mean 'tabled'?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Tabled in the annual report. I think I outlined that. As far as I am aware, the chief executive officer has their salary put in the annual report. As I mentioned a few moments earlier when you asked the question, I am happy to go away and get that information for you and get it back to you, no problem at all. My apologies; I have just been advised that it is not tabled in the annual report. I will look to see where it does go and get that information for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: As of today, it does not appear to be on the website, but I will leave that with you to get an answer back to the committee.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No problem at all. As I said when you asked the question back at the start, I am happy to take that on notice and get the information for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: Also, if you could clarify whose responsibility it is to make sure that it is on that website, whether it is the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, whether it is you or whether it is the agency CE.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes; it is a very fair point, too, and I will take that on board and take that on notice and get that information and get it back to you. Having a number of chiefs, especially in this portfolio, the chief executive of SAFECOM and the three fire chiefs—

Mr ODENWALDER: Too many chiefs? Is that what you are saying?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. I will get that information and let you know how that is tabled, reported, and give you all that detail, as requested.

Mr ODENWALDER: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 67, which talks about the joint emergency services headquarters, the control centre. Are we talking about the same thing if we talk about control centre?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you confirm the total cost of the headquarters over the forward estimates? I think it is just over \$14 million, if I am reading this right.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to clarify, you are talking about the \$14.178 million that is outlined in the budget papers?

Mr ODENWALDER: That sounds about right, yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think you may have referenced or looked at last year, where there was no figure attached. Is that something that you had flagged externally to here?

Mr ODENWALDER: I do not know what you are talking about. What do you mean 'flagged externally to here'?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to clarify it, there was no figure put in the budget last year because, going to tender, you do not put a figure in the budget from the point of view of not wanting to let people know what you are willing to pay. It sets the price, and you do not want to do that. So those works have begun. The figure there is the capital contribution that has been estimated from DPTI, if I am correct, as far as the contribution towards the new state emergency service headquarters.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you clarify what you meant by 'flagged externally to here'?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I thought you had mentioned something in the media somewhere.

Mr ODENWALDER: Mentioned something where, sorry?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: In the media somewhere.

Mr ODENWALDER: I have not spoken publicly about this since October last year, I think.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Then I was misled, unless you said something in October last year.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you made a mistake when you said that something had been flagged externally to here?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I thought you might have raised this issue in the media, but if you have not that is fine.

Mr ODENWALDER: What made you think that?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I may have read something, that you talked about—

The CHAIR: Minister and member for Elizabeth—

Mr ODENWALDER: It is an important point—

The CHAIR: We will get back on track, I think, with our budget line questioning.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay; that is fine. Given all that—and I understand the minister's reasoning for last year's budget, even though I did not ask about it—if I understand the budget papers correctly there was \$500,000 spent in the last financial year on this project.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that is the project cost, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What was that spending on?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told that was getting project managers, cost consultants, architects together to begin the works.

Mr ODENWALDER: And the \$14.1 million odd, what exactly is that expected to be spent on?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that is the capital contribution for the fit-out to the building.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is a fairly specific amount. When do you expect this to be complete? When do the personnel move into this new fit-out and it is all completely operational?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed it is planned to be operational by September 2021.

Mr ODENWALDER: In the media last year you said August 2021. That is changed by a month.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You are suggesting I said that? I do not have a recollection of what the quote was.

Mr ODENWALDER: It was in *The Advertiser* on Monday 22 October last year. You said the work would be complete by August 2021.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That could have been practical completion as opposed to transfer of personnel—

Mr ODENWALDER: So transfer of personnel will be complete by September?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Operational by 21 September I am informed.

Mr ODENWALDER: On page 67, what does the date of December 2022 mean? The date given for completion on page 67 of the budget papers is December 2022. I am not sure what that means, although I am sure there is a perfectly reasonable explanation for it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that is from a budget perspective to financially close out the project. It is a financial reference to actually close it out.

Mr ODENWALDER: So the new headquarters will be fully operational by September 2021?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is the plan.

Mr ODENWALDER: The last time we spoke about this was by proxy in the media on 22 October last year, but can you tell me what the process has been in regard to the tender process since last year's budget? I understand there were five tenderers short-listed, from memory. Have you reached a point where you are starting to sign contracts and things?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What are the specifics of your question? You want to know how many—

Mr ODENWALDER: There were five tenderers short-listed in April, I understand, if my memory serves me correctly, April last year. I am wondering what has happened since then in the process towards the establishment of this new centre because we have not heard anything in the media or otherwise, as far as I am aware.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that there are four tenderers and that an evaluation process will take place over the coming weeks. As you would be aware, this is coordinated through DPTI.

Mr ODENWALDER: 'Over the coming weeks', so what is the end date? When will you decide and when will it become publicly available who the successful tenderer is?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That would be a matter for cabinet.

Mr ODENWALDER: Notwithstanding our toing and froing in the media, this has taken a while to get off the ground. Have any of your agency heads or VAs expressed any concern to you about the length of time it has taken?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This was a project that was sitting around under the previous government—

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, I understand all that.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —and talked about for years and years. We are actually getting on with the job and progressing it, so, no, not to my knowledge.

Mr ODENWALDER: To your knowledge, no chief officer has expressed any concern and no VA has expressed any concern to you?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, as I said, we are getting on with this job.

Mr ODENWALDER: No VA has expressed any concern about the length of time this has taken?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not to my knowledge, no.

Mr ODENWALDER: Would you check and come back to the committee with an answer?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, if there is anything to report back, I will. Can I stress again that this was a project that did sit around under the previous government for years and years and no action was taken, so to be moving this forward is very good for the sector.

Mr ODENWALDER: In Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 35, in descriptions and objectives it mentions the Mount Barker CFS. I guess this crosses agencies because it is regarding the introduction of the retained—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, which line are you referring to?

Mr ODENWALDER: Page 35.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Is this in Agency Statements or Budget Measures?

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 35.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which line?

Mr ODENWALDER: It is in descriptions and objectives. Sorry, that appears to be my mistake. Bear with me. Perhaps we will come back to that one. I go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 48.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Was that the wrong page?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, I will come back to that. There must be an error in my paperwork, sorry. Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 48, which is the workforce summary. I understand from conversations I have had with both the previous chief and the current chief—and I wish he were here so I could congratulate him on his reappointment—about the pursuit of greater gender equity in recruitment within the MFS, that for various reasons the previous chief officer was not pursuing the same sort of fifty-fifty arrangement that the police commissioner is pursuing. I am wondering how that process is going and whether there is a formal gender parity objective.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will pass on your congratulations to the new chief when I see him. He will appreciate that.

Mr ODENWALDER: He is a good man.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that there is focus in this area; you are right. There is an ageing population within the Metropolitan Fire Service—do not tell some of them that I said that. That is the fact and the organisation has identified that. They are actively engaged in improving the equity and diversity within the MFS. In fact, I noticed on social media, and I am sure you probably did as well, that there are some proactive pushes to make sure they do that. I will not

speak for the chief, but I can say that it is something he is very conscious of and working very hard on as well.

I am also informed that this year there will be three courses of 24, up from 18, so that opportunity to bring in more people is something they are very focused on. As I was discussing before, from what we have seen on social media there is a focus on improving equity and diversity within the Metropolitan Fire Service, and management are focused on getting that balance right.

Mr ODENWALDER: I appreciate that you probably will not have these figures with you, but can you give me a gender breakdown across the organisation as at 30 June this calendar year and 30 June last year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just across genders?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am happy to get that for you. I will take that on notice and bring that information back for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you shed any light on why the MFS would not take the approach that SAPOL have in terms of a fifty-fifty quota, for want of a better word? My cautious friend has reminded me that there is a 'target' within SAPOL, not a 'quota'.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The information I have been given, and as your esteemed colleague just talked about, if you set those sorts of quotas or targets, or whatever you want to call them, you are not necessarily getting people who are fully focused on wanting to do that job. That is a concern.

Whilst in the short term you will bring people in, if they are not passionate about the job and they do not want to stay in the job, there is a concern that they may come in for the short term and then fall out the back end. The advice is that, if we go and really push for people who are passionate about doing this role and want to do this role, they will be there long term. That is one of the key areas they are focused on, and a big part of their drive is finding people who want to do this work.

I have actually been out in the field and lucky enough to meet a number of MFS firies, obviously, as well as a number of the female MFS firies we have. They are really great advocates for this job and the lifestyle it can give, the opportunities it can give and the challenges it can give. That is a real strong message that I think is important, and I am informed that the chief is very focused on getting out there, sharing that and selling that.

In short, trying to make this a career path rather than just a job for a few years is a key focus, from the information I have been given from the MFS. I think it is a good thing to have that career path there for all people, and to be growing equity and diversity is a very positive outlook.

Mr ODENWALDER: Indeed. We are running out of time, so can I go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 2, page 66, the Community Emergency Services Fund, administered items. Can you confirm that the Surf Life Saving helicopter rescue services are funded out of that fund?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, they do receive some funding through there.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has there been a review by SAFECOM or by any of your agencies into the helicopter rescue services, and what were the outcomes of that review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: By my agencies, are you saying, or by SAFECOM?

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, SAFECOM is one of your agencies, isn't it?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What were the outcomes of that review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There is no review by my departments.

Mr ODENWALDER: There has been no review into helicopter rescue services?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There has been no review by SAFECOM or any of my departments.

Mr ODENWALDER: Not by SAFECOM?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not by SAFECOM, no.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has there been a review by any external agency then?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You would have to ask that agency, but not by SAFECOM.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are not aware of one?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not by SAFECOM and not by my agencies.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are not aware of a review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not by my agencies that I am responsible for.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you are aware of a review, but not by SAFECOM?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Your question was—

Mr ODENWALDER: Was a review commissioned by any of your agencies, overseen by any of your agencies or reporting back to any of your agencies?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Your question is about my agencies.

Mr ODENWALDER: I just asked my question. That was a question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Your question is about my agencies.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, I just asked a separate question: is there a review done by any external agency that will report back to any of your agencies, that has been commissioned by your agencies and will report back at any point or report back to you?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I am just clarifying that your question was: has there been any review done by my agencies, and my response then is no.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, has there been a review done by any agency or any organisation—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And I said you would have to ask those other agencies.

The CHAIR: I think, minister, we have moved to a further question, have we not, member for Elizabeth?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, if you like. Has there been a review conducted by any agency or any organisation that has been commissioned by one of your agencies or is instructed to report back to one of your agencies?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If you are referring to my agencies that I am here speaking to, which was your initial question—

Mr ODENWALDER: This is a separate question then, minister. Answer the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If you have a question for another agency, ask that agency.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, no, no,

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, yes, yes.

Mr BROWN: I might have a go.

The CHAIR: Member for Playford.

Mr BROWN: Have any of your—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which budget paper and which budget line are you referring to?

Mr BROWN: The same one that my colleague was just referring to.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which one is that, sorry?

Mr BROWN: Agency Statements, Volume 2, page 66, Community Emergency Services Fund. We have established that the rescue service is funded out of the Community Emergency Services Fund.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, the surf lifesaving aerial capability receives some funding out of the Community Emergency Services Fund.

Mr BROWN: So it does receive funding out of the fund; is that correct?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr BROWN: Have any of your agencies been consulted as part of a review of that service?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: A review of the surf lifesaving service? Not as far as I am aware.

Mr BROWN: Okay, thank you. It is good to get an answer.

The CHAIR: We have indeed reached 10.30am. There being no further questions, I declare the examination of the proposed payments for SAFECOM, the Emergency Services Levy Fund, the SA Country Fire Service, the SA Metropolitan Fire Service and the State Emergency Service to be completed.

Sitting suspended from 10:31 to 10:45.

Membership:

Hon. A. Piccolo substituted for Mr Brown.

Departmental Advisers:

Mr G. Stevens, Commissioner of Police, South Australia Police.

Mr S. Johnke, Director, Business Service, South Australia Police.

Mr I. Hartmann, Manager, Financial Management, South Australia Police.

Mr J. Teakle, Chief Inspector Governance and Capability Service, South Australia Police.

The CHAIR: The portfolio that we will be examining for the next two hours is South Australia Police. The minister appearing is the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Minister, I call on you to introduce your advisers and make a statement if you wish.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Chair. I will not make a statement but I will introduce some people back to the table and new to the table. To my far left is Ian Hartmann, Manager, Financial Management, SAPOL. To my immediate left is Stephen Johnke, Director, Business Service, SAPOL. To my right is Commissioner Grant Stevens, and behind us is Jerome Teakle, Chief Inspector Governance and Capability Service at SAPOL.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, do you have a statement? If not, you can go straight to questions.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am happy to go to the budget. I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 183. We will start, as we traditionally do, with the workforce summary. Can you tell me, minister, on the latest figures, how many sworn police officer FTEs there were at 30 June last financial year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes. The actual sworn workforce at 30 June 2019 was 4,701.6 FTEs active sworn. That includes sworn and community constables.

Mr ODENWALDER: That was 4,701?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Point 6, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: I think you have been making commitments, as the previous government did, that numbers would be maintained at 4,713 or more. Can you explain why that is not the case as at 30 June last year? We did have some discussion last year about how that is not

a rolling average: that would be the figure at 30 June. Are you telling me the figure at 30 June was 12 FTEs below that?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that, in the calculation of these numbers, seven FTE specialist cybercrime positions have been put on, which have been agreed to with PASA; so that is an extra seven. The police commissioner has also put on an extra 15 FTE solicitors at his discretion using sworn salaries. They are sworn salaries. If you add them up, it is actually more than 4,713.

Mr ODENWALDER: Who are the solicitors? Are they sworn police officers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, but they are using—

Mr ODENWALDER: So how do they contribute to the 4,713 figure?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am explaining why that number was not met. The police commissioner made the decision to use those positions for solicitors.

Mr ODENWALDER: There are 4,701 sworn police officers. What was the other figure—seven cybercrime? Who are they? Are they some sort of—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Specialist cybercrime.

Mr ODENWALDER: They are not sworn police officers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. They are civilians.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Civilians, which again are agreed to. The seven positions are agreed to with PASA. It is a unique skill set, obviously.

Mr ODENWALDER: Agreed with PASA to make up the 4,713; is that what you are suggesting?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: That still only gets us to 4,708. Are you saying that there are then 15 civilian solicitors?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: You brought up an agreement with PASA. Is there some agreement with PASA about that figure, or is that an operational decision of the police commissioner?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That was a decision made by the commissioner to maintain necessary capability.

Mr ODENWALDER: At the expense of five operational police officers.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you expect this to be an ongoing situation where the numbers are consistently below 4,713 sworn police officers going forward?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: For sworn prosecutors, there has been a lack of interest in uptake of sworn members becoming prosecutors. The commissioner obviously has an obligation to meet prosecution needs. They are continuing to recruit in this space but, for a matter of service delivery, the commissioner has made this decision, and he has notified me and PASA accordingly.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has there been a net increase in total prosecutors, sworn and civilian?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. It is the same establishment numbers, just a changing of the mix.

Mr ODENWALDER: What is the number of prosecutors in the system, sworn and civilian?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that, as at 30 June 2019, SAPOL maintains an establishment of 201 full-time equivalent FTE police prosecutor positions. Of those 201, 179 are

sworn police prosecutors supported by 22 unsworn prosecuting solicitors. Of the 179 sworn police prosecutor positions, including supervisory positions, 10 are currently vacant.

Mr ODENWALDER: Of the 179 there are 10 vacant positions, so 169 working; is that right? Am I understanding that right?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Of the total FTE positions.

Mr ODENWALDER: What was the figure last year? Do you have that here?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There has been no increase in the total FTE.

Mr ODENWALDER: What about the total of sworn police prosecutors? Has that number changed? You said that there is a difficulty in recruiting to that position. As a secondary question, do you know what the problem is with recruiting to prosecution?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that in the 2018-19 budget the government provided \$1.9 million, increasing to \$2.5 million per annum from 2020-21 to fund the 22 unsworn solicitors to support the prosecution function. Funding enables replacement of the 22 sworn positions with prosecuting solicitors while maintaining the overall number of prosecutors.

Since the state government commitment to fund prosecuting solicitors, further staffing vacancies have arisen through natural attrition. Despite repeated efforts, there remains a lack of interest amongst sworn staff in pursuing a career as a police prosecutor. The lack of interest means that insufficient sworn staff are undertaking SAPOL prosecution training, creating an inability to keep pace with natural prosecutor attrition rates.

A lack of sworn prosecutors creates a workplace risk for existing prosecutors, given increased demand, at the same time impacting SAPOL's ability to service the criminal justice sector and community in South Australia.

Mr ODENWALDER: My question was: why? Do we know why sworn police officers are not taking positions in prosecution? Is there some sort of feedback within the organisation that lets people know why?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will let the commissioner give you a brief on this one.

Cmmr STEVENS: Thank you, minister. This has been a continuing trend for some years, where we have struggled to find suitable applicants registering their interest for the prosecution function. We attribute that to the fact that, in the initial stages of recruitment for policing, we have a generic profile of a general duties officer that we recruit against, and after some time we seek people to move into that prosecution stream.

I think that it is reasonably arguable that it is a different profile in terms of the nature of the person or skill set that we are looking for. Historically, the course has been about 24 or 26 weeks long—quite an intensive course—and, by virtue of the impact it has on a person's pay structure and family commitments, that has always been a challenge. We have sought to reduce the length of the course from that significant duration to about 14 weeks, and we have also introduced payments that provide some stability of remuneration for people who are undertaking the course prior to getting a prosecutor's position.

We have also identified that there are increasing levels of complexity in the Magistrates Court environment, where police officers serve as prosecutors, and this is not something that is necessarily attractive to people who may be interested in pursuing a career in the prosecution stream. They are the predominant reasons. We are continuing to address that as much as we can.

However, there is an obligation to the justice portfolio for us to provide a prosecution function. In order to meet that obligation, as has been stated, the government funded us for the additional 22 civilian prosecutors and for transferring those police positions to front-line policing positions. Notwithstanding that, we have still seen a continuing decrease in the level of interest from police officers to undertake the prosecution function.

As a result of that, I made a determination that I needed to approve the employment of additional civilian prosecutors so we could meet our obligations and service the court and, in

accordance with that, also reduce the level of workplace stress on the substantive prosecutors who were obligated to take on more work as a result of the vacant positions.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will not stray off topic too much. Operationally, is there always a sworn police officer prosecutor assigned to a file, or are they of essentially equal rank with the civilian solicitors, if you understand what I mean?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed the civilian solicitors are doing exactly the same job as police prosecutors, so it is the same job.

Mr ODENWALDER: Since you brought up negotiations with PASA, have they expressed a view to you about the increasing civilianisation of the prosecution service?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: No? No discussion at all?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has there been any discussion within the organisation or with your office at all regarding the complete civilianisation, or the possibility of the complete civilianisation, of prosecution?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has been any discussion at all about the outsourcing or privatisation or civilianisation of any other aspect of police work?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told that money was put forward and a proposition was put forward to the previous government to do some civilianisation of some of the police force, but that was subsequently removed.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry? Propositions were brought to the previous government by whom? By SAPOL?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: By the police commissioner, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What were they?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told analysts, custody positions and 000 call-taking were the three groups that were put to the previous government.

Mr ODENWALDER: Getting back to this figure, even given the arrangement with PASA to accept the seven cybercrime positions (is what I am understanding) on top of 4,701, that still leaves us with 4,708. Do you concede, then, that you have not met your stated target of 4,713 this financial year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think we discussed this last year as well. To elaborate on that, because it is not an exact science—and I think we went down this path last year—because you are juggling recruitment and attrition, you cannot foresee how many people might retire at the end of a year. You can have a best-case estimate and you recruit against that, but should people above that number decide to step away from the force for whatever reasons—they might choose early retirement, they might get a better job offer, or whatever it might be—you could end up getting a bigger number of people that step away than you allocated to recruit.

Likewise, when you allocate your recruits, no-one is forced to stay through the course if personal decisions change. You know personally that something personal might come up and you might decide to leave the force at some stage. People leave during the course as well, so it is not an exact science. We refer back to the numbers but, as I pointed out here, if you allow for the seven cybercrime specialists and the 15 solicitors, the adjusted target is 4,691. I think the number was 4,701, so we actually exceeded that target. If you take off the 15 solicitors the commissioner has just discussed, and the seven cybercrime specialists we talked about, the total comes to 4,691 and the number we talked about on 30 June 2019 was 4,701.6.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I should know this, but I do not. In terms of the civilian prosecutors, are they on the same pay structure as sworn police officers, and do they have a rank?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told they are employed as LE3s, and there are different conditions under their award. They are on a different award.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Putting aside the other conditions, is the pay structure equivalent to sworn police officers or do they get paid less or more?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: They are LE3s. That is a different pay structure, yes.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: How does that compare to sworn police officers in the prosecution unit?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have the numbers for LE3s. I am happy to get that for you, but they are LE3s.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I might put it this way: do civilian prosecutors cost the service less?

The CHAIR: I take it, member for Light, that we are still referencing workforce summary, page 183? Just for the record.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: That is correct; sorry, Chair. You are quite right to bring that to my attention.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have those numbers, but I am happy to take that on notice and get those numbers for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will leave this line of questioning shortly, I promise. The 4,731 figure, has that been achieved as an average across the last financial year? No matter how we dress it up, the sworn figure as at 30 June was 4,701. We can add on an extra seven by negotiation with PASA, as you say, and that gives us 4,708—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Plus the 15 as the commissioner outlined.

Mr ODENWALDER: Was that as a result of a negotiation with PASA as well?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner sought to negotiate with PASA, but he did inform PASA, as I said previously, and he informed me of that decision.

Mr ODENWALDER: The question stands then: what was the average sworn police officer FTE number across the financial year? I appreciate that you may not have the average there with you. That does not include the cybercrime and does not include the 22 solicitors.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As I outlined in the previous answer, it fluctuates depending on who—

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, but what is the average?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The average for—

Mr ODENWALDER: The average number of sworn police officers over the financial year. I appreciate that you may not have that figure with you right now.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have that detail here. It is not actually calculated to an average; it is calculated to 30 June. There is a target at 30 June. That is not calculated along the way, an average.

Mr ODENWALDER: Through the questions on notice process you provide me with figures month by month. I concede that I have not been diligent every month in collecting those figures but presumably you have end of month figures, so what would be the average?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, they are not calculated as such. You would have to go back and calculate them—

Mr ODENWALDER: That is right—you would have to calculate them; I appreciate that. Will you go away and calculate them and bring back an answer, please?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told that if you would like us to calculate an average we can go away and do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes; we can go and calculate that for you. It is not done as part of daily operations—

Mr ODENWALDER: I appreciate that.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I may not have been clear, I apologise. It is not done as part of routine, an average calculated.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is it your expectation that that average figure would be 4,713 or more?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think this goes back to the response I gave a few moments ago, which was: if in one month a number of people retire, you do not know whether they are going to retire in January or November, or when a cadet course comes online and when they graduate—that will have a kick, obviously. It does fluctuate, and that is why the calculation is not done like that—because there is that fluctuation across the board.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you give me a figure of how many sworn police officers are currently non-operational? How many of those 4,701 FTEs are non-operational; that is, they are injured, they are on lighter duties or they are suspended for some reason, perhaps?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The figure of 4,701 is full-time, active sworn.

Mr ODENWALDER: Active, as in?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The figure of 4,701 is full-time, active sworn.

Mr ODENWALDER: Given that figure is the active sworn, what is the total sworn, including those who are non-operational, injured, suspended or on light duties?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: At 30 June, there were 101.6 sworn inactive members. So there is the 4,701 and there is the 101.6 inactive sworn.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Supplementary: how does that compare with last year at the same time?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that we do not have those figures here, but I will take that on notice.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Thank you.

Mr ODENWALDER: Minister, do you currently have a SAPOL ministerial liaison officer working in your office?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, when you—

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you have a SAPOL MLO in your office?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, I have an MLO in my office who looks after police.

Mr ODENWALDER: As employed by SAPOL?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, the MLO in my office is part of my team. They are not substantive. Is that what you are asking: where are they substantive, or where do they originate from?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, they are not from SAPOL.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: On the same question, when you say they are not from SAPOL, are they another long-term public servant, or were they appointed upon you becoming minister?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, they are employed by my office. I think there might have been a change in the operational set-up from previously. They are employed by my office.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: So it is essentially a political employment.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, they are a public servant.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Were they previously a public servant? That was the question I asked.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to check what their previous employment was. They have come into this role, and I honestly do not know whether they were a public servant or not.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not know whether they were a—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Whether they were previously a public servant or not.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not know whether they were previously a public servant?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I do not.

Mr ODENWALDER: Will you take that on notice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, if it is appropriate that I report that back. I am not sure—

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I am not asking for their name or their age or anything like that.

Mr ODENWALDER: I want to know—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Actually, I apologise: I have just been informed that she was previously a public servant.

Mr ODENWALDER: In which agency?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know, but not SAPOL.

Mr ODENWALDER: But she is the SAPOL ministerial liaison officer, or does she share a portfolio responsibility with other agencies?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Her role is—

Mr ODENWALDER: To liaise with SAPOL.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Why would you not get someone from SAPOL to liaise with SAPOL? Would that not make more sense? I understand that was how the previous government did it, generally.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. We have a person who is very capable and does a very good job.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am sure. I am sure you do. I am just asking the question: why would someone from SAPOL not be a more appropriate fit for that job? It is not a trick question; I am just asking.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I know. I am informed that the previous person was an ASO3 level working up at an ASO6 level. It is a generic skill set. We have just applied the appropriate person to do that role.

Mr ODENWALDER: Previously, did you have someone from SAPOL in that role?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: When the office came across from the previous government, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: You had the same ministerial liaison officer. When did they leave?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know the date.

Mr ODENWALDER: Roughly. Did they leave this calendar year, last calendar year, immediately after the election, last week?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I believe it was May 2018.

Mr ODENWALDER: May 2018?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes. I am informed that she went to the AGD's office.

Mr ODENWALDER: The Attorney-General's ministerial office?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. To the A-G's Department. That is what I have been informed.

Mr ODENWALDER: What changes have taken place within the organisation since the Equal Opportunity Commission's report into sexual harassment, discrimination and predatory behaviour in SAPOL? I am sure you have that one.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, just for the record, can we have a page number and reference for that question?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, sorry. I am still on workforce summary—those people are presumably still part of the workforce—Volume 3, page 183.

The CHAIR: Just a different line of questioning?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes. I apologise if there is a more appropriate line, but I am sure the minister will be happy to expand on the success they have had in this area.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that in 2016 the Equal Opportunity Commission conducted an independent review, the Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Predatory Behaviour in South Australia Police. Almost 2,000 SAPOL past and present employees participated in a confidential survey, with 53 staff participating in face-to-face interviews and five people providing written submissions to inform the review, which was published in November 2016.

The review found that the level of sexual harassment in South Australia Police over the previous five years was in line with the workplace prevalence in the general population; however, the degree of predatory behaviour was found to be higher. The EOC review report provided 38 recommendations for implementation by SAPOL, of which 27 have been fully implemented, two are currently being implemented, four are awaiting implementation and five are commenced and underway.

The EOC will publish its fourth and final monitoring report in February 2020. The project is expected to be completed by March 2020. Any costs relating to the implementation of the recommendations have been absorbed within existing SAPOL budget. The EOC is commissioned by SAPOL to independently monitor the implementation of the recommendations. Key changes that have occurred in the organisation as a result of the EOC review report include:

- the development of a restorative engagement program;
- the introduction of an 'if not, why not' approach to flexible working;
- the establishment of a diversity and inclusion branch;
- the introduction of breastfeeding/lactation break guidelines;
- the development of SAPOL's inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Gender Equality Action Plan; and
- the development of an unconscious bias in selection, animation video for training purposes.

A project team operating under the name of Project Equitas will continue to implement the outstanding recommendations.

Mr ODENWALDER: Thank you. Finally, on workforce summary, I understand the commissioner's contract is due to expire in less than 12 months; is that right? I got a date of 20 July from somewhere.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner tells me it is 360 days.

Mr ODENWALDER: Excellent. Apart from just then, obviously, have you had any discussions with the commissioner about his possible reappointment to the role?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner's contract is with the Premier.

Mr ODENWALDER: That was not the question, though. Have you had any conversations with the commissioner about his ongoing employment?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner and I chat about everything all the time, but his contract sits with the Premier.

Mr ODENWALDER: You may chat about everything all the time, but have you chatted about that at any time?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, we have not had direct conversations, again, because it sits with the Premier.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: And the Premier will not seek your opinion or your advice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You would have to ask the Premier.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will change direction now. I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 185, Program 1: Public Safety. Part of the objective is police response and assistance, management and emergency response, management and coordination across the state. I want to ask about the country policing review.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What line are you referring to the country policing review?

Mr ODENWALDER: On page 185, under description/objective it says 'emergency response, management and coordination across the state', so I want to ask specifically about the country policing review.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that a regional policing review is currently being undertaken examining the delivery of policing services in country South Australia, including the new APY lands staffing model to establish a stable yet flexible, cost-efficient and sustainable policing service on the APY lands.

Mr ODENWALDER: I have not asked a question yet. I was just pointing you to the budget line.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I thought you wanted an update.

Mr ODENWALDER: Last year, you announced a country policing review. To my knowledge, there has been no public resolution to that process.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, just to clarify, I did not announce a country policing review. The commissioner is doing a review, as he always does, but he has a country policing review, which I just talked about, and a regional policing review.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay, but I did not hear the commissioner talk about it, I heard you talk about it, so in that sense you announced it in your role.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, that is not true. There is the Duggan review looking at overarching policing, which I am very happy to talk to, but the regional review, like when there was the metropolitan review—

Mr ODENWALDER: This is part of the same process as the district policing model, is it?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. The actual country review that you are talking about was actually announced under your government, so that began then, the regional review. There was a city one done. As I just outlined, the commissioner is looking at the regional policing review. There may have been some miscommunication or misunderstanding in the media, and I am happy to outline the Duggan review. That was an election commitment we made, which we are fulfilling.

Mr ODENWALDER: We will talk about the Duggan review. I appreciate you trying to clarify the country policing review. It was referred to as the country policing review, and whether you call it a regional review or whatever—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Same thing, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Whoever announced it, has that review been completed, notwithstanding the APY lands, which we will get to?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner has advised me that he is expecting to receive further information on that review shortly.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has there been a rolling set of results from this review? Has anything been implemented as a result of this review before the final review, whether there is a report or something?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: So the consolidation of CIB services in the South-East, for instance, is not part of that review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I apologise. I have just been informed that the commissioner has released some information about traffic policing in country areas for the workforce. That was a subset, I think we can call it, of this review, if you like, around traffic policing.

Mr ODENWALDER: The consolidation of CIB services in the South-East to Mount Gambier was not part of the review; that was a separate process?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It was a separate decision, the commissioner informs me.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is the minister aware of concerns in the South-East that this puts large towns, like Millicent and Bordertown, and surrounding smaller towns at unnecessary risk?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that the incumbent person in Millicent was actually residing in Mount Gambier, so they were travelling that distance anyway. The commissioner informs me that the new arrangement actually gives them a better capability to respond to crime.

Mr ODENWALDER: What about Bordertown?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What about Bordertown?

Mr ODENWALDER: My understanding from talking to people in Bordertown is that they no longer have a CIB presence. I am happy to be corrected.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As far as I am informed, no decision has been made on Bordertown.

Mr ODENWALDER: So there is still a CIB service in Bordertown?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner is not aware of that in Bordertown. From the advice he has given me, it is serviced by Naracoorte.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It is serviced by Naracoorte. He is not aware of there being a CIB.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay, so there is a CIB service in Naracoorte?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: As part of this regional review, country policing review, has there been any community consultation, or is it an internal review, a statistical review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: There has been no community consultation at all?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not as yet, no.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have you received any correspondence, or have you spoken to any disgruntled members of the community, about this review and about the results of some of this review or about the lack of consultation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner has not received any recommendations at the minute, so there is nothing to consult on. There is nothing there. The recommendations have not been given to the commissioner so—

Mr ODENWALDER: No, the consultation is part of the process.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The consultation would be around the recommendations. There are no recommendations.

Mr ODENWALDER: So there will be community consultation once—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Consultation would be around recommendations, and that will transpire down the track, but there are no recommendations.

Mr ODENWALDER: So when there are recommendations there will be community consultation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is the commissioner's intent: significant community consultation, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Significant community consultation, okay. Have you received or exchanged correspondence with the member for MacKillop regarding the reopening of Kalangadoo Police Station since the election?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Have I received written correspondence from the member for MacKillop about Kalangadoo?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to check my files.

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you check and bring an answer back?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Along those lines, have you received or exchanged any correspondence with the member for MacKillop regarding the consolidation of CIB services in the South-East as well?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, could you ask that question again, please? Sorry, I missed it.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is there any correspondence with the member for MacKillop regarding the consolidation of CIB services in the South-East?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will take that on notice as well.

Mr ODENWALDER: And bring an answer back, thanks. You raised the APY lands police staffing and service delivery—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What page? What budget paper?

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Measures Statement, part 2, page 73. We will start with the easy one. Can you provide me with an outline of the current model of the APY lands police staffing and then the model proposed to replace it? So in terms of police numbers, ranks, periods of stay, and whether they live there or are fly-in fly-out.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, can you—

Mr ODENWALDER: I just want police numbers on the lands, whether they are permanently stationed there in both scenarios—in the current model and the one to replace it—and their ranks. I appreciate that there is some detail you might not be able to provide.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, we had three questions in one; can you reframe that?

Mr ODENWALDER: What I want is the current model of the APY lands policing, the current model of staffing they have; the model proposed to replace it; and a breakdown of rank and that sort of thing, which you may need to take on notice.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will take that on notice; that is quite complex.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, but you can compare the two models in rough terms, surely.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, with the complexity of that, I will take it on notice and get you the details. I am happy to do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: You cannot tell me about the model that is in the budget?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can talk about the model in the budget, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: That would be good—and also how it replaces the current model so that we can have some sort of comparison. Why is it a good idea?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can tell you that there are currently 23 sworn positions and 10 community constables through the APY lands. The new model has that number, but it will be a designated workforce allocated through the State Tactical Response Group. I think this is a very good new initiative. As you would be aware, policing on the lands has always been tough. Everyone has done an outstanding job in that area, but we need to make changes to progress this and do better.

The model that has been put forward is very much focused on a new Indigenous policing model and employment model for introduction throughout the region. The focus is on empowering trained community members to undertake a front-line community safety role within their communities. This new model will have an Indigenous focus to policing. Having been up there—have you been up there?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It is a fascinating place, as you would agree. The old model worked to a point but, to make changes, we think that this new Indigenous-focused policing model, developed by some people who have spent lots of time up on the lands, will have great community safety outcomes.

It is a new model, but we think that it will have very positive policing outcomes on the APY lands. Part of that is set up around having a multiagency base at Umuwa. We are working through that at the moment and excited about what that will bring. Again, I am not sure how much you know about Umuwa and the location, but it is colloquially referred to as the Canberra of the lands. It is the central point, I suppose.

We are looking at developing that and then, around the regions, developing these container stations. They are not really stations: they are facilities. What is there at the moment is quite poor. We will put these containers in place at the other locations: Fregon, Indulkana and Pipalyatjara as well. The intent is to get the containers there so that the police can come into those regions, spend more time in those remote areas and have that base to operate out of. This is an exciting model. It is a different model, but it is very much focused on Indigenous policing in that area.

Mr ODENWALDER: How does the Indigenous police service differ from the current community constable model?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The model is still being totally fleshed out, but it will empower the community to be more involved in their policing. The community constables on the lands (the member for Light would be aware of this) are hard positions to fill in the role as it is shaped. The intent is that this new model will bring more people into the policing model because filling the community constable roles as they stand is quite difficult. This new model will be able to bring the communities on board and have them play a more significant part in the policing of the area.

Again, I may be speaking to the converted and you have already seen it and already know. When you go up there, the way that the elders and leaders in the community lead their people in their regions, and the way that they are looked up to and respected, is unique, to say the least. Using that power and ability to work within the police in, again, a unique model is what we are looking to do. A lot of work has been done in this space by a lot of really good people in that area to help devise this model. It is very much focused around bringing the unique APY lands community into the model of policing so that they are a part of it as well and they are leading the charge, for want of a better term.

Mr ODENWALDER: The idea is that the Indigenous police service is drawn from people living on the APY lands and that perhaps community constables were not necessarily; is that the difference?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can you just repeat the question?

Mr ODENWALDER: Is the difference that the Indigenous police service as you envision it is drawn from people who live on the lands, rather than from community constables imported from outside the lands? If there are 10 community constables already working there—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The community constables traditionally come from on the lands—

Mr ODENWALDER: They do?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —yes—but we want to try to give them some greater powers to have a greater say in what is happening in their community. As I outlined before, just to clarify, it is not exactly as the community constables. That model, which is used all over the state, is not seeming to work on the APY lands. By modifying it, for want of a better term, or having a slightly different model in this region—as I was trying to explain before, and I may not have been clear enough and I apologise—and by bringing the communities in, it may not be specifically the community constable role as we have known it to be in the past. It may be a modified role because of the unique nature of the lands.

I have just been informed that they are using the working title 'community safety officer'. They will come in, which, again, is bringing the community into this role. I will just elaborate. The community safety officer concept will enable them to work in other fields as well. For example, what I have come to learn and the advice to me is that, when people live on the lands, if something needs to be done they get in and do it; if nothing needs to be done, the culture is just to say, 'We'll wait until something needs to be done.' It is a beautiful thing to see and witness. However, if these people are not fully engaged they will go and do something else.

One of the things that we can look at through this multiagency site at Umuwa is potentially having people do a few different roles. If the need is for one thing, then great, there is skill to do that. If the need is for driving the ambulance, then great, the community safety officer can do that. If the need is somewhere else, we can work with these different agencies. As I stressed before, the model we have had has done what it has done to now, but we think that, to be better, we need to expand it and go forward. This new model, I think, will be very exciting.

Mr ODENWALDER: So they will not have any extra authority? There will not be any need for legislative change to give them authorities that police officers have that the community constables currently do not have?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is being explored, but the look is to increase their responsibilities within their local communities.

Mr ODENWALDER: The current model is 23 sworn police officers. Are they permanently stationed on the lands? Forgive my ignorance.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that, yes, they are.

Mr ODENWALDER: So there are 23 sworn, permanent police officers up there. Are those positions full? There are 23 sworn police officers there now?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that notwithstanding absences for sick leave, maternity leave or whatever it might be, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What about the 10 community constable positions; are they full?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This is further to the conversation we have been having, and I notice the member for Light has an interest here, having covered this area before. I stress that it is a fascinating area, and it is why we are looking at this new model. The answer to your question is that there are 10 FTE traditional community constable positions on the APY lands.

Despite continued efforts by SAPOL to fill all the positions, four are currently filled. Current recruitment strategies throughout the APY lands include client targeting, advertising locally through community stores and administrative services, school visits and visits to other employment locations to entice staff to SAPOL. I am also informed that there are four, and one on long-term sick leave as well.

Further to the point I was making before—and SAPOL outlined here how it is targeting recruits and targeting to get people in—it becomes a bit of a battle, if you like. If someone is really good, SAPOL wants them for its community constable role, but then Health might want them, Education might want them, and other groups might want them. What we are looking at here is how we can get someone who has that capability that we can actually share across the agencies and get a better return and give them a better skill set, extra education and development in that area as opposed to having the other agencies wanting to poach these people from one another.

Mr ODENWALDER: There are 23 sworn, permanently stationed police officers there at present. How many will be there and permanently stationed after the implementation of this model?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed there will be the same level of policing presence. The idea is for those 23 to roll over into the new model, at least those 23 positions. However, the same level of policing presence is assured there on the lands.

Mr ODENWALDER: Sorry, just say that again. The 23 positions will stay there; is that right?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. The same level of policing will be assured on the lands, and those 23 positions will roll over into the new model. Potentially, more will be, in this new model, working through the lands and delivering the service on this land, but the policing presence will stay the same.

Mr ODENWALDER: What do you mean by 'the policing presence'? The total number of people doing some sort of police work; is that what you mean?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is the intent, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: But there is no guarantee it will be the same number of sworn police officers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It may not be the same people. It will be—

Mr ODENWALDER: I am not saying 'people'. I am talking about whether there will be 23 sworn police officers there.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The same level of policing, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: So there will be at least 23 sworn police officers on the lands at any given time; is that what you are saying? I am not being funny; I am just trying to figure out what you are saying.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What the commissioner is telling me is that, yes, there is a guarantee of the same service. The point I am trying to make—and I am not trying to be tricky either; I am just trying to clarify here—is if someone is off sick, for example, and they stay in Adelaide—

Mr ODENWALDER: I am not trying to be tricky either. It sounds like a perfectly reasonable model. I am just trying to get to the bottom of it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The point I am trying to make, just to clarify and again not be tricky either, is that at the moment, for example, if someone comes down on their weeks off, or whatever it might be, and they get sick and do not go up, they are not replaced, if that makes sense. In effect, the lands are down a person or two if two people were sick or whatever it might be.

In this new model, if someone is sick, that is fine; someone else just rotates and goes and takes their place so there will always be that presence, as we have talked about. We are aiming to maintain the same numbers. But if you are sick one week, they would be down a person up there because you would not go up on your roster; whereas, if you are sick this week, the member for Light will come in and—

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Okay, not the member for Light, the member for Napier. Does that make sense?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I refer to the same budget line, as there will be questions. To clarify—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, which one was that again?

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: What was the budget line you were using for the questions you just asked?

The CHAIR: Were we on page 73, APY lands staffing model? Is that where we are?

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: That is correct. I have a couple of questions to clarify because I am not as familiar with the topic as my colleague. In terms of the new model, the community safety officers—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Community safety officers, yes.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: —I understand they will be sworn police officers.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The intent is that they are the replacement of the community constables. If I have not been clear I am happy to explain it again.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I am happy for you to do that.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The idea is to replace community constables. I read out the figures before, and I think you probably personally experienced this same problem. When you are in the role of getting people to do those jobs and they are not being filled, it is hard to find those target people. By changing the role, as we are looking at doing with this model, it will replace fundamentally those community constables and it will create a new role.

Can I stress the point—and correct me if I am wrong, commissioner—it will be unique to these lands because the lands are unique. What we are saying is that it is not a one-size-fits-all model. Community constables work really well, and you have seen them in Port Lincoln, Ceduna and even in the city as well. We think it is a really good model, but we have identified that the lands are different. We are going to go with a different model to get better engagement with the community exactly and bring the community into that more. Does that make sense? The new community safety role will fundamentally replace—

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Just to make sure that my understanding is correct, minister, at the moment you basically have 10 positions that are normally community constables that will now be transferred or reformed into community safety officers; is that correct?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We have not determined the number. That is being worked out through the model. There could be more. Because it is a different role—

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: At least 10?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, but because it is a different role we are hoping it might attract more people.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: You are saying at least 10. At the same time in the APY lands you are having at least 10 community safety officers and you will have at least 23 sworn officers; is that correct?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, the equivalent of. It is a growing model.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: In terms of the existing community constables who will now become community safety officers, will their policing role change or will they just have additional duties attached to their new position?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can you just explain that one again? I missed that.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Their role, as it is currently performed, is essentially a policing role. You mentioned that you want to broaden that to other agencies and work they could do with other agencies—which I understand, that is fine. To achieve that will their policing role be changed or will you actually make the role broader to incorporate other tasks?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Their roles will be made broader so that we can fully engage them. Sometimes people start in these roles and, if you like, it is not stimulating enough, there are quiet times and they will go and look for other things. We want to make this a more engaging model for them.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: What, if any, implications are there for these new community safety officers in terms of pay and conditions?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is being worked through at the moment. We are very conscious of that, and we are doing that work as we speak.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: When do you anticipate these new roles will be put in place?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Part of this model will be up and running by 2020/21, but there is a fair bit of work to be done between now and then to work through the exact things we have been discussing and I have been sharing with you in the context of the model being fleshed out, which I hope you appreciate. We see some great opportunities to enhance the model to deliver a better model up there. As I said, some people have put some really good work into this.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: To refresh my memory, are community constables—soon to be community safety officers—covered by PASA in terms of membership?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am not sure about whether they sit with PASA or not. I am happy to follow that up and ask whether community constables—

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I assume that if they did there are negotiations taking place with PASA at the moment?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That would all be part of this negotiation as we go forward, yes, but I cannot answer the question on community constables.

Mr ODENWALDER: On the same line, just to finish off—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can actually give an answer on the inactives you asked about before; that information has just come through, if you would like it. Would you like that answer on the questions you were asking about the inactives as of 30 June 2018? Sworn inactives as of 30 June 2018 are 99.2 FTEs. That was in answer to the question you asked earlier that I took on notice, but that answer has come through.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: So it has gone up. It is different from 106.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, are you happy with that response? If I get another one through in a second I will give it to you as well. The advances of mobile technology; it helps, doesn't it?

Mr ODENWALDER: Just finishing off on the APY lands police staffing, I gather you have not settled on a final model yet, but has consultation started taking place with, for instance, the APY Executive, the general manager, the ALRM, the Aboriginal Health Council, those types of organisations?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that there has been ongoing consultation in this process. I cannot be specific and say all the ones you have just mentioned, but there has been ongoing consultation.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you take that on notice—the APY Executive, the APY general manager, the ALRM, the Aboriginal Advisory Council and the Aboriginal Health Council?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I refer to the same budget line to clarify and finalise in terms of the proposed community safety officers. Will they continue to be employees of SAPOL, or will they be employees of another agency, and what will be the reporting lines?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The intent is that they will be employees of SAPOL, yes. The reporting line to the other agencies will have to be worked through in the model.

Mr ODENWALDER: I want to go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 189. The very last sentence is about continued partnership with the community through watch groups. I assume that is Neighbourhood Watch, Business Watch, those groups.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: My starting point is: under the new district policing model or otherwise, is the commitment from SAPOL still to the same level of support for those groups?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Including Neighbourhood Watch? Is there the same level of support for Neighbourhood Watch?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is my understanding that at least one Neighbourhood Watch group has been prevented from using the words 'neighbourhood watch' on their social media sites, that is, their Facebook and Twitter sites. It seems to me that in the current environment we should be reaching out via social media and promoting these types of groups through social media, perhaps more than in any other type of medium.

It is my understanding that at least one group has had a letter from a police officer (I will not name him, but he is in a position to coordinate these things) who emailed the local area coordinator of a Neighbourhood Watch group on 29 March, saying:

Neighbourhood Watch is a SAPOL crime prevention program and its brand includes the program logo...and the words 'Neighbourhood Watch'.

Control of copyright of this brand is retained by SAPOL...

To protect the SAPOL...brand...branding elements shall not be affixed to any brochure or other publication including websites and Facebook pages without the approval of a police officer.

...at this time SAPOL does not endorse individual Neighbourhood Watch areas having their own Facebook page.

Is this a policy that you agree with?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I understand what you are saying. I do not have the specifics in front of me, but I am led to believe that it was not being used in accordance with how SAPOL do that. I am happy to take that on notice and have a look further for you if you so wish.

Mr ODENWALDER: It would be great if you could take it on notice in a general sense, just to clarify the policy. The policy appears to be that you cannot use the Neighbourhood Watch logo or the words 'neighbourhood watch' on a social media site or any other publication without the express permission of a police officer.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that, historically, this has not been a problem. The advice I have is that the way this was going to be used had raised some concerns and that SAPOL looked at it from that perspective but without the detail.

Mr ODENWALDER: Which concerns?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am also informed that it is the only occasion that SAPOL is aware of this happening.

Mr ODENWALDER: Really? What were the concerns?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have those specifics, as I pointed out earlier. That is the advice.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not know what the concerns were; you just know there were concerns about this particular group using the words 'neighbourhood watch' and so they were sent this email advising them of this policy?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is correct: I do not know what the concerns were.

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you come back to the committee with a more fulsome response as to what the concerns were?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am happy to have a look at that, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: While you are at it, could you clarify the manner in which a police officer can grant approval—must approval be written, can such approval be given by any police officer at any time, or must it be a police officer who is allocated to a particular group? How does this policy exist in the framework of these things? Is it a general order?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can you split that into two questions? I think there are a couple of questions in there.

Mr ODENWALDER: I was giving them to you on notice.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is good, thank you. Can you clarify the ones on notice?

Mr ODENWALDER: The manner in which a police officer grants approval—must it be written, can it be given by any police officer, or must it be a particular police officer assigned to a group? Then another question, which if you could answer now would be helpful, is: where does the policy sit in the framework of policy? Is it a general order? It is not a regulation, is it? Who makes that decision and how is it expressed?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will take that on notice and get clarification back to you.

Mr ODENWALDER: Still on the same line, sir, are you aware of a letter dated 15 April and sent to all Neighbourhood Watch groups by Mr Phil Tavender, the President of the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association, discouraging discussion of the Liberal government's cut to Crime Stoppers funding on the ground that it could be seen as taking a political stance, which contrasts with the requirement that 'you are to remain apolitical at all times'?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, I missed the start of that. Could you repeat it?

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you aware of a letter from Mr Phil Tavender, the President of the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association, dated 15 April, sent to all groups discouraging discussion of the Liberal government's cut to Crime Stoppers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not to my recollection, no.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are not aware of this letter?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, not to my recollection.

Mr ODENWALDER: Did you or anyone in your office speak to or correspond with Mr Tavender regarding this correspondence either before or after it was sent?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I did not and, to the best of my knowledge, no-one else has. You are asking: had that direction or spoken to him about that?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, not to my knowledge.

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you get an answer and come back to the committee?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, I am happy to do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is it your general view that Neighbourhood Watch groups should be prohibited from discussing policy issues, such as government funding for Crime Stoppers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. Neighbourhood Watch groups do a fantastic job in our community and they are free to discuss whatever they like. I am happy to work with them. I was

actually at their awards last year, and some of the people and the work they do in the community is outstanding. They do a great job.

Mr ODENWALDER: So it is your view that they should not be prohibited from discussing any policy issues?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot think why they would not be free to discuss whatever they wanted. I am not sure if there is anything in their charter. I do not know the detail of how they operate, as in at that charter level, or whether they have anything like that written in there that I am not aware of. To the best of my knowledge, they would be discussing all issues within their community to keep their community safe.

Mr ODENWALDER: As an organisation, how are they constituted? Clearly, they are independent of SAPOL. Are they an incorporated body? Do they make their own rules, or are they guided in some way? Clearly, they are guided in some way because they are guided in terms of their Facebook profile and those sorts of things. Is this guidance from SAPOL, or is this some internal Neighbourhood Watch rule?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that all Neighbourhood Watch groups have an area coordinator, but the detail you are requesting I am very happy to take on notice and get that detail for you.

Mr ODENWALDER: It would be helpful to know where the direction comes from initially. It seems that Mr Tavender is quoting something quite specific in his letter. He seems quite certain of his position about what Neighbourhood Watch groups should or should not be doing. If you could clarify where that comes from, if that is a direction from SAPOL or somewhere else, it would be helpful.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, as I pointed out, they have a coordinator from SAPOL, but the—

Mr ODENWALDER: I know they do.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —detail of any overarching—

Mr ODENWALDER: You will take that away and you will come back to the committee with a response?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am happy to do so.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 191. The last activity indicator is about online reports to Crime Stoppers. Can you clarify and quantify the in-kind support provided by SAPOL to Crime Stoppers, or indeed any other support?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that the board of Crime Stoppers SA includes an assistant commissioner representative and a superintendant, officer in charge, State Intelligence Branch. SAPOL maintains the Crime Stoppers section as part of the State Intelligence Branch. The Crime Stoppers section is staffed by one senior sergeant, a coordinator; one sergeant; and one brevet sergeant intelligence officer.

Administrative support is provided by the State Intelligence Branch. SAPOL also provides call centre staffing, as they answer the 1800 333 000 telephone calls, triage and provide the information for immediate actioning or to the Crime Stoppers section for value-adding in non-urgent matters. Police operational staff then action the incoming information through normal investigative processes, reporting outcomes back to the Crime Stoppers section.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you separate the number of calls to 131 444 from the number of calls to Crime Stoppers? How does it work practically in the call centre, and is it possible to break the two streams of calls down?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can break them down, yes. What breakdown would you like?

Mr ODENWALDER: The breakdown of calls. There is an estimated result of 21,077 for the whole number of contacts—no, that is including online reports. We will stick with the phones for now, so if you could break those down for me that would be great.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, can you elaborate on what breakdown you would like?

Mr ODENWALDER: The separation of calls to the Crime Stoppers number and the calls to the 131 444 number. Do they go to the same place?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, they do. For 2018-19?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Calls received on 131 444 is 547,852, and calls received to Crime Stoppers is 22,317.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you have the 000 calls there for the same period by any chance?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, 166,772.

Mr ODENWALDER: And these are 000 calls directed to SAPOL?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you have the 2017-18 figures there?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, 131 444 is 485,643, 000 calls is 154,655 and Crime Stoppers is 20,355.

Mr ODENWALDER: So quite a significant increase in the 131 444 calls.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes—across the board, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: At some level within SAPOL there must be a justification for the ongoing in-kind support for Crime Stoppers. How does SAPOL measure the success of Crime Stoppers in order to justify providing that in-kind support? Are there any measures of success or any indicators, or is it simply reporting from the board?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told by the commissioner that SAPOL see Crime Stoppers as a useful tool and that it is one they are willing to continue to support.

Mr ODENWALDER: But are there any indicators? Is there any measure of success? Could we envision a time when at some point they do not believe that because of some sort of measure, or is it just a principle?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told there is a record of calls received, apprehensions, property recovered and drug apprehensions as well. Those details are kept on record, so that would be the measure.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you happy to provide those statistics to the committee for this year and for the previous year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This year and the previous year, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: That would be great, thank you. Have you or anyone from your office met with the CE of Crime Stoppers or anyone from the board since the budget?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am 99 per cent sure that my staff have had dealings with them, but for clarification of dates and times and when we spoke to whoever, I am happy to take that on notice and get you that detail.

Mr ODENWALDER: Was the future monetary funding of Crime Stoppers discussed?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: With Crime Stoppers?

Mr ODENWALDER: With Crime Stoppers, yes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The future commitments, as I have outlined, are ongoing.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, not in-kind, money.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As if they would like any more support?

Mr ODENWALDER: With financial funding.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We have had discussions with Crime Stoppers. I know they have some great sponsorship and we have talked to them about opportunities to enhance that.

Mr ODENWALDER: What was the nature of that conversation about ways to enhance corporate sponsorship?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have the details of those conversations.

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you get that and provide it?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If there is anything that I can pass on to you, I certainly will.

Mr ODENWALDER: Excellent, thank you. I will go briefly to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 182, which is in administered items, the Victims of Crime Levy. How much is currently held in the Victims of Crime Fund?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to be clear, we do not hold that.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is in the Attorney-General's?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What does it mean by SAPOL administering it then?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: To be clear, this is where the Victims of Crime Levy is added to an expiation and then it is passed on.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you administer it in that sense. Alright, fair enough; that is fine—live and learn. I will go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 189, which is about illegal drugs. Minister, how many cannabis expiations were issued in 2018-19 and how does it compare with previous years? Can you give an indication of a long-term trend in cannabis expiation notices?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have those figures at my disposal, so I am happy to take that question on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay, thank you. Obviously, drugs take up a fair amount of police resourcing. Can you possibly quantify that in terms of police operational hours? Is any work being done in terms of quantifying how much time operational police officers and prosecutors spend on drug related activity directly?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that, aligned to this work, in 2018-19 there was a little over \$285 million in salary and operating costs on that subprogram you asked about.

Mr ODENWALDER: I appreciate that you may not have this figure at your fingertips, but I am asking for a rough figure as to how much policing time, including general patrol time and prosecution time, is devoted to enforcing drug laws.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The equivalent would be 1,853 full-time sworn and unsworn staff policing hours.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is this increasing? Has this increased in previous years, both in total and as a proportion of total police hours?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Over the past two years, it has been nominally the same.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are we winning the war on drugs, as the government promised to do upon election?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What budget line are you referring to?

Mr ODENWALDER: Illegal drugs, page 189. The government went to the election promising to win the war on drugs. Are we winning that war?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I appreciate that this does not have a direct line in the budget but I am happy to answer your question. It probably stems back to one we had earlier in road safety. It is a bigger picture operation. Just as road safety covers a whole gamut, the war on drugs covers a whole gamut. From a policing perspective, yes, I think we are doing a very good job in that area.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can we expect over the life of this government to see a decrease in policing hours that need to be directed to drug law enforcement?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think that would not be the correct way to look at it because a fluctuation in the figures we have just discussed could well mean improved policing. It could mean that police are doing a better job. It is about the outcomes, and we will keep working towards that.

Mr ODENWALDER: How would we measure the victory in the war on drugs? How do we know by the next election that you have won this war?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You are asking—

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, I am asking you. Your government promised to win the war on drugs, or to at least prosecute a war on drugs. How is it going?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We are doing that. We have made that really clear. We can also talk about the things we are doing in Corrections during the next portfolio area. I know there have been a number of operations—and I will just get some detail from the commissioner about the work SAPOL does with the federal police.

There is the joint agency ice task force, which I know has had a lot of success, and there are a number of outstanding task forces with the AFP. That work is ongoing. I know that there have been a number of successful operations, and SAPOL do a lot of work in that area.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do SAPOL keep estimates—I know they cannot be exact—of the amount of ice, for instance, that is on the streets at any given time?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is not in the remit, if you like, of SAPOL, but they work with other agencies to determine that. There are a number of measures that they use. It is a bit of a catch 22. If you look at the recent wastewater results, Murray Bridge actually came down in its numbers, from my recollection. Not coincidentally, there was a very big operation up there where SAPOL and the forces involved did a really great job in identifying and securing some of these illegal drugs and making a raid. They had great success there.

I think that what you are saying is a little bit counterintuitive, in that, if they make a raid, how does that impact on the community? If people keep doing these illegal activities, SAPOL need to make sure that they are there and working with the joint agency task force to do their work. So the measure that you ask for is not a specific one that SAPOL keep, but they work with other agencies to keep track of that. Murray Bridge is a good example of the success that they have had.

Mr ODENWALDER: Presumably, there is a lot of cross-border cooperation around the Riverland and Mildura area.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has the commissioner come to you with any further legislative change around drug law enforcement?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have you sought any advice from the commissioner at any stage about the provisions of the Road Traffic Act that prevent police from acting on a positive roadside drug test as a reasonable cause to search persons or vehicles for drugs?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The commissioner and I have spoken about it, but he has not come to me urging me to make changes along those lines.

Mr ODENWALDER: I might just quickly go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 3, page 183, which is about identifying other opportunities for legislative reform as part of SAPOL's reason for existence. My first question is, broadly: are there any future areas of legislative change you have planned in order to make policing more effective and reduce crime?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This will be fundamentally worked around the Duggan review, which we are expecting later this year.

Mr ODENWALDER: When is the Duggan review due to report?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Later this year.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you know when?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not have the date in front of me.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are there terms of reference in existence for this review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, there are terms of reference.

Mr ODENWALDER: Have they been made public?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know. I will take that on notice.

Mr ODENWALDER: Can you provide it to the committee, please?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will take that on notice as well, yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you the minister responsible for the Police Complaints and Discipline Act?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am sorry, what budget line and page are you referring to?

Mr ODENWALDER: You are on page 183 still, 'identifying opportunities for legislative reform'.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, but how does that tie in to your question?

Mr ODENWALDER: It is about legislative reform.

The CHAIR: It is dot point 4, I think, minister.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is about legislative reform. I am just asking a simple question, and if the answer is no, perhaps I will move on. Are you the minister responsible for the Police Complaints and Discipline Act?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, not to my knowledge; I think it is the Attorney-General.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you agree with the police commissioner's public statements that the definition of corruption in that act is too broad, and have you discussed it with the commissioner?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, we have not discussed the commissioner's definition.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you agree that it is too broad, or have you never given it any thought?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would have to read the commissioner's words and take them into account.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you agree with the ICAC commissioner that the police commissioner should no longer be able to dismiss complaints against police officers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a matter for the Attorney-General.

Mr ODENWALDER: I was just asking whether you agree with your own police commissioner.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a matter for the Attorney-General.

The CHAIR: Order! There is a point of order, member for Morphett.

Mr PATTERSON: I do not think the line of questioning—

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

The CHAIR: Wait, member for Elizabeth. I will hear it.

Mr PATTERSON: As stated by the minister, I do not think it is relevant to these budget papers, unless he can point out another line.

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

The CHAIR: No, member for Elizabeth, I will make a ruling on this. I have been giving this some thought and paying attention to the line of questioning. The responsibility is with the Attorney-General. All the member for Elizabeth is doing is asking the Minister for Police for his opinion. He may or may not have an opinion on it and he may or may not decide to answer it; it is entirely up to him, but I am happy to take the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Chair. I take your point that we are not here for opinions: we are here to discuss the budget.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, these are proposed legislative changes, proposed by the ICAC commissioner that your own commissioner has views on, and I am wondering whether you have a view on it. That is all.

The CHAIR: If I could just add one more thing as Chair, we have identified that on page 183, dot point 4, key agency outputs does talk about opportunities for legislative reform, so it is within the framework of that.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Chair. As I pointed out, this is a matter for the Attorney-General.

Mr ODENWALDER: If only committee B were as wisely presided over. I refer to Budget Measures Statement, part 2, page 76, increases in expiation fees.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, budget paper—

Mr ODENWALDER: Budget Measures Statement, part 2, page 76. There is a table which lists the increases in expiation fees. What is the total revenue expected to be gained from the increase in the corporate fee speeding fine? It has increased by 500 per cent. Is there a targeted revenue expected?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I think the police commissioner has made this very clear. We did start the day talking about road safety. One of the impacts we have is being able to make sure that we do target people, through fines, for doing the wrong thing. The figure that you are after—

Mr ODENWALDER: The corporate fee does not target people for doing the wrong thing; it targets corporations.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: People who are avoiding responsibility. You do not pay the fee if you declare who is behind the wheel. There are a number of assumptions that are taken into place, and the member for Light would appreciate that these are calculated on a whole lot of expectations, etc. The figure that is estimated is \$8.3 million.

Mr ODENWALDER: Was there any external consultation before the decision to increase the corporate fee? I am thinking of the RAA, with industry groups, with transport companies.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We did have—and I think I mentioned this before in the previous estimates—our road safety summit, where a number of these issues were discussed. When we were having a look at things that could impact road safety, these proposals were put forward. Making sure that we do all we can to keep our roads safe is a key element of what we are doing here. You will see that in the fact that the fees and fines that have gone up are for the top-end people who are clearly flouting the laws by going 30-plus kilometres over the speed limit.

I think the commissioner is also on the record talking about distraction and mobile phones and the impact that has on road safety. In fact, distraction is one of the key issues we are driving through our road safety campaign. There was discussion, I know, at the summit, or the forum, however you like to describe it, as part of this, but this has also been focused around road safety outcomes. I know the commissioner has spoken about it on a number of occasions.

I have just been informed that there was a comparison done with other jurisdictions as well. I note that, after our decisions here, Queensland are now talking about having a \$1,000 fine, I think, for mobile phones and distraction in vehicles. There was that comparison done with other jurisdictions, yes, to add to the answer.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is the government actively considering any further increase to the fine for using a mobile phone while driving, as you just brought up?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The government does not have that position, but the commissioner will be having a look at the modified behaviour. I think we spoke about that in road safety, that one of the key focuses that we want to look at here is changing people's behaviour and making sure there is a focus on getting people to do that. The commissioner will be monitoring that and, no doubt, will report back to me on any findings that he makes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Do you stand by your statement that you made on ABC 891 on Monday 1 July that you have never used a mobile phone while driving?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: You stand by the statement?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, I am going to throw to the government side. The member for Finniss has indicated he has a question.

Mr BASHAM: Thank you, Chair. How will the government funding of the DPM stage 2 increase SAPOL's capacity to protect and serve?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a very good question, and it is good that we have—

The CHAIR: Member for Finniss, you have done very well. Could you give me a budget line please? While he is looking for the budget line, I remind the opposition that sometime today they will need to read in the omnibus questions. The minister is here for the entire day, so it is up to you when you do that, but you will need to read them in at some point.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Are you referring to Budget Measures Statement, Volume 5, page 73?

Mr BASHAM: Yes, I am.

The CHAIR: Is it district policing? We are looking at—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Budget Measures Statement, Volume 5, page 73, he said. Thank you, this is really important and I am very proud that our government put more than \$52 million into building South Australia's security. I might say that after 16 years of Labor we were left a little bit vulnerable in this space, so we are very happy to be injecting this money into the safety and security of South Australians to make our community a much safer place.

An integral part of South Australia's security is the District Policing Model (DPM). The South Australia Police key strategy is to be accessible, innovative and efficient in the use of our resources and responsive in the delivery of our front-line services, regardless of the circumstances. In support of that strategy, in recent times SAPOL has implemented a District Policing Model for metropolitan Adelaide, which we would all be aware of, designed to position the organisation to meet the challenges presented by the constantly changing environment and growing demand for policing services.

This is the biggest change to SAPOL strategy and structure since the introduction of the intelligence-led policing model in 1998. Involving almost 2,000 staff, the DPM creates larger and more flexible work groups supported by centralised functions that enable SAPOL to manage demand for police services while better focusing efforts on protecting the community and reducing crime.

Since 5 July 2018, six local service areas were merged to form four districts, each with geographical areas generating a similar level of demand and staffing levels—something the commissioner has been very focused on. This was stage 1 of the implementation of the new model. Patrols are now dispatched based on proximity to the event and capability instead of geographical responsibility. This has been achieved through the use of automatic vehicle location and intelligent dispatch.

Within the communications group, centralised aspects of the DPM were implemented in 2017-18 together with the establishment of a state response manager within the communications centre on a 24/7 basis. Unfortunately, due to efficiency measures implemented by the previous government, stage 2 of the DPM implementation was delayed. This much-needed funding has been addressed by the Marshall government in this year's budget.

Stage 2 will allow SAPOL to position its resources to maximum effect, with district policing teams to prevent harm earlier and with response teams providing a dedicated ability to attend to priority calls for assistance. Stage 2 will significantly increase police availability during times of peak demand. It will allow a new policing strategy aimed at solving issues that create repeat demand for police services.

This involves replacing the current patrol structure with a two-tiered approach comprising response and district policing teams. Again, this is a direction the commissioner has been very keen on, and we are happy to support this implementation.

There will be 60 response teams (565 FTEs) dedicated to attending urgent matters, and DPTs will be intelligence led. They will target specific addresses to problem solve the causes of demand for police services and to better protect high risk and repeat victims. There will be 48 DPTs (448 FTEs), with 12 per district, that will also provide surge capacity to support response teams during times of high demand. The combination of response and DPTs will build a highly visible, accessible and consistent police presence across the Adelaide metropolitan area.

An integral part of the DPM will be the telephone resolution desk within the communications centre. A trial will be undertaken of this initiative where police officers will be tasked with speaking with complainants re non-urgent matters with a goal of resolving the issue over the phone and reducing the need for police attendance. The DPM model is a model that the commissioner has been championing for a long time. It was meant to be rolled out in two phases.

Phase 1 is already up and operational, and the commissioner is very keen to be rolling out phase 2. We are happy to support it and have delivered the funding to allow that to happen. We look forward to seeing the result in our community of having this two-pronged attack, if you like, to make sure that we are delivering the best service for South Australians out in the community and that we can do all we can to keep them as safe as possible.

The CHAIR: I have a slight correction to what I said earlier. The omnibus questions from the opposition will need to be read in either this session or the next. My understanding is that the final session will be Rec and Sport, which will be a different budget line. It is entirely up to you when you do that. The member for Elizabeth has the call.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will get on with the district policing model, on the same budget line as the previous question. Have any positions been lost, or will any positions be lost, in community programs units across the state as a result of the implementation of the DPM?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What community programs units are you referring to?

Mr ODENWALDER: I am referring to the community programs units that are attached to each station and that reach out to the community in terms of education and those types of things. Will there be, or has there been, any reduction of staff in those units?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that crime prevention will continue as is, but some of those resources will come across to the district policing teams, and they will take a greater responsibility in the community policing area.

Mr ODENWALDER: So the community programs units as they exist at the moment will shrink and people will go to other parts of the organisation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: They will potentially change. As I mentioned, the DPTs will take on a greater responsibility in that area.

Mr ODENWALDER: So the level of community engagement or services provided by the community programs unit will stay the same but will just be dissipated across the organisation; is that what you are saying? Is that the intention?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The level of community engagement on crime prevention will actually be enhanced under this new model.

Mr ODENWALDER: Okay.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You do not look convinced. You raised your eyes.

Mr ODENWALDER: You are very convincing. Will there be a reduction in police presence in Aldinga, Sellicks Beach and McLaren Vale?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: No? At the end of the implementation of this model, will they have the same level of policing on the ground, 24 hours a day, that they do now?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The same level of policing service will continue.

Mr ODENWALDER: So there will be the same number of police officers in those areas in that region as there are now, after the implementation of this model?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: All those areas you mentioned are part of the southern district, and that will continue.

Mr ODENWALDER: Good. Good work. Time has got away from us, but I want to quickly ask a question. I refer to Budget Measures Statement, Part 2, page 74, regarding the rapid response capability. Minister, is there any research to suggest that people feel safer when there are heavily armed police patrolling sporting and cultural events?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that other states have implemented this, and South Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania are the only states that have not implemented a rapid response capability. I am led to believe that Tasmania are in the throes of exploring it as well. We do live in a time of risk. That is a fact and a reality, so we want to make sure that we have the right set-up to keep South Australians safe. This rapid response capability model also complements the National Counter-Terrorism Plan.

At the last budget, we made 48 FTEs available by putting in civilians to do the office work in police stations and putting police back out on the street. We think it is really important to have them on the street in that capacity. This is also designed to complement the government's Counter-Terrorism Action Plan.

This is a really big win for South Australia. It will give that middle tier of protection. We have talked before about having police on the beat and then having the STAR Group at the top level, having that capability in the middle, as have other jurisdictions. As it stands, the Northern Territory will be the only ones not looking at this. We think this is a capability and a group that will give extra protection and extra surety to the South Australian community, to know that they are being protected.

Unfortunately, we now live in a world where a number of things happen. We see them on TV. The most recent one was what we saw in New Zealand. We know that these things happen. Christchurch, our sister city, was the venue for some very bad deeds. We want to make sure that we have that capability best prepared as possible. Once people are trained up through the rapid response capability, we will have bomb appraisal officers, tactical flight officers and also—I like this term; it is the best one—remote piloted air system operators, who will be operating drones.

It is this new technology and this new capability that we need in the world we live in. We would be naive to think that we should not be prepared here in South Australia. There is no reason to be alarmed—I must stress that point. There has been no increase to any threat levels or anything like that, but we do know that we need to make sure that we are ready. A key objective of this is to reduce the risk of injury to the community, police and offenders through the use of the tactical options not available to front-line officers. That is the capability that is going to be in that rapid response unit.

This is a really good outcome for South Australia. It is something I know the police commissioner has been focused on. Interestingly enough, when I go out to talk to people—and I am not sure whether the police commissioner has experienced this, but if I have experienced it I am sure he has as well—people bail me up saying, 'What do I need to do to get involved in this operation and be part of this?'

In fact, I was at the retirement dinner the other night and a number of retiring police officers said, 'I can't believe you are bringing this in now and not five or ten years ago. We would love to have been part of this. This is a really exciting operation.' I think this is a really good thing for our state that will add to the investment that we made of \$52 million to increase the security and safety of South Australians. We want to build on that. We know it is important and we are very happy to be delivering on all those metrics.

Mr ODENWALDER: The question was about the research. Will you undertake to supply the committee with any research that suggests people are safer and/or feel safer under these conditions?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And my answer was that it is being done in other jurisdictions; work has been done there, and we will be following suit.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you will share that with the committee? You will undertake to share that with the committee?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I just said that we are following what the other jurisdictions are doing. It has been very much identified that this is something that is needed. The only jurisdiction that does not have it is the Northern Territory. We will be following suit.

The CHAIR: Thank you to the committee. Time has expired. There being no further questions, I declare the examination of the proposed payments for the portfolio of the South Australia Police to be completed. The committee will now suspend until 1.45pm.

Sitting suspended from 12:48 to 13:45.

DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, \$341,862,000

Membership:

Ms Wortley substituted for Mr Gee.

Minister:

Hon. C.L. Wingard, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Departmental Advisers:

Mr D. Brown, Chief Executive, Department for Correctional Services.

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Ms V. Du, Senior Executive Services Consultant, Department for Correctional Services.

Ms S. Borrillo, Executive Services Officer, Department for Correctional Services.

The CHAIR: Welcome to the afternoon session of estimates A. The portfolio we are dealing with this afternoon, in the first instance at least, is Correctional Services. The minister appearing is the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. I declare the proposed payments open for examination and invite the minister to introduce his advisers and make a short statement if he wishes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will not make a statement, but I will introduce the people who are here with me. On my left, your right, is Mr Chris Sexton, the Executive Director of People and Business Services for DCS. On my right is David Brown, the Chief Executive of the Department for Correctional Services. Behind me on my left is Sofia Borrillo, the Executive Services Officer, and on my right is Vivian Du, Senior Executive Services Consultant.

The CHAIR: This might be slightly unusual, but I am going to give the member for Florey the first call because I believe she has to be elsewhere soon.

Ms BEDFORD: I refer the minister to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 101, under program 2. Are there any plans to improve the use of, for the public, the very restricted and limited visits booking service, particularly in terms of when calls can be made to book visits for both men's and women's prisons?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do apologise, I did not hear that question very well.

Ms BEDFORD: It is a very difficult service to access an appointment time to visit either the men's or Women's Prison, so are there any plans to improve the use of it for the public? For instance, I tried to access a visit to Mobilong last week and was on the line for more than half an hour before I could get through.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can inform the committee that there is work being done on the kiosk system through Unilink, and future stages are to deliver online bookings for both professional and domestic bookings to very much improve that system. The movement is there towards an online system to make that more efficient, yes.

Ms BEDFORD: Terrific. What improvements are planned for the professional booking service for the Women's Prison, which I understand currently has to be done through the Yatala Labour Prison? That may be part of your previous answer, but that often means that the women who are trying to be visited are off site or doing other things. Is this new service you are talking about going to solve that problem?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told the phone professional booking service does cover both sites but, yes, this new online service will be a far better service than that.

Ms BEDFORD: How far away do we think that is?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will have to take that on notice to get a date for you.

Ms BEDFORD: Can something be done to ensure requests for professional visits are better managed by making better use of the room reserved for the prison social worker, which I understand is not always fully utilised? So, if there is a backup of professional visits, that one room remains empty when it may not be required.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: At the operational level, I do not have that level of detail, but what I can tell you is that in last year's budget we did contribute significant money as part of our Better Prisons program to build a new visit centre, and that will be very much focused around making visits more efficient, more effective and better for everyone.

Ms BEDFORD: On that, the Women's Prison is obviously going to be finished far more quickly than the Yatala proposed changes. What delay do you now think is likely before the commencement of the redevelopment of Yatala?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you about the status of the project is that the design has been developed, and that has been done over a number of months and is almost complete. The rest of the process has been suspended.

Ms BEDFORD: For an indeterminate period?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, it has been suspended.

Ms BEDFORD: My last question relates to visiting again. Can appointments be made consecutively for professional visitors? By that, I mean that if a single professional visitor wants to see more than one inmate or person in custodial sentence, can they have consecutive appointments, rather than having to go in and out and in and out, which I understand is the case now? You cannot book consecutive appointments if you are visiting more than one person on a professional visit.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that visit arrangements do differ slightly from site to site, but I am happy to take that on notice and get more detail for you.

Ms BEDFORD: Fabulous. I will be writing to you with a bit more detail. Thank you, minister.

The CHAIR: Thank you, member for Florey. The member for Elizabeth has the call.

Mr ODENWALDER: I draw your attention to Budget Measures Statement, part 2, page 20, which talks about the Adelaide Women's Prison expansion. I have just a few questions about that. What stage are we at with that? Has it been to Public Works yet? Excuse my ignorance, but has it been to the Public Works Committee, or is it not at that stage yet?

The CHAIR: For my benefit, member for Elizabeth, there were two questions there: has it been to Public Works and where are you at with it? Is that essentially—

Mr ODENWALDER: Where are you at with it? No, first of all: has it been to Public Works? My second question would be: what is the need for the expansion? Can you let us know what the need for the expansion of the Women's Prison is? How can you project that need?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As I am informed, as far as the process goes, to answer that question as fulsomely as I possibly can, this was all part of our Better Prisons program announced in last year's budget. There are two sections to this: one is the 40 new beds, and I am informed that that has gone through Public Works and is progressing, and the other is the new reception or gatehouse and the visit centre, which we just discussed with the member for Florey, and that has not gone to Public Works yet.

Mr ODENWALDER: When will that be going to Public Works? Is it scheduled?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It has not been scheduled at this stage, I am informed.

Mr ODENWALDER: This is slightly related to what the member for Florey was asking: will it be delayed by the delay in the Yatala redevelopment process? Will that hold up the Women's Prison?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I do not believe that it will.

Mr ODENWALDER: How many people are currently housed at the Adelaide Women's Prison? What is the current population? I guess there are two questions: what is the capacity and what is the population?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that the capacity today is 176 beds and the prison count today, the personnel count there, is 154.

Mr ODENWALDER: Is that population number growing over time? Is the trend upwards?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The figures I have in front of me show that on 1 July 2018 there were 224 female prisoners. This number decreased to 199 on 12 June 2019—a decrease of 25 female prisoners across the same date.

Mr ODENWALDER: A reduction?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: What do you put that down to? Are there more women entering the community corrections side of things? Is that what is happening, or is there a decrease in women serving custodial sentences?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: A bit like what we talked about earlier in relation to road safety, when we talked about the number of deaths on the road year on year, the direct correlation one year to another is probably not, I am informed, the best correlation to make. For example, you would want to get it over a five-year spread. A trend more that way would give you a more realistic figure, so that is something.

At the same time, I think that it points to the fact that the bipartisan 10by20 program that we are aligned to has had some good effects. I know the home detention program has had some really good outcomes as well. I think I have spoken in these estimates committees, and probably with you even offline, that part of the 10by20 picture is about stopping that cycle of recidivism. It is about stopping people coming into prison, serving their sentence, getting out of prison and then getting into the bad circle and coming back in again. I take the opportunity to commend all the Corrections staff, who do wonderful work in this area.

Where we can find ways to break that cycle—I have been to the Women's Prison and met with and seen a lot of people who have gone through the home detention program by OARS. That has had great success, as has the Work Ready, Release Ready program, where work is done with a number of these people to upskill them and get them ready for work so that, when they do leave, they can find a job, they can work, they keep busy, they earn an income and they find housing. Some of the success stories have been fantastic, so it is all a part of that.

As with the road toll, if it turned around tomorrow, you would not say, 'Oh, we found the silver bullet.' I do not think we could ever say that. You would have to look over a longer period to get this figure.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, that is why I asked about the trend. I understand what you are saying about year-on-year figures; that is perfectly reasonable.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I only had those year-on-year figures, but the program—

Mr ODENWALDER: Could you provide to the committee the trend figures, perhaps, for the last five years, in terms of women incarcerated?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, I am happy to. To that point, I have some of the figures I can avail you of. There has been a significant and sustained growth in prison numbers, resulting in a 33 per cent increase in the South Australian prison population when comparing 2019 with 2009. There has been an increase over that 10-year period; however, in the past 12 months, the rate of increase over the previous five years has slowed to 21 per cent—

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you talking about male and female numbers?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —yes, this is not gender-based—on 12 June 2019, from 31 per cent on 30 June 2014. I will just say that last one again. In the past 12 months, the rate of increase over the previous five years slowed to 21 per cent on 12 June 2019 from 31 per cent on 30 June 2014. So, over the last five years, the figure shows that it is slowing. Over the last 10 years, it increased by 33 per cent. That is an indication that this work is progressing well.

Mr ODENWALDER: What about women? Do you have individual figures? If you could figure out the same trend figures you just gave me but specifically for women, that would be good.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We will have a look. I understand the point. That was the whole of system. If we can break that down and get those figures for you if they are available, I will happily provide them.

Mr ODENWALDER: What I am getting to is the need for the 40-bed expansion in any case. The new gatehouse is a separate matter, but I wonder if you could explain the need for the 40 beds. Is there a projected increase of that number?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There are a couple of things I will say to that. The short answer is that I will take it on notice and get the exact figures, but I am informed that over 10 years there is projected growth. That is the projection from all the best available information and knowledge, so we have to go by that prediction and projection. The other part is improving the prison environment. When we want to work on this 10by20 that we have as a bipartisan agreement, it is really important that we have an environment that can get the best outcomes as well.

I am not sure how recently you have been to the Women's Prison, but you can see that some of these upgrades and spaces create a far more positive environment to get better outcomes for the people in these facilities. It is a measured part, and that is where Better Prisons fits in and brings a lot to bear when it comes to helping deliver the 10by20 target we have agreed to.

Having these better facilities makes it a more positive environment for people to be in. It helps them to engage in the programs that we want to get them in so that they will do that work, engage in those programs, get themselves in a better space—and we keep talking about the cycle—so that when they go out they will be in a better space and a better place. They will hopefully get into work, get back into the community and then give back to the community, get a job and pay taxes. They will start contributing to the community, as opposed to costing, obviously, when they are in the system.

Mr ODENWALDER: Does that work include giving mothers better access to their children and babies? Can you expand on whether there is much more work to be done in that area before the next election, say, over the forward estimates? Will that involve any more capital works?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As part of the upgrades, part of this Better Prisons program, we are upgrading the health and wellbeing centre there. I have been out and seen this firsthand. It is looking fantastic; that was a little while ago. The health and wellbeing upgrade will allow mothers and babies to be in this place and in this space, which is a really big step forward. That is fantastic.

We have a multiagency working group that is looking at expanding that and how we can do that, so it has been a focus. I have a bit more information here. I can tell you that a new health and wellbeing facility and offender development building is under development at the AWP and they are due to be commissioned in mid 2019.

The health and wellbeing facility at the AWP will be able to accommodate both remand and sentenced high and low-security women who give birth in custody, and it will have capacity to accommodate a woman who is in custody after a recent birth—that is, the last few days or weeks—and the baby is in her care. This short stay, live-in section will accommodate the very small number of women who give birth in custody each year and who are eligible to maintain the care of their newborn infant.

Over this short-stay period mother-infant bonding attachment would be a primary focus, and the facility provides greater opportunity for breastfeeding. The mother and infant section of the facility will incorporate two times two bedrooms with bathrooms, which will enable accommodation of two women at a time, either two birthing mothers or a birthing mother and a suitable support prisoner.

Mr ODENWALDER: Still on the Women's Prison, I understand that in Victoria there is a trial that has either commenced or is about to commence, but there is a trial in any case to reduce dramatically the amount of strip searching that goes on particularly in women's prisons on the basis, the proponents of this say, that it is an archaic practice and that female prisoners are far more likely than women in the general population to experience sexual violence, and so strip searching exacerbates the problems. Is any work being done in South Australia on such a trial, or can you expand on any work that might be being done in that area?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that the department is watching that work in Victoria you talk about very closely and keeping a very close eye on what the outcomes are. Again, as part of our Better Prisons program and the building of the new admissions area, I can let you know that space has been left to accommodate the same or similar equipment should it be determined that that is a path we would like to go down.

In short, yes, we are watching that and looking at the outcomes and how that transpires in Victoria. Again, as part of our Better Prisons program, it is all well and good to have the equipment you are talking about, but you have to have the right space and place to apply it and use it, and we have done that with our investment in the new administration area. Again, the holistic, bigger picture looks at getting a Better Prisons program.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 97, which is about the Mount Gambier Prison expansion. There have been some media reports and a lot of talk, obviously, in the area. I think that your chief executive would be pretty aware of this. Along with the expansion of the Mount Gambier Prison have come some perceived social issues around the release of prisoners who are not from Mount Gambier into the community in Mount Gambier, and also the movement of prisoners' families from outside Mount Gambier into Mount Gambier and the pressure that is putting on services, including the police in Mount Gambier.

I do not know whether this is borne out by the evidence or not. I wonder whether you have done any work in that area and whether or not this is true?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can I say, firstly, that, with respect to the reference you make, prisoners are not released into the community. Once they have served their sentence they are not prisoners anymore. I need to make that point clear, as you would understand. I will ask the chief executive to speak about that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Actually, that is worth clarifying. I am not talking about people who are released on licence: these are people who are free to go wherever they like.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And that is the point: they are not prisoners anymore. Thank you for clarifying that, because you are right and I take that on board. They are not prisoners; they are free to go wherever they like. From an operational perspective, I will ask the chief executive to speak to that.

Mr BROWN: Firstly, I would point out that the vast majority of prisoners who are discharged from Mount Gambier Prison return to the place of residence where they resided before they were arrested and convicted by the court. The department has specific programs and services in place to support that process, as does Mount Gambier as the managing contractor for the prison.

As part of the most recent contract that G4S entered into for the management and operation of Mount Gambier, they entered into a reintegration partnership with SYC. Certainly in the briefings I have received from the partners on their program, most of their services are delivered in Adelaide because that is where the offenders are returning upon release. I might add that that service is available to people who are discharged without any supervision conditions, as well as to those who are subject to supervision conditions.

In relation to families moving to communities to be closer to their loved ones who are serving in a regional prison, we have done no specific study to look at whether that is in fact a trend. What I would say is that prisoners in the South Australian correctional system move between prisons quite regularly. A prisoner who is accommodated in Mount Gambier for various reasons might find themselves relocated to Adelaide or to Port Augusta or to the prison in Port Lincoln. It is often difficult for a family to say with certainty that their loved one is going to serve the entire sentence in one location.

Mr ODENWALDER: Thank you for that; that was a very useful answer. In relation to Mount Gambier particularly, there are some calls to do further study. I do not know whether they have come across your desk yet, minister, but will you consider further study, given the quite recent expansion, or is that something you expect the private provider to do?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is probably outside the scope of what DCS would normally do. Their job is to run the prisons, obviously, and, in Mount Gambier's case, G4S run that prison under the contract signed under the previous government, as well as that expansion work down there. It is potentially a question for Human Services and something they may wish to look at if it is raised as an issue. Can I add that it is not something SAPOL have raised with me is an issue, so it may be better to direct the question to the Department of Human Services if they have any research or indications of what you are alluding to.

Mr ODENWALDER: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 101, custodial services, under the targets, the Yatala prison redevelopment. Minister, when will the Yatala prison redevelopment project be complete?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: At present, it is due for completion in the first quarter of 2021. As you know, there is a suspension to the procurement process but the design is still progressing. If there is anything further that I can inform you of I will, but that is where it sits.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is still on track to be finished in the first quarter of 2021; is that what you are saying?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No. Just to clarify, it was on track to be completed by the first quarter of 2021 but, whilst the design is being developed and is progressing, there is a suspension to the procurement process, as you are aware. My apologies; just to clarify, it is the first quarter of the 2021-22 financial year, not the calendar year. That is my fault, sorry.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, I am with you. Will the proposal be resubmitted to the Public Works Committee for re-examination?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As I said earlier, we are still working on the designs; they are still being developed. I would have to take on notice whether or not that would have to happen.

Mr ODENWALDER: At the time of the first Public Works Committee hearing into the Yatala redevelopment, did you have any concerns about the veracity of the tender process?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The veracity? How do you mean 'veracity'?

Mr ODENWALDER: How can I put this? Were you aware that two of your employees who were involved in the Yatala redevelopment were the subject of an ICAC investigation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As far as the ICAC investigation is concerned I can say that, as revealed by the ICAC commissioner last week, he has been investigating allegations of corruption and two men have been arrested. As the matter is before the courts and the subject of an ICAC investigation, I cannot comment any further at this time.

What I can say is that the South Australian government believes in and fully supports a robust and just investigation into any matters where allegations such as corruption arise. The matter is in the hands of the judicial system and we await its findings.

Mr ODENWALDER: But were you aware of the investigation at the time of the first Public Works Committee hearing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will just add to that statement and say that it was not two staff members who were arrested; it was only one staff member of DCS. My apologies.

Mr ODENWALDER: Who was the other person?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I cannot comment on an ICAC investigation.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are there any other DCS employees you are aware of who are being investigated by anybody in relation to any DCS tender or procurement?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot comment on an ICAC investigation.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am not necessarily asking you to comment on an ICAC investigation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That's good, so I won't.

Mr ODENWALDER: I am asking you whether there are any other DCS employees who are being investigated by anybody in relation to any tender or procurement process within the department?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I refer you to my previous statement.

Mr ODENWALDER: So you are just not going to answer that? Were either of the two men we are talking about involved in the process of awarding Serco the contract to run the Adelaide Remand Centre?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot comment on a matter that is before the ICAC or on people who are before the ICAC.

Mr ODENWALDER: When will the investigation into the Yatala tender and procurement process be complete? The suspension, when do you envisage that being complete? What is the process you are going through?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As I mentioned before, I cannot comment on matters that are before ICAC. As far as the project is concerned, the design is progressing but the procurement has been suspended and I am not in a place to update you any further on that process.

Mr ODENWALDER: On the suspension? And you cannot tell us when that suspension will be lifted?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I just gave my answer.

Mr ODENWALDER: Will there be any further costs to either DCS or perhaps DPTI associated with this investigation, associated with the suspension? Do you incur any ongoing costs by the fact that the project has stalled?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It is too premature to identify that at the moment.

Mr ODENWALDER: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 101, custodial services, the same line, targets, but this time about the Better Prisons workforce flexibility project. How many people are working directly on this project?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I did a straw count in my head and with the chief executive to get you to a figure as best we can. I can give you that figure, but it may not be exact, so I do not know whether I want to give it to you now. I am happy to give you what our guesstimate is after doing that little headcount, or I could take it on advice.

Mr ODENWALDER: A rough figure will be okay.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am told that a rough count would be about eight.

Mr ODENWALDER: About eight?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are they or were they all existing DCS staff?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that, yes, they are.

Mr ODENWALDER: What qualifications do they have to conduct this benchmarking exercise? Have they been trained to do this kind of work?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is a very broad question. They are a highly qualified group of people, but I am happy to take that on notice and get you more information.

Mr ODENWALDER: I would appreciate that. Can you give the committee an idea of the actual work these eight people are doing? Presumably, they are mobile and travelling around to sites, talking to people and identifying opportunities for savings. What are they doing? How would you characterise the work they are doing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell you is that the team is involved in delivering the Better Prisons program for South Australia. Some of those elements include improving competition, which is increasing the external involvement in service delivery by transferring the operations of the Adelaide Remand Centre to the external provider through a competitive procurement process, and improving accountability, which is implementing a benchmarking framework against which each public prisons budget and service performance will be measured.

What we are going to do there—and this has not been done before—is have a look at all the prisons and facilities individually and say, 'If they are doing something really good in Port Lincoln, why can't we be doing the same thing in Murray Bridge? Let's share this IP. Let's share this intel. If they are doing really good things overseas or interstate, let's look at bringing in the best practices.' We talked about some of the investment in the infrastructure we are doing in terms of the gatehouse and the visit centre, etc. By changing and improving the infrastructure, there might be better ways in which we can actually manage and run the prison.

There are some great opportunities there and some really good people within DCS. That is why we are out talking to them now—getting their feedback and getting their input about how we can have this Better Prisons system. That is another element of the work. Also, they are involved in improving workforce flexibility, which will increase the use of part-time correctional officers to improve the efficient deployment of resources to meet justifiable operational demands.

We see this as a great way to grow jobs in the regions as well, where we have prisons in Port Lincoln, Murray Bridge and Port Augusta. For example, people who have a job might want a bit of extra work, or they might actually want to phase out and maybe do an apprenticeship and diversify what they are doing. Having this flexibility in the workforce will give us a great opportunity also to employ more women, potentially, into Corrections. There are some great opportunities there. People might have a flexible family life—they might be caring for an elderly person—and we think that working that flexibility into our Better Prisons project will attract new people to the industry and give us a better dynamic there as well.

The point that has been made—and I thank the chief executive for advising me on this, and again I may have made this point at last year's estimates as well—is that when we made this

announcement at last year's budget I went to the Adelaide Remand Centre and said to everyone working there, 'All your jobs are guaranteed in the public corrections system.'

A lot of the work this team has done has been about case managing people from the Remand Centre into, potentially, the Northfield precinct or, as I think some have done, into the regions. We have talked about the great opportunities at Port Augusta, Port Lincoln and the like. This group has worked on that as well as on TVSPs and the opportunities there. That has also been part of their work.

One thing we did say when we made this announcement in last year's budget was that all those people who worked in the public corrections system within the Adelaide Remand Centre would stay working in the metropolitan area, primarily the Northfield precinct, where we are growing and investing and they would be able to stay working in that system if they so chose. They could have chosen to go to the regions and, as I pointed out, some have. They were the options; we made that really clear. The team is doing a really good job at case managing all those people through that process. It is quite an extensive process, as you would imagine.

Mr ODENWALDER: The Public Service Association has publicly claimed that part of this process is secret and that you are benchmarking against, obviously, Mount Gambier and a whole host of prisons interstate and overseas. The claim is that you will not divulge which prisons they are so that the Public Service Association, as the workers' representative in DCS, cannot make an assessment about how fair the work is that they are doing and so ultimately will not be in a position to judge the end results of this process. Is there a reason why they cannot get that information?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I would like to say is that we do this benchmarking. I will give you a bit of an example so that you can get an idea of the types of things we have had a look at in doing this. As we look across our prison sector and we look at Mount Gambier Prison, for example, which is run by G4S—you would be aware of that, as would the Leader of the Opposition when he re-signed the contract for G4S to run that prison—the cost per prisoner per day there is \$155. A very comparative prison would be Mobilong Prison, where the cost per prisoner per day is \$236.

What we are looking at is why is there a disparity, what can we do and what is happening somewhere that could be done somewhere else. This is an example of one little case study we are doing. Again, Mount Gambier is \$155, and Mobilong is \$236. Across the course of a year, that is \$14 million extra that we are paying—

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes. I understand that internal—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —I am making the point—let me finish—

Mr ODENWALDER: I understand that internal benchmarking comparison process.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, this is the sort of measure that we are looking at. It is \$14 million that could go back into health, education, better facilities for Corrections, putting in better programs that deliver better outcomes to help reduce recidivism. That is a significant amount of money. How is that matching up, how are we looking at that, how can we actually compare systems across prisons that marry up and ask: why is it being done more efficiently and effectively there and not here and how can we get that and implement the Better Prisons program to get those better outcomes?

Mr ODENWALDER: What about the overseas and interstate prisons you are benchmarking against? Why are the PSA claiming that they cannot get a window into that process?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The way this has worked, what I have been informed and how this has progressed along the way, is that the preliminary benchmarking at sites has engaged with the local consulting committee, where members of those sites are invited to these consulting committees. Those things are talked through, and it is elaborated out as to what the measures are and how we can look to get there. They are asked to actually have input as well.

As I said, we have a lot of people in Corrections who do a really great job, and we want to get their input because they can have a lot to say about how we can do these things better, but we are not at liberty to give those staffing and posting details to the PSA. As I said, it is shared through the local consulting committees at each of the sites as we are going through this process but, as you

would understand, for safety and security reasons it is not the detail that you can just bandy around what happens at different prisons, wherever they may be.

It is sensitive information for safety and security reasons, so it cannot just be thrown around, but it is broken down, if you like. When DCS go through these consulting committees, they talk through how these things were arrived at, and they do that in that consultation phase. It is extensive and we are working through each site, and they are invited to come along. In fact, I know that the team works really hard to engage the members of the facilities and make sure they are in that conversation. They do work it really hard. It is not per se for the PSA to get that information because, again, it does have safety and security implications for the other facilities that have been used to benchmark these figures.

Mr ODENWALDER: When will this whole process be complete?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell the member is that this has been very methodical. The team—and I have outlined what they are doing and the great work they are doing—have really worked through this. This has been very specific and it has had a lot of structure behind it. We have worked through it methodically and we will identify the KPIs and the performance framework. We have started doing this at two sites, and then we are going to roll it in to two more, but it is planned that it will all be finished by the end of this financial year; that is the objective.

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, I might remind you that you will have to read the omnibus questions but, before you do that, the member for Morphett has indicated that he has a question.

Mr PATTERSON: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 101, program 2. Since the passage of the Correctional Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill last year, how many outlaw motorcycle gang members have been prevented from visiting prisoners?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I thank the member for the question. The Marshall government is committed to making sure that we deliver on our election commitments and improve the safety and security of our prisons. This involved making some important changes to the Correctional Services Act to legislate and ban members of outlaw motorcycle gangs from visiting prisons and visiting prisoners.

Preventing outlaw motorcycle gangs from visiting prisons has removed the opportunity for radicalisation of prisoners and reduced the links between prisoners, crime organisations and their associates in the community. That was key to this legislation. We knew that these criminal organisations were trying to infiltrate through prisons, so by changing this legislation we could help crack down on that. This is often where they look to do a lot of their 'work' ('illegal activities' is a better term) to infiltrate and get these people doing this operation for them when they come out of prison as well, so we wanted to cut that off at the pass, and this legislation has helped with that.

Prisons can become a breeding ground for members of organised crime groups, such as outlaw motorcycle gangs, providing these groups with a potential source of new recruits for drugs and other crime. That is more people excluded from entering our prison environments, potentially bringing contraband into prisons and attempting to radicalise prisoners. I am pleased to inform the committee that, as of 23 July, approximately 330 individuals are excluded from visiting a South Australian prison as a result of changes to the Correctional Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill—330 is the number, so that has done very well.

Importantly, as part of those legislative changes, we also introduced workplace testing for prison officers, staff and contractors. We will be testing staff for alcohol and illegal drugs when there is a serious incident, at random or when there is suspicion that they are under the influence of drugs.

Drugs are regularly found in our prisons, and people working in the prison system must be supported by high standards of occupational health and safety. If prison officers or staff are under the influence of drugs or alcohol at work, they expose their colleagues by significantly increasing an already wide range of workplace risks. Prison is an environment where prisoners need to be supported to detoxify from drug addiction and prison officers need to know they are working in a setting that is as safe as possible.

In addition to drug testing staff and banning outlaw motorcycle gang members from entering a prison, the Marshall government is also committed to trialling mobile phone blocking technology in

a regional prison. These are a suite of policies that have not only already improved the safety and security of our prisons but will continue to do so well into the future.

I commend the staff for the work they have done in helping implement this. I think the team has done a really great job. I know it is a bipartisan approach that we all want to make sure that our prisons are as safe as possible for all those who work in them and that we can have an environment that is more conducive to delivering on that 10by20 program and make sure we reduce recidivism.

Mr ODENWALDER: With your leave, I will read out the omnibus questions:

1. For each department and agency reporting to the minister:
 - What is the actual FTE count at 30 June 2019 and the projected actual FTE count for each year of the forward estimates?
 - What is the total employment cost for each year of the forward estimates?
 - What is the notional FTE job reduction target that has been agreed with Treasury for each year of the forward estimates?
 - Does the agency or department expect to meet the target in each year of the forward estimates?
 - How many TVSPs are estimated to be required to meet FTE reductions over the forward estimates?
2. Between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, will the minister list the job title and total employment cost of each position with a total estimated cost of \$100,000 or more which has either (1) been abolished and (2) which has been created.
3. Will the minister provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure on consultants and contractors above \$10,000 between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 for all departments and agencies reporting to the minister, listing:
 - the name of the consultant, contractor or service supplier;
 - cost;
 - work undertaken;
 - reason for engaging the contractor, and
 - method of appointment?
4. For each department and agency for which the minister has responsibility:
 - How many FTEs were employed to provide communication and promotion activities in 2018-19 and what was their employment expense?
 - How many FTEs are budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 and what is their estimated employment expense?
 - The total cost of government-paid advertising, including campaigns, across all mediums in 2018-19 and budgeted cost for 2019-20.
5. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, please provide a full itemised breakdown of attraction and retention allowances as well as non-salary benefits paid to public servants and contracts between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.
6. What is the title and total employment cost of each individual staff member in the minister's office as at 30 June 2019, including all departmental employees seconded to ministerial offices?
7. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, could you detail:
 - (a) How much was spent on targeted voluntary separation packages in 2018-19?

- (b) What department funded these TVSPs? (except for DTF Estimates)
- (c) What number of TVSPs were funded?
- (d) What is the budget for targeted voluntary separation packages for financial years included in the forward estimates (by year), and how are these packages funded?
- (e) What is the breakdown per agency/branch of targeted voluntary separation packages for financial years included in the forward estimates (by year) by FTEs?
8. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, how many executive terminations have occurred since 1 July 2018 and what is the value of executive termination payments made?
9. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, what new executive appointments have been made since 1 July 2018, and what is the annual salary, and total employment cost for each position?
10. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, how many employees have been declared excess, how long has each employee been declared excess, and what is the salary of each excess employee?
11. In the 2018-19 financial year, for all departments and agencies reporting to the minister, what underspending on operating programs (1) was and (2) was not approved by cabinet for carryover expenditure in 2019-20?
12. In the 2018-19 financial year, for all departments and agencies reporting to the minister, what underspending on investing or capital projects or programs (1) was and (2) was not approved by cabinet for carryover expenditure in 2019-20? How was much sought and how much was approved?
13. For each grant program or fund the minister is responsible for please provide the following information for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years:
- (a) Name of the program or fund;
- (b) The purpose of the program or fund;
- (c) Balance of the grant program or fund;
- (d) Budgeted (or actual) expenditure from the program or fund;
- (e) Budgeted (or actual) payments into the program or fund;
- (f) Carryovers into or from the program or fund; and
- (g) Details, including the value and beneficiary, of any commitments already made to be funded from the program or fund.
14. For the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, provide a breakdown of all grants paid by the department/agency that report to the minister, including when the payment was made to the recipient, and when the grant agreement was signed by both parties.
15. For each year of the forward estimates, please provide the name and budgeted expenditure across the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years for each individual investing expenditure project administered by or on behalf of all departments and agencies reporting to the minister.
16. For each year of the forward estimates, please provide the name and budget for each individual program administered by or on behalf of all departments and agencies reporting to the minister.
17. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, what is the total cost of machinery of government changes since 1 July 2018 and please provide a breakdown of those costs?

18. For each department and agency reporting to the minister, what new sections of your department or agency have been established since 1 July 2018 and what is their purpose?

19. For each department and agency reporting to the minister:

- What savings targets have been set for each year of the forward estimates?
- What measures are you implementing to meet your savings target?
- What is the estimated FTE impact of these measures?

I go to Budget Paper 4, Volume 1, page 101, custodial services targets, and refer to the transition of the Adelaide Remand Centre to Serco. When is this intended to take place, minister? When is the changeover date?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That will be happening in the coming weeks.

Mr ODENWALDER: You do not have an exact date?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: At some stage in the week beginning 12 August.

Mr ODENWALDER: Minister, will Serco be required to follow the same suicide watch procedures as DCS, which were developed and have been updated to incorporate recommendations from the Coroner's inquest into the death in custody of Mark William Payne?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Excellent. Minister, will you rule out privatising any other prison or correctional facility over the forward estimates?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As we have been discussing—you bring up a great point, and it steers us back to our benchmarking process—this is why we want all those facilities and workers at those facilities to come on board with our benchmarking process, because—

Mr ODENWALDER: Will you rule out privatising any?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If you listen—

Mr ODENWALDER: We have two minutes to go of this process, minister. Will you rule out privatising any?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This is why I want—

Mr ODENWALDER: Any prison or any part of the Department for Correctional Services?

The CHAIR: Member for Elizabeth, you have asked your question. The minister is about to answer.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This is why—and I drive back to this benchmarking—

Mr ODENWALDER: So you will not rule it out? It is a simple question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Let me finish. This is why we drive back to this benchmarking situation. I have every faith that if these different institutions and the workers within these institutions come on board with the benchmarking philosophies, we will have the best prison system in the nation. I aspire even higher than that.

If we can deal with these efficiencies, we will have—and I go back to those numbers I talked about before in G4S and the Mount Gambier Prison, which is the contract most recently signed when your side was in government. They kept it in private hands, and it was running at \$155 per person per day. This is in contrast to the \$236. My goal, through benchmarking, is to bring that \$236 down and deliver services that are, as I said, nation leading and potentially world leading—

Mr ODENWALDER: So you will not rule out privatising any further aspect of DCS?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If we deliver the benchmarking processes, we will not have to do that.

Mr ODENWALDER: Has any preparatory work at all been done to look at the feasibility of privatising Yatala Labour Prison, any part of Yatala Labour Prison or any part of the community corrections system?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Mr ODENWALDER: No work at all?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will make this really clear. I will repeat it because I want to be really clear on this. Benchmarking is about making sure that we have the best practice. I am talking about the nation's best practice and I am talking—

Mr ODENWALDER: So why can you not just rule it out?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —beyond that because we need to deliver this benchmarking, and that is why I am really keen to deliver it. I would love your support to get the workers and people involved on board with this program to deliver a better program for our prison system. That is what our focus is on: we want a better prison system. Again, I hark back to the numbers as an example. If we can get the best prison system in the nation—and, potentially, let's look beyond that and let's aspire even higher than that—if we can meet these benchmarks, if we can get this Better Prisons program working, we will not need to consider any of the options that you are throwing out there.

Mr ODENWALDER: If, for some reason, there is some blockage—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Do not be negative.

Mr ODENWALDER: —in the benchmarking system, you will reconsider and you will privatise?

The CHAIR: Order! Member for Elizabeth, this will be your final question. We have passed the allotted time. The minister will hear the question and then respond without interjection. Member for Elizabeth, you can ask the question.

Mr ODENWALDER: Are you saying that, if the benchmarking targets are not met, if you are not satisfied at the end of the benchmarking process that the savings and efficiencies that you desire are met, you will consider privatisation?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am saying that you are being very negative: I am being very positive.

Mr ODENWALDER: Please answer the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I back all the people involved to deliver these benchmarking targets. We will have the best prison system in the nation and potentially beyond our shores. That is what I aspire to do, that is what I aspire to deliver, and I would really love your support in making sure we can do that. I think that we can have a better prisons program, and that is what our government has put forward and invested in quite heavily.

There are 310 extra beds in the Northfield precinct. We have put \$200 million into this project to deliver a better facility so that we can get better outcomes very much focused around 10by20, as I have mentioned before. Having these better facilities will deliver on that and make a better system for everyone involved. We have a great opportunity here. I look forward to your support in making sure we have a better prisons program in South Australia.

The CHAIR: We have reached the allotted time. I declare the examination of the proposed payments for the portfolio of Correctional Services to be completed.

Membership:

Ms Hildyard substituted for Mr Odenwalder.

Minister:

Hon. C.L. Wingard, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Departmental Advisers:

Ms K. Taylor, Chief Executive, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Mr I. Houridis, Director, Commonwealth Games Feasibility Secretariat, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Mr T. Nicholas, Acting Senior Manager, Strategy and Investment, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

Ms R. Mo, Team Leader, Finance, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

The ACTING CHAIR (Mr Pederick): Thank you for the confidence of the committee in electing me as Acting Chair. We are here in Estimates Committee A for the payments in relation to the portfolio of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Before I call on the minister to make a statement, I would like him to introduce his advisers.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank very much, Mr Acting Chair. It is great to see you in the seat, and I am sure you will do an outstanding job. Not overlooking how good the last Chair was, but you are looking fantastic.

I welcome on my far left Mr Ilia Houridis, Director, Commonwealth Games Feasibility Secretariat. On my immediate left and your right, I welcome Ms Kylie Taylor, Chief Executive, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, and on my right Mr Tim Nicholas, Acting Senior Manager, Strategy and Investment. I have no opening statement, Mr Acting Chair.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you, minister. I would just like to indicate to the committee that we will go to 3.50pm, just a few extra minutes allocated for the changeover of Chair. I call on the lead speaker of the opposition to make an opening statement if she so wishes.

Ms HILDYARD: Thank you, Mr Acting Chair. Minister, since coming to government you have not invested one extra dollar in grassroots sport and recreation. You have cut the \$24 million female facilities program, the \$10 million synthetic surfaces program, the \$7.4 million of support for community clubs, \$874,000 per annum from staffing and cut grant programs.

Unlike Labor, who provided record investment in sport, you seem to be at the whim of the Treasurer's obsession with cuts. Minister, how do you justify the financial crisis you have created to girls and boys, women and men and clubs across our state who see sport as a fundamental part of their engagement with community and of their physical and mental health and wellbeing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Is that your opening statement?

Ms HILDYARD: And a question.

The ACTING CHAIR: Member for Reynell, is that a question?

Ms HILDYARD: A bit of both.

The ACTING CHAIR: If you are going to ask a question, please refer to a budget paper.

Ms HILDYARD: I refer to Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, page 36, the vision of the state object.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you. Could please ask the question again for the minister.

Ms HILDYARD: The whole thing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, the second part.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, how do you justify the financial crisis in sport you have created to girls and boys, women and men and clubs across our state who see sport as a fundamental part of their engagement with community and of their physical and mental health and wellbeing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I can tell this group, and I will go into some detail, given that it was a very long-winded, broadbrush statement that was not factually correct, and I will just elaborate on what we have done for clarification. Since coming into government, we have put more than \$100 million into sport, and I am very proud about that.

One of the key pillars of what we did—given that when we came into government the previous government had not budgeted any money for the Sports Vouchers program—is that we worked really hard to make sure that we delivered on that. In fact, we actually upped it. The previous government had it at \$50, and I make the point that they had no money allocated through the budget for that program. We put the \$50 back in they had taken out, and then we put another \$50 on top.

Our Sports Vouchers program delivers \$100 to families who have primary school-age children who play sport, and we have included dancing into that program as well. This has been highly, highly successful, and in a second I will just clarify the figure of how much has gone out in vouchers. You can actually go to the dashboard and see how much each electorate has garnered from this.

I go to sporting clubs and sporting groups—in fact, I remember going to the Gymnastics SA awards this year, and it is always great to go to those sorts of events. I was a little humbled, perhaps even a little bit embarrassed, when they stood up and spoke about the \$100 sports vouchers that our Marshall Liberal government had brought forward and the whole room started clapping. They were so elated and understood how important this is to getting young people active and getting young people playing.

This is a key pillar of what we have done. We know that it helps with the cost of living and we know that it helps getting young people active. It gets them into sports clubs and it gets them engaged in the community. We know that if we can get them in at a young age they can really understand what a sports club is about and how it operates, and it gives such good benefits back to society through health benefits, through social benefits and through being part of a community. Often if you can get people engaged at that young age they will go through and be part of it for a long time to come.

I will run through some of the other programs that we have invested in. We can talk about the soccer headquarters. This was a really great one out there at State Sports Park through the FFSA. This is a brilliant program. The proposal, and the development that is happening out there, is truly outstanding. Also, as part of that, there was an investment in the wind tunnel at the Super-Drome. There are great opportunities here for this.

Not only does it keep the elite cycling program here in South Australia—and we are really proud of our cycling—but it also has the ability to grow the venue. We improved the lighting and heating and those amenities at the facility. The lighting now—I got feedback just the other day—is better than they could have expected. We are hoping that will help attract more events and increase the cycling capacity and the multiuse capacity at that facility at Gepps Cross.

I know a number of local members worked really hard on the Women's Memorial Playing Fields. The member for Elder has been very focused on this. This is developing another great piece of sporting infrastructure here, and we are working to deliver on that. I think it is \$8 million or \$9 million, if my memory serves me correctly. That is a wonderful facility. On top of that, we put \$10 million into Memorial Drive. This is fantastic.

I do not want to jump the gun, but when it comes to women's sport in particular, I have been probably more excited than my wife would like about the fact that I am really keen to see this WTA event come to South Australia, as well as an ATP event. By investing \$10 million and putting a roof on Memorial Drive, we now have an undercover facility in Adelaide—we did not have one before now for tennis players—so our future Lleyton Hewitts and Alicia Moliks have somewhere to train and we have the ability to get this WTA ATP tennis event to South Australia.

I know they are working really hard at trying to attract key players, and some of the names that are being bandied around are so exciting it is not funny. You may or may not have spent some time watching Wimbledon and the French Open more recently, but personally—and I know the chief executive probably gets sick of me talking about it—I think that some of the exciting athletes, the female athletes, particularly on the world stage at the moment, are literally taking the world by storm.

The tennis players are absolutely outstanding, and we have some great Australian tennis players in there as well. Ash Barty winning the French Open was just phenomenal, and to see Simona Halep win Wimbledon recently was just awesome. Of course, she has an affiliation with Darren Cahill, who is a South Australian coach. There is an ability for these facilities to develop coaches and players and have these pathways. We have had the men's tournament before. I do not think it will be quite as exciting as the women's tournament, to be brutally honest, but I think it will be a massive drawcard. It goes with the women's golf we have here as well. These opportunities are really exciting.

That leads me into the program which I am equally as proud of and which has been so successful, and that is our Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program. I want to thank footy and cricket for coming on board and contributing money for this. They saw the benefit of partnering with netball as well. These are some of the biggest growth sports that we have for women in particular.

The member for Reynell has talked about this and about female facilities, and I think we are on the same page but we have a slightly different view on it and, again, I am really proud of where we are going with this. Whenever I go to these clubs, and even when dealing with some of the carryover grants, we talk about facilities. They have growing numbers of females playing at their clubs and they want to improve their facilities, and I can appreciate that because over the last decade or more they have been allowed to run down. Everywhere I go and everyone I listen to and talk to, I see and hear that these facilities are in a poor state of disrepair.

We have put our program together. We are partnering with them. We put \$15 million in last year's budget and football and cricket have come along with \$1 million each. We are doing it as a match-funding project, so councils actually buy into this now as well, or local sporting groups do, and they are matching it. Everyone has skin in the game and it is getting us really, really good results. When I go to these places and make the announcements, I let them know that we are going to partner with them and bring together the facility.

I look at one here: half a million dollars to the Hackham Football Club, a football club in the south. It has struggled. It has struggled for a senior men's team. It has grown its women's football, which has been absolutely outstanding. Even better than that, they have gone back to their roots, literally, and they are developing their junior football all the way through for girls and for boys and they are doing a great job at building their football club.

When we talked about facilities, I said, 'Were you looking for female facilities, or were you looking for unisex facilities?' The focus is on unisex facilities because they are facilities that everyone can use. The thought of having a club that has change rooms over here for women and change rooms over here for men and segregating them like that does not make sense to all the clubs I speak to. They say, 'Let's make them transferable so that everyone can use them.' That is what we have seen is a big part of this Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program.

We have been able to deliver these change rooms that they can rotate people through. You might have a weekend where you have back-to-back women's or girls' games going on and the next week you might have back-to-back boys' games going on. It makes no sense to say, 'Alright, this week we're using these change rooms and they're being left over to the side, and next week we're using those change rooms and these ones are being left over to the side.' Every club has been very focused on making sure we have these facilities that can be used by everyone, that they are interchangeable.

Another thing that comes up when I speak to people at these clubs is that they say, in the case of football, 'Often we've got a lot of dads coaching daughters.' Actually, what is growing now is that when it gets to Auskick mums are doing a lot of those roles as well; they are coaching sons. The flip-flop happens in netball and football and cricket is happening all over the place. We welcome that,

we embrace that, and having these unisex facilities allows us to include everyone. It has been fantastic.

I will just run through some of the other facilities. The Berri Football Club has \$149,000 to upgrade their change rooms and improve the parent change room, and the City of Port Adelaide Enfield was ecstatic to get \$500,000 towards theirs, as well. Tea Tree Gully—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The ACTING CHAIR: Minister, just hold there. I am hearing a few murmurs on my left. You did ask a very broad-ranging question, and the minister did not make an opening statement, so he has a reasonable amount of free rein to answer the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Acting Chair. I am just going through them here. I was asked what we are doing for sport, and there was an accusation that we have not put any money in, so I will go back again: Berri, \$149,000; the City of Onkaparinga, half a million dollars there for Hackham that I talked about; the City of Port Adelaide Enfield for the L.J. Lewis and Edward Smith Precinct out there at Northfield. It was great to go out and see those guys, and one of the cricketers out there—I think Sonny was his name—was just over the moon that this facility would actually deliver.

It is set up at Greenacres in a really great spot. They are lucky enough to have two ovals side by side. They have rugby goals on them, and football can be played there, as well as cricket. Likewise, up in the top oval they have some temporary change facilities there now because of the growth there. The growth opportunity is just out of this world. I know that the member for Torrens would be very much across that one and know how great the facility is going to be.

Tea Tree Gully at Hope Valley, with their facilities out there, are doing a great job growing junior sport, and girls are taking hold there as well. Eudunda Sporting Club is a really great development out there, and there is \$200,000 to them for umpire change rooms and medical change rooms as well as parent change spaces. This is really important.

In an interesting twist—the CE of Sport and Recreation and I have talked about this a lot—that people think that the change table goes in the women's change rooms or bathrooms, but how is that going to help women play more sport? A lot of the clubs are thinking smart now and making sure that there is one in the men's and one in the women's. If it is a heterosexual couple and the mother is playing sport that day and the father is looking after the child, great, he has the facilities and he can take the baby. It is subliminal stuff. If mothers think—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister is answering a question. He has the call.

Ms HILDYARD: I know, but he just does not understand. It is so frustrating.

The ACTING CHAIR: Member for Reynell, it is not open season. The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Acting Chair. The point I am making is that by having a great diversity in opportunity, if a woman thinks that she cannot play because she cannot get her child looked after that is just not on. That is not the environment we want to create at any sporting club. It is little things like that I think are really clever, and it is a great thing.

Flinders Park Football Club, as well, is constructing new change rooms. The team that worked on this is truly delightful. They worked so hard for this development, and what they are going to deliver there will be through the roof. They have an opportunity to expand and grow the netball clubs there. It is a great footy/cricket/netball community group.

A delightful lady there—excuse me for forgetting her name at this moment—told me a story about how the club nurtured and helped her kids and gave her great help and support when she was raising her kids. They were very much actively involved in the club. They have all grown up now and she is giving back to that local community, giving back to that sporting organisation. She helped raise the money for this grant, and it was wonderful to see tears in her eyes as we handed over that \$225,000—or as good as.

There is \$153,000 for Kalangadoo, another one that has been looking for an expansion. Karoonda has \$258,000. Chair, you were there when we were looking at that one. It is a great opportunity for the Karoonda Districts Football Club. They were looking at unisex change rooms, and they talked about how, in a country area, the clubroom is the heart and soul of the local community. Again, this is delivering financial support to get the facilities that these clubs are looking for, which is what you asked me about in the question.

Port Broughton Combined Sporting Clubs Incorporated and the Barossa Council both have \$350,000 each for more unisex change rooms. Whyalla has \$890,000, or just over. This is about improving the playing surface as much as it is about putting in change rooms and lighting. Those two ovals are used extensively by the community. This will make sure that they actually have drainage and they can start to par so that teams are not forced off the oval in the middle of winter when there is not sufficient drainage. It is also to make sure that there is grass on the oval when they are playing there in summer. There is also the ability, potentially, for netball to utilise the facilities in those community clubs. It brings all that together.

West Lakes Shore has \$3,000 to expand their change rooms to make them unisex as well. Woodville West Torrens Football Club has \$288,000, and this is a great opportunity out at Ottoway. I think the women's football team are looking to base themselves there, but they will flip-flop again. They want to be able to play games at Woodville Oval as well but also use the Ottoway facility. By upgrading these and making them more unisex, they will become fundamentally family-friendly facilities—it is what we want families to use.

To say that we have not invested money in sport is so incredibly wrong and misleading. We are really proud of what we have been able to deliver and what we will continue to deliver. I have not gone on to talk about our free volunteer screening checks. As well as those things in this portfolio area, I have racing. We have contributed \$24 million to the racing industry to help them become more sustainable. That has been really big, and in the time that we have been in government more than \$28 million has gone to racing. They have never before seen an injection of funds like that, particularly over the last 16 years under the previous government.

If we talk to recreation, we have done some great work in this space. Again, it is not about injecting money, but money can help make these projects work. We have put \$11.8 million into recreation, into trails and parks. That has of course been done in conjunction with the Minister for Environment. That is where our portfolios can cross over to get good outcomes for South Australia. We have also put money into those projects for mountain biking groups and walking groups.

We did a survey not so long ago to reach out to the community, and more than 2,000 people took part. They talked to us about wanting sporting facilities. We understand that sport is important, but recreation is a big part of this as well. I think 86 per cent of people said that walking was one of the key things they did. By investing in these walking trails and mountain biking trails along the Fleurieu and right around our state—and the minister will talk about O'Halloran Hill, Glenthorne Farm and Glenthorne National Park and the project that is evolving there—we really are investing in the health and recreation of South Australians. There have been some absolutely outstanding results.

It is really important that we focus on what we have done, and I think I have outlined a lot of that. We will continue to do that across the Sport, Recreation and Racing portfolio areas.

The ACTING CHAIR: Minister, are you happy to accept the omnibus questions from the previous portfolios for this portfolio, or do you want them read out again?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I will accept those.

The ACTING CHAIR: That will save a bit of time, thank you. Member for Reynell.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, what do you think of the quantum and percentage of funding that sport and recreation receives through gambling revenue? Have you specifically advocated for a bigger proportion of that revenue?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, what budget line are you referring to?

Ms HILDYARD: It is in the stated objective.

The ACTING CHAIR: What page?

Ms HILDYARD: Page 36.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Whereabouts on page 36?

Ms HILDYARD: I am talking about your vision around funding for sport and recreation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Where is that referred to in the budget paper?

Ms HILDYARD: That is why am asking.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, we are here doing budget estimates. You have to refer your questions to the budget papers. Which reference is it?

Ms HILDYARD: Page 36.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Yes, page 36, but what reference? Where is the reference to the budget paper? I am very happy to talk about—

Ms HILDYARD: We can reference the grants line, because it is about what funding comes to sport and recreation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Do you want me to talk about the grants that we are giving?

Ms HILDYARD: No. What I want you to answer is: what do you think about the proportion of funding from gambling revenue for sport and recreation, which goes to the grants program, page 37. Have you specifically advocated for a bigger proportion of funding from gambling revenue—yes or no?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Chair, can I just clarify—

The ACTING CHAIR: I think the minister is chasing a specific budget line, thank you, member for Reynell.

Ms HILDYARD: The grants line on page 37, in that case.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am still very unclear about the line of questioning here. Are you asking for my opinion, or are you pointing out a budget line here that you want me to talk to?

Ms HILDYARD: I will just move on. I do not think there is an understanding there. Minister, how does CPI apply to sport and recreation grants?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: In what terms? As in how did it apply under the previous government and how it applies now?

Ms HILDYARD: How does it apply right now to sport and recreation grants?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I seek clarification here on what programs over the journey have been indexed. I am led to believe that a proportion of the CRSFP has been indexed over the journey under the previous government and under our government and that is fundamentally all that has had the index—and Active Club indexes on the SMA deal that was done, when that money is attributed. That is indexed not to CPI, but it is indexed. They are the only ones. The only other one that has received a CPI index is VACSWIM. I am led to believe that happened last financial year under the new government.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, has CPI been increased on grants in last year's budget and this year's budget?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, I think I just explained that. I apologise that I may not have been clear. It has never been across the—

Ms HILDYARD: So it has not been—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Let me finish. It has never been under the previous government or under this government, other than CRSFP, which has had a proportion indexed to CPI. A portion of that fund was indexed to CPI. The Active Club grant, as I said, is indexed under the deal that was done when that was implemented and put in place, and that is to do with the stadium management,

as you would be aware. The only other one that has received a CPI increase, under the previous government or this government, is VACSWIM and that was under our government at the last budget.

Ms HILDYARD: How do CPI increases apply to grants for funding for 12 months or less?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I apologise, I am not really clear on your question. I thought I answered that last about all the grants.

Ms HILDYARD: You did not.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am referring to all the grants. All the grants that are distributed through the Office of Rec and Sport—again I stress the point and apologise if I have not been clear—are a proportion of CRSFP and it is Active Club as well through their own indexation, not through CPI. A portion of CRSFP is indexed through CPI, and VACSWIM was indexed through CPI under your government, when you were in government, and it has continued on the same, except for the increase in VACSWIM.

Ms HILDYARD: Thank you. Minister, did anyone declare a conflict of interest when the racing industry package was developed and discussed in cabinet?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot discuss what happened in cabinet.

Ms HILDYARD: What conditions have been put on the racing industry assistance package—

The ACTING CHAIR: Member for Reynell, can you please read a volume reference, what budget paper and a line?

Ms HILDYARD: Pages 36 and 37 in relation to the racing industry package. It is mentioned several times.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you. I am just trying to keep it orderly.

Ms HILDYARD: To be clear for your sake, Acting Chair, I have a number of questions. The racing industry package is mentioned several times on pages 36 and 37.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you. Let's run with that.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, what conditions have been put on the racing industry assistance package? Are there any conditions precedent and are there ongoing conditions that the racing industry is required to meet—conditions precedent and conditions ongoing.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: You had three or four questions there all in one. I will just do them one at a time, so do you want to go with your first question first? What is the first question?

Ms HILDYARD: What are the conditions precedent put on the racing industry assistance package and what are the ongoing conditions?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What do you mean by 'precedent'?

Ms HILDYARD: Conditions precedent.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What do you mean by 'conditions precedent'?

Ms HILDYARD: Conditions that the funding is contingent on I guess is the way I would describe that.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: So you are asking what conditions are there—

Ms HILDYARD: Precedent and then ongoing.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Not precedent, just what conditions are there to the funding?

Ms HILDYARD: No, I guess the way I would describe conditions precedent is conditions that are contingent on the funding being delivered, and are there ongoing conditions?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: To clarify, you want to know about the conditions for the funding, the \$24 million that our government gave to the racing industry. What we have done is that \$8 million has gone up-front. I think that was given to the racing industry before the last financial year. It is then

distributed amongst the three codes in a formula that they have agreed to. To the best of my knowledge, that will be split so that half of that will be spent on infrastructure. They will be upgrading infrastructure to grow their industry and make it more sustainable. The other half they will be able to use for projects and programs, which will come for checking to make sure that we are growing the industry. The other proportion is yet to be ratified, but I will take that on notice and get you the detail accordingly.

Ms HILDYARD: So you will take that on notice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The second part, yes. What was part 2 of that question, sorry?

Ms HILDYARD: In assessing the value of the racing industry, did you receive advice about the amount of government revenue generated by the industry, and can you advise the committee what that figure is?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think that question is probably better directed, for the value perspective, to the Treasurer, so I will take that on notice and get that figure back to you.

Ms HILDYARD: I suspect you might want this next question on notice as well. Did your agency receive details of any modelling done on the revenue impacts of changing the rate of the betting consumption tax? If so, what did that modelling show regarding the levels of 8, 10 and 15 per cent? I already have a note that you might want that one on notice.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, with the greatest of respect, taxation is a matter for the Treasurer, so it is potentially a better question for the Treasurer.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, what investigations has your government undertaken into the governance, financial status and operations of the South Australian Harness Racing Club?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: To be clear, the way the position of the Minister for Racing has been up until now is that we do not have any control or oversight over any of the racing industry; that is the way the legislation is written. What you are talking about would actually sit with Consumer and Business.

Ms HILDYARD: With whom?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Consumer and Business. It would sit with that portfolio area.

Ms HILDYARD: So has there been an investigation—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, again, that sits with Consumer and Business, so not to my knowledge, but that is not something that the racing minister—

Ms HILDYARD: Will you take it on notice?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, because that would need to be a question for the minister in charge of Consumer and Business.

Ms HILDYARD: Should there be an investigation happening and recommendations come from that investigation, I dare say that those recommendations would come to you as the racing minister. Will you implement any recommendations from any review?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Your question is hypothetical.

Ms HILDYARD: Are you aware, minister, of any SA Harness Racing clubs' stated intention to sell its key asset, its land?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, which budget paper are you referring to? Which budget line about harness racing?

Ms HILDYARD: The same as I indicated to the Chair before in relation to racing.

The ACTING CHAIR: The general racing referrals.

Ms HILDYARD: There are a number of references to racing.

The ACTING CHAIR: It is on pages 36 and 37, I believe.

Ms HILDYARD: Yes, that is right.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: How is that line related to the selling of assets that you are talking about?

Ms HILDYARD: As I understand it, you have provided a racing industry assistance package, so I am very interested in the operations of the various codes.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Just to be clear, we did not provide that to the harness racing club.

Ms HILDYARD: I understand that, but that is not what I said. What I said was that you have provided a racing industry assistance package and my question is: are you aware of the intention of one of the key clubs in the racing industry to sell its key asset, its land?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, to be clear, as racing minister I have no bearing over a club. You are asking me about a club and I have no bearing over a club.

Ms HILDYARD: You seemed to talk about a lot of clubs earlier.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The question is about a racing club.

Ms HILDYARD: Maybe you could just take it on notice.

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister has the call.

Ms HILDYARD: Maybe take it on notice. It might be the easiest way to deal with it.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

The ACTING CHAIR: Hang on, the minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, my answer is that I have no bearing over the club. In fact, as I outlined before, the racing minister, as it stands, has no bearing over the actual industry bodies themselves, but they—

Ms HILDYARD: That is interesting.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is the reality.

Ms HILDYARD: But you put conditions precedent on their funding.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is what we are saying. They are coming to us for funding and we have agreed to funding to the code—not to the club, to the code.

Ms HILDYARD: I understand.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We have put some conditions on how that is spent. Again, we are investing in the industry, in the code, so we have put some—

Ms HILDYARD: I understand.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —stipulations around how that is spent, but that does not impact on the club. The industry will work with the clubs. We are working with the industry. Those provisos around the funding are the only way that we can have that input or say in what we are doing. Under the legislation, I have no control over what the industry does.

Ms HILDYARD: What is the government's involvement in any potential sale of land at Morphetville Racecourse, and have you provided any assistance to date?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not own land at Morphetville Racecourse. As the minister, I do not own the land at Morphetville Racecourse.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, which specific positions will be cut this year as a result of the \$874,000 per annum cut to staffing at the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing? That is from Budget Paper 5, page 81.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Budget Paper 5, page 81.

Ms HILDYARD: I am sure you know that savings measure very well, minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am informed that the department is still going through that, but fundamentally it will be back office staff, and that is yet to be finalised.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, how much of the \$874,000 per annum represents redundancy entitlements or other severance payments?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That is yet to be finalised.

Ms HILDYARD: Thank you. Minister, can you rule out any further cuts to—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, what budget paper and what budget line?

Ms HILDYARD: It is actually the same one. Minister, can you rule out any further cuts to staffing beyond the \$874,000 per annum that you have cut from staffing at the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It is very clear in the budget paper. The details are outlined on page 81.

Ms HILDYARD: Can you rule out any further cuts to staffing beyond—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The details are outlined in that budget paper; that is what they are. They are what they are.

Ms HILDYARD: Okay, so no.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, it is very clear on page 81, as you pointed out. The efficiencies, the operating expenses and the full-time equivalents are outlined very clearly there. It was outlined on budget day.

Ms HILDYARD: I refer to page 36, in relation to grants.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which budget paper, sorry?

Ms HILDYARD: Page 36, in relation to grants.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which budget paper?

The ACTING CHAIR: I am sorry, member for Reynell, could you please say volume and book.

Ms HILDYARD: You know well which—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, I actually don't.

Ms HILDYARD: Volume 4. You do not know?

The ACTING CHAIR: Just to help out, I think I will help everyone here: it is Budget Paper 4, Volume 4. Thank you.

Ms HILDYARD: It is Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, page 36.

The ACTING CHAIR: That is where we need to go. I am not trying to be too pedantic, but just to help everyone on the committee, that is what we need to do.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Acting Chair.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, what is the difference between achieving gender equity in sport and gender equality in sport?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, which line are you talking about?

Ms HILDYARD: The grants line. Minister, what is the difference between achieving gender equity in sport and gender equality in sport?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not see that in the grants line.

Ms HILDYARD: On pages 36 and 37, there are repeated references to cutting funds from the female facilities program—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, there are no references—

Ms HILDYARD: —and references to your grassroots facilities program, so if you can please tell me what the difference is between gender equity and gender equality in sport.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I do not see that line in the budget paper. I am not meaning to be tricky. If you have a line in the budget paper, I am happy to answer a question, but here in the budget paper you are talking about it says:

- Undertake a grants review to ensure grant programs are aligned to sector need and the government's strategic direction

Is that what you are referring to?

Ms HILDYARD: There are several references.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can you point it out, please?

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, if you cannot answer the question, we will just move on.

The ACTING CHAIR: Just to help out, the minister was quite fulsome in doing a comparison of female facilities in grassroots funding before. I am sure if you have 15 minutes, we can do it all again. Ask another question, please.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am happy to answer to answer the question.

Ms HILDYARD: No, I will ask a more specific question: minister, how does your grassroots facilities program achieve equity, given that it does not actually target a group that has been historically disadvantaged and not able to equally participate? Equity.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I will not go back over all the projects and programs, but what we have made really clear through this project and program is that we want to be inclusive of everyone. We want to make sure that we have facilities for everyone—for families, whatever shape, size, colour, creed, whatever—

Ms HILDYARD: Just like the female facilities program did.

The ACTING CHAIR: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: We want to make sure that we have facilities for everyone in the community to use and that we can get the best return on them. That is the basis for the grassroots program. When I go to communities, that is what people talk about a lot. I know it was a program initiated by the previous government and we are very happy to adopt it and support it as well, but as far as clubs and organisations, going without the 40:40:20 model, we know that is a really important thing to do. We have been supportive of that and, in working with the office, we are pushing that in every direction to make sure we get better governance and better understanding.

As we go out and communicate with clubs and sporting groups in the sport and recreation sector, we want to make sure we are getting more and more people involved across every level. We actually want to be as inclusive as possible. We want to welcome everyone into this sector, and that is something I am really focused on doing. I do not think we can include people by excluding people. I think we want to look at ways of including people by bringing them in and making people aware of how we go about doing that.

I was just at the Goodwood Saints Football Club the other week, and they have been a leading football club in inclusion when it comes to people with a disability. Their program is a state leader—I say it is a national leader and would argue that it would be outstanding on a world scale—and they do a really great job of bringing people into their club.

I think that is something we really need to be focused on. With that 40:40:20 direction to make sure that boards have that split, I think that we are going a long way towards making sure that clubs and sporting organisations have the thinking and the diversity that they need and want. That will make our society a better society.

We are also developing the Game On program, and I have been really passionate about this. It is going wonderfully well, and I hope that you are getting involved and engaged. We are reaching out to the community to ask, 'What does sport look like? How can sport look, and how can

we share these ideas, concepts and visions?' When we have a group like the Goody Saints Footy Club doing it over here, how can we deliver that and/or take that model and concept and say, 'This community over here may be able to use that model and bring other people into their clubs as well'?

It is about changing their thinking on what we want clubs to look like. I am showing my age now, but I grew up in the country at a time when a sporting club was literally a tin shed. Someone put up a tin shed, a couple of showers and away we went from there. Then someone must have got an esky and a barbecue. A lot of them still have those sorts of facilities, but we are doing everything that we can to upgrade them. That was the mindset, but then it grew into being more.

The point I am trying to make is that what a sporting club was then is not what it is now. Through Game On, we are reaching out to the community and saying, 'What do you want sporting clubs to look like in your area? What do you want them to look like and how can it work?' This opportunity to make sporting clubs inclusive of everyone is a really key focus. The Game On project is going really well along with our state sports infrastructure plan. We have invested heavily in that.

I think that the outcomes are going to be fantastic and give us a real understanding of what South Australia wants. This work has never been done before—not for the last 15 or 16 years. By doing this work, we will have a really good picture and vision of how we want our sporting clubs to look and what the community wants them to look like, and we can deliver on that.

The ACTING CHAIR: Member for Reynell, you get some more questions on this line. I can see that the member for Florey will be pretty keen in a minute. We will go with the member for Reynell.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, as you know, South Adelaide Football Club are back-to-back SANFL women's premiers. They do not have a women's change room. They do not have access to council funding. They do not have access to club funding and so cannot apply for your facilities program, which has less funds than our \$24 million program. What is your advice to them? They are excluded, a situation that you have just said you do not want to see in sport. They are excluded.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I would very much encourage them to be part of our Game On project. I think that is really important. I would encourage them to talk to council because—

Ms HILDYARD: They have.

The ACTING CHAIR: Hang on, the minister has the call.

Ms HILDYARD: They have said no.

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: It is not my fault if council have said no. I would encourage them to talk to council again. Council are a big part of our Game On strategy. That is something that we can do and are happy to work with these communities on, talking to councils and having a look at the bigger picture area, saying, 'Where does the investment need to be?' One that I referred to before was the Onkaparinga council, which is where the South Adelaide Football Club is. The council clearly chose to focus on the Hackham Football Club as a priority over South Adelaide, which is the council's prerogative to do.

Again, through Game On, I would very much encourage them to get involved. If they have not already been to one of the sessions—I think there was one down your way; it may have been late last week—they can contact the office. They can also submit online. We would love to get their thoughts and have the submission done that way. We are very open to talk to them. Unfortunately, when we came into government, I went to a number of places where people showed me facilities that have been left to run down. There are 10, 20, 30, 40, hundreds of them that have not had the support in the past.

Ms HILDYARD: They were in the last grant funding round that you cut, Corey. They were in the last round that you cut, actually.

The ACTING CHAIR: Member for Reynell, order! You might have all these thoughts, but while the minister—

Ms HILDYARD: No, it is a fact: they were in the last round that was cut.

The ACTING CHAIR: No, I am sorry, but you do not get the time for rebuttal. This is not a to-and-fro chat. If I give you the call, you will have the call. The minister has the call if he is still answering the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Acting Chair. The point I was making was that I go to clubs right across the state, and there are a lot that need uplift. My heart goes out to all of them whenever I go there. They are all really good clubs with really good causes doing really good things—I do not dispute that—but you cannot do them all at once. Your government could not do them all in 16 years; I appreciate that. You would understand that as well. We need to have a plan and we need to have a strategy for how we are going to deliver the right facilities to the right communities to make sure that we are including everyone and getting everyone playing sport.

My focus is on getting as many people as possible playing sport; I think it is really important. That is what this is about; it is about actually having a plan. If you just scattergun around, you will find that everyone wants more, trust me, and you would have experienced that when you were in government. What we need is a plan and a strategy and to deliver against the plan to make sure that we are getting as much as we can right across the state to all the people who need it. We need to make sure that we are helping everyone with the resources they need that will actually get more people active and more people playing sport across whatever level.

Ms WORTLEY: Minister, when will the government deliver on the promise—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, what budget paper and what line?

Ms WORTLEY: Budget Paper 4, Volume 4, pages 17, 36 and 37.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Page 17?

Ms WORTLEY: Yes, and pages 36 and 37. When will the government deliver—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Three pages?

Ms WORTLEY: —on the promise made by the Liberal candidate for Torrens at the 2018 state election to the Gaza Football Club that a Liberal government would match Labor's commitment of \$1.5 million to upgrade the change facilities to accommodate female players?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I cannot see that in the budget papers that you are referring to. I cannot see that specific information in the budget papers you are referring to.

Ms WORTLEY: The information is in relation to—

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Point of order.

The ACTING CHAIR: You have a point of order, member for Light?

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Yes, Mr Acting Chairman. If we are going to read the actual rules about the questions in that way, then there will be no questions asked.

The ACTING CHAIR: Let me work it out. I am trying to give a bit of free rein. I have not intervened yet. I am trying to be equitable here, so if everyone can work with me. Thank you, member for Torrens; do you want to make a further commentary?

Ms WORTLEY: Yes. Page 17, if it assists the minister, makes reference to the provision of funding, and then pages 36 and 37 relate to female facilities, grassroots football and the Cricket Family Friendly Facilities Program.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: To answer your question, they have not applied through that program. I have not seen an application come through the department to me through the programs you talked about before. When you talk about page 17 and the investing expenditure summary, again I have spoken about some of these projects, and I can continue to do so. With respect to the Adelaide Super-Drome, \$9.8 million went into that, and that is not the project you talk about. With respect to soccer, there is \$19 million going into the home of football—

Ms WORTLEY: No, it is the Gaza Football Club program that I question.

The ACTING CHAIR: Order! The minister has the right to answer the question how he sees fit. If the member for Torrens has another question, she can ask that question, or is the minister still completing that answer?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I just want to clarify, because I do apologise—

Ms WORTLEY: Excuse me.

The ACTING CHAIR: Hang on. It is not 'excuse me'. The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am looking through the budget papers, and—

Ms HILDYARD: Point of order.

The ACTING CHAIR: Point of order, member for Reynell. Sorry, minister.

Ms HILDYARD: Point of order: I heard the member for Torrens quite clearly state the exact page and the exact line, so I am not quite sure why we are now referring and proposing there is some confusion about which line and moving on to talking about completely different sports when she has very clearly asked a question—

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you, member for Reynell. It is up to the minister how he answers the question. Thank you, minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I take that point. I am looking at the exact page she talks about, and there is no reference to the Gaza Football Club or anything else on here. I mentioned it already, but the home of football at State Sports Park is getting \$19 million; the SA Athletics Stadium, over \$2 million; the Women's Memorial Playing Fields, \$8 million; and the Super-Drome, \$9 million. There are a number of projects there.

You talk about the grants page as well, and the answer I am giving to that level is that I have not received a grant application from the Gaza Football Club about that. You refer to a letter or a commitment. I have not seen that letter or commitment. As far as I am aware, it does not exist. It is not in the budget papers.

Ms WORTLEY: Minister, I asked—

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister has the call, so you can ask a question in a minute, unless the minister is finished.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What I will finish with is that I have not seen what you are talking about, and it does not appear in these budget papers.

Ms WORTLEY: I have asked this question previously in this chamber on numerous occasions, and you were going to get back to me with an answer, so I took the opportunity today to ask that question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: And I appreciate that. The question you asked me is not in the budget papers. I appreciate that, but my answer to you is that I have no knowledge of what you are talking about. I have not seen it exist.

The ACTING CHAIR: The member for Florey.

Ms BEDFORD: I refer to Budget 4, Volume 4, page 37, under synthetic sporting surfaces. The Modbury Bowling Club has benefited from a major upgrade—for which I am sure it is very grateful—to be opened this weekend, but there is no word on funding needed for the all-weather covering to ensure that there is maximum use of this facility. I understand negotiations were well underway with council for a dollar-for-dollar commitment prior to the 28 March date that concerns us all. I ask where those negotiations now sit with council to make sure we have full use of this really significant investment in the north-east.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I have been out there. I thank you for the very good question. It is a great facility. The crew has done an outstanding job. I cannot speak for council; I do not know what negotiations council have had with the Modbury Bowling Club. I cannot speak to that.

Ms BEDFORD: As recently as today, I can assure you, they are still interested in matching you dollar for dollar.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Sorry, what was the other part?

Ms BEDFORD: They are still interested in doing some sort of dollar-for-dollar deal.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Have they put in a grant application through the CRSFP?

Ms BEDFORD: As far as I know, it still sits where it sat before, which was they had done that. I am just asking if you are aware of it, and if the answer is no we will make sure they do that for you.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I appreciate that. Just to clarify the process, it sounds like you are saying that they have put in an application through one of the grant funds. I do not know where that is at. I do not have oversight of that. The department works through that.

The ACTING CHAIR: Just while the minister is getting some information, it is on page 37, dot point 4, in relation to synthetic sporting surfaces—2017-18, I think it is.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Has the club actually been mentioned in the line?

The ACTING CHAIR: It is in the line: synthetic sporting surfaces.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: No—

The ACTING CHAIR: No, I am the Chair. I am running the show. We are just waiting for the minister to answer the question.

Members interjecting:

The ACTING CHAIR: Order!

Members interjecting:

The ACTING CHAIR: Order! I have had some very broad references to the budget papers from the member for Reynell, so I do not think we will go down that path. Back to the minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you very much. Yes, it is a great sporting service. That is fantastic. We are very supportive of that. If they have put in an application, they will have to contact the office to find out where the application is at in the process. I do not have that information in front of me. I am happy to have a look at that to see where it is along the process line.

Ms BEDFORD: Under the same budget paper and so forth, what assistance can your department or office give in the form of advice or administrative support to state bodies to ensure their success? In particular, I mean calisthenics, which, as you know, owns the Royalty Theatre. Across government, arts does not seem to be able to speak to sport to make sure that we get a good outcome for both sport and arts in this facility, which is used by women in a mass participation sport, which is getting no help at all because it owns the building.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There are a couple of elements. One is that I will again mention the Sports Vouchers program, which has expanded to dancing—and calisthenics fits in there as well—to get young people active and involved in the sport you are so passionate about. As far as the facility is concerned, it is not a facility owned by me; clearly, it is a facility owned by someone else. I am very happy to work with you offline because that would be something that again would fit with our infrastructure plan. We could have a look at where it fits in that scope of things, and it probably fits out of this portfolio area in Infrastructure SA as well, where they may consider it in their infrastructure area. I will get someone from the department to contact—

Ms BEDFORD: That would be good because they are not really after money per se but they need your assistance.

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister is answering the question.

Ms BEDFORD: He is happy; he is not cross.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am. I understand what you are saying, and I am very happy to put you in touch with the department to work out how we can bring that together and make it part of the Game On program and the infrastructure plan as well. I am happy to help out, and I appreciate your passion for calisthenics.

Ms HILDYARD: Minister, what is the status of the Port Noarlunga community sports complex project for upgrade and redevelopment of their facilities? Should council provide matching funding, will you fund that project?

The ACTING CHAIR: Do you have a budget line?

Ms HILDYARD: In the grants.

The ACTING CHAIR: What page and volume?

Ms HILDYARD: Pages 36 and 37.

The ACTING CHAIR: Of?

Ms HILDYARD: Volume 4, paper 4.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Similar to my last answer to the member for Florey, there is a process for anyone who wants to apply for a grant; it is an independent process. You apply for the grant and the process is outlined on the website. They are more than welcome to apply for any grant they see fit—

Ms HILDYARD: What conversations—

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister is answering the question.

Ms HILDYARD: I think he is finished. Minister, what conversations have you had with the club about that project?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I am searching for the budget line. What you are getting at here is where are they at in the process of applying for a grant. What they need to do is go to the Office for Recreation and Sport—the website is there—and have a look at what the criteria are for the grant they are applying for, make the application for that grant, and we will go through the process.

If someone from the member for Light's electorate wants to make an application for a grant, they can do the same thing. They are all measured up against one another, they are evaluated out and then the grants are awarded.

Ms HILDYARD: I will move to another area. What exactly, in dollar figures, was the loss the Lifesaving World Championships and/or Surf Life Saving SA incurred as a result of the storm?

The ACTING CHAIR: What budget line?

Ms HILDYARD: It is in relation to grants, pages 36 and 37, Volume 4.

The ACTING CHAIR: Thank you; it makes it a lot easier.

Ms HILDYARD: He has some more time now.

The ACTING CHAIR: No; it just makes it a lot easier.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not need any more time. That does not actually fit in this portfolio either. It fits under emergency services. Surf Life Saving SA fits under emergency services, so it is a question for—

Ms HILDYARD: Where did the grant we spoke about in this house come from?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: What grant are you referring to?

Ms HILDYARD: We spoke at length in this house in question time about the grant you provided to Surf Life Saving SA following the storm damage incurred during the Lifesaving World Championships.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: That came from the Premier's contingency.

Ms HILDYARD: Okay. Can you guarantee that all the debt incurred, which you chose to compensate Surf Life Saving SA for, which your government chose to compensate Surf Life Saving SA for, was directly related to storm damage? Was there debt you compensated them for? Was all of that directly related to storm damage?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, I need a budget line and a budget paper.

Ms HILDYARD: I have already given it to you. Do I have to say it again?

The ACTING CHAIR: Why not?

Ms HILDYARD: Pages 36 and 37, Volume 4, Budget Paper 4.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I think I outlined before that that does not fit in this budget paper, so the question is not relevant to this budget line. I cannot be any clearer. It fits with the Premier. This is budgets estimates, so it is around what has been expended through this portfolio area. I pointed out that Surf Life Saving SA fits under emergency services, and I went beyond that to let you know that grant was from the Premier's grants. That fits under his—

Ms HILDYARD: You are in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: If I can finish—

The ACTING CHAIR: The minister is answering the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I am not in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. I am talking about—

Ms HILDYARD: Your agency fits in it.

The ACTING CHAIR: Order! We are nearly done. We have nearly made it through to Friday night. The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I apologise if this has not been made clear to the shadow minister, but we are here answering estimates questions about the Office for Recreation and Sport and Racing and I again make clear that Surf Life Saving SA fits under—

Ms HILDYARD: We know exactly what this is about.

The ACTING CHAIR: We can keep arguing. I have been here for a few years and I have seen estimates from both sides, and I am trying to be fair. Member for Reynell, do you have another question?

Ms WORTLEY: Point of order: the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is this budget paper and it has, straight under that, sport and recreation.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: This is the Office for Recreation and Sport and Racing. That has been made very clear from the outset. I apologise if it has not been clear enough.

The ACTING CHAIR: We are running out of time if you want another question. The minister still has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I just outline again that questions about Surf Life Saving SA sit with emergency services. We sat through that earlier today—some of us did not sit through it, some of us played Tetris—but this is the Office for Recreation and Sport and Racing. I even availed you of information beyond that to say that that grant was actually from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, that it was from the Premier's grants.

Ms HILDYARD: Got it, thank you. I will find out from him.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: As far as Surf Life Saving SA is concerned, I hope you are not questioning the wonderful work the surf lifesavers do. They do an absolutely outstanding job on our beaches and I would like to take the opportunity to commend them for the great work they do and for the work they did during the tough times during that international carnival you talked about down at Glenelg. They could not have had more horrific weather or more horrific conditions.

All the volunteers—one of them sits in the chamber opposite you, and I know he was down there; I am not sure if he was in his budgie smugglers, but I know he was heavily involved in helping clean up—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: He did compete, yes, and he was down there helping clean up. Again, I do commend all the people involved in that.

Ms HILDYARD: Thank you, minister. I refer to the same paper and the same pages. Minister, where is the internal review of peak bodies up to? What is its purpose, and can you guarantee that no jobs or funding will be lost as a result of that review? I have already referenced the budget line. Can you guarantee that no jobs and no funding will be lost as a result of the review of peak bodies?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Can you please explain where in the budget paper this is because I am not sure what you are talking about?

Ms HILDYARD: It is spoken about on page 36—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: On page 36, what line?

Ms HILDYARD: —and page 37—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which line?

Ms HILDYARD: —and it is also spoken about in the Budget Measures Statement. But page 36—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: In the Budget Measures Statement?

Ms HILDYARD: —and 37.

The ACTING CHAIR: Give him a line and a direct dot point.

Ms HILDYARD: Can we just get on with answering the question?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know what you are talking about. I apologise.

Ms HILDYARD: This is absolutely extraordinary.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know—

Ms HILDYARD: You do not know what page of your three pages—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Where does it mention—

Ms HILDYARD: You do not know on what page of your three pages in this document this is mentioned.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do not know what you are talking about in regard to a review of peak bodies. In fact, I have spoken to the CE alongside me, and she does not know what you are talking about either on the review of peak bodies. If you can explain more, I am happy to get some more information, but I am asking all the—

Ms HILDYARD: So you do not know about a review—

The ACTING CHAIR: Order!

Ms HILDYARD: —of peak bodies?

The ACTING CHAIR: Order!

Ms HILDYARD: You do not know about a review of peak bodies?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No.

Ms HILDYARD: Okay.

The ACTING CHAIR: Order! If that is the last question, let the minister finish so that we can wind up. Thank you, minister. Do you have anything else to say on that?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: No, other than to answer the question and say that I was genuinely asking where it was because I do not know what you are talking about when you talk about a review of peak bodies. That is my answer.

Ms HILDYARD: Well, can you—

The ACTING CHAIR: Our time is up, I am sorry. There being no further questions, I declare the examination of the proposed payments for the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing to be completed.

At 15:51 the committee adjourned to Monday 29 July 2019 at 13:30.