

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 3 May 2018

Opening of Parliament

The Fifty-Third Parliament of South Australia, having been prorogued until 10 April 2018, and the House of Assembly having been dissolved on 17 February 2018, general elections were held on 17 March 2018. By proclamation dated 5 April 2018, the new parliament was summoned to meet on 3 May 2018, and the First Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament of South Australia began on that date.

The house met at 11:00, pursuant to proclamation. The Clerk (Mr R.J. Crump) read the proclamation summoning parliament.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION

At 11:05, in compliance with summons, the house proceeded to the Legislative Council chamber, where a commission was read appointing the Hon. Christopher John Kourakis, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia, and the Hon. Ann Marie Vanstone, a judge of the Supreme Court, to be commissioners for the opening of parliament.

MEMBERS, SWEARING IN

The house being again in its own chamber, at 11:16 His Honour Justice Kourakis (Chief Justice) attended and produced a commission from His Excellency the Governor appointing him to be a commissioner to administer to members of the House of Assembly the oath of allegiance or the affirmation in lieu thereof required by the Constitution Act. The commission was read by the Clerk, who then produced writs for the election of 47 members of the House of Assembly.

The oath of allegiance required by law (or the affirmation) was administered and subscribed to by members.

The commissioner retired.

SPEAKER, ELECTION

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (11:39): I remind the House of Assembly that it is now necessary to proceed to the election of a Speaker. I move:

That the member for Hartley take the chair of the house as Speaker.

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (11:39): I second the motion that the member for Hartley be Speaker.

The CLERK: Member for Hartley?

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (11:39): I accept the nomination.

The CLERK: Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare the member for Hartley elected Speaker.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

Mr Tarzia was escorted to the dais by the mover and the seconder of the motion.

The SPEAKER (11:40): In compliance with the standing orders and in accordance with the traditions of parliament, I humbly submit myself to the will of the house. I congratulate members on their re-election. I look forward to working with you to maintain the decorum and dignity of the house. I look forward to all of us working together for the advancement of the great state of South Australia and its people. The Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (11:41): Mr Speaker, I offer my congratulations on behalf of the government. Since your election in 2014, you have been a very capable and effective member of this house. Your very active work on behalf of your constituents was recognised in the strong vote that you received on 17 March for your re-election. You surprised many of the pundits, you surprised many of the so-called experts, but you did not surprise those who know how hard you have worked on behalf of the constituents of Hartley.

You have a firm grasp of parliamentary procedure and you act with integrity at all times. I have great confidence in how you will carry out the role bestowed on you by this house today. I am sure that you will act with fairness to all members and that your occupancy of this high office will be a distinguished one. Congratulations, sir.

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (11:42): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the opposition I join the Premier in congratulating you on your election as Speaker. You are the 35th Speaker of this place and, significantly, the youngest Speaker, I understand, in the history of the state. You occupy an office of great importance in our parliamentary democracy, and you begin this role with the opposition's very good wishes. It is our hope that you are independent and objective over the life of this parliament.

As the new leader of the South Australian parliamentary Labor Party, I am eager to demonstrate that one can be passionate and robust during debates while also maintaining a standard of civility. It is my intention, and that of my colleagues, that we will bring this approach to this chamber. We would like to work with you, not against you. Mr Speaker, we trust that you will exercise leadership in remaining independent so that the opposition can fulfil its obligation of holding this government to account. I wish you all the very best in the 54th parliament.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, leader.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (11:43): I inform the house that His Excellency the Governor will be prepared to receive the house for the purposes of presenting the Speaker at 12.15pm today. I move:

That the sitting of the house be suspended until 12.05pm.

Motion carried.

Sitting suspended from 11:43 to 12:06.

PRESENTATION TO GOVERNOR

The SPEAKER (12:06): It is now my intention to proceed to Government House to present myself as Speaker to the Governor, and I invite all members to accompany me.

At 12:06, accompanied by a deputation of members, the Speaker proceeded to Government House.

On the house reassembling at 12:28:

The SPEAKER: Accompanied by a deputation of members, I proceeded to Government House for the purpose of presenting myself to His Excellency the Governor and informed His Excellency that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on the assembly by section 34 of the Constitution Act, the House of Assembly had this day proceeded to the election of Speaker and had done me the honour of election to that high office. In compliance with the other provisions of that same section, I presented myself to His Excellency as the Speaker and in the name of and on behalf of the assembly laid claim to our undoubted rights and privileges and prayed that the most favourable construction be put on all our proceedings.

His Excellency has been pleased to reply:

To the honourable the Speaker, and honourable members of the House of Assembly, I congratulate the members of the House of Assembly on their choice of a Speaker. I readily assure you, Mr Speaker, of my confirmation of all the constitutional rights and privileges of the House of Assembly, the proceedings of which will always receive the most favourable consideration.

Hieu Van Le, Governor

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (12:29): I inform the house that the Governor will attend in the Legislative Council at 2.30pm to make a speech setting out the reasons for calling the parliament together, and I move:

That the sitting of the house be suspended until 2.30pm.

Motion carried.

Sitting suspended from 12:30 to 14:30.

SUMMONS TO COUNCIL CHAMBER

A summons was received from His Excellency the Governor desiring the attendance of the house in the Legislative Council chamber whither the Speaker and honourable members proceeded.

The house having returned to its own chamber, the Speaker resumed the chair at 15:22 and read prayers.

The SPEAKER: Honourable members, I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land upon which this parliament is assembled and the custodians of the sacred lands of our state.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2018

Message from Governor

His Excellency the Governor, by message, recommended to the house the appropriation of such amounts of money as might be required for the purposes mentioned in the bill.

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COMMISSION OF OATHS

The SPEAKER: I have to report that I have received from the Governor a commission under the hand of His Excellency and the public seal of the state, empowering me to administer the oath of allegiance or to receive the affirmation necessary to be taken by members of the House of Assembly.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES, ELECTION

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:25): I move:

That the member for Flinders be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

The SPEAKER: Is the motion seconded?

Honourable members: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other nominations? I will put the question.

Motion carried.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The SPEAKER: I have to report that, in accordance with a summons from His Excellency the Governor, the house attended this day in the Legislative Council chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both houses of parliament. I have obtained a copy, which I now lay upon the table.

Ordered to be published.

Parliamentary Procedure

SESSIONAL ORDERS

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:26): I move:

That standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable me to move a motion for the adoption of sessional orders relating to the time of meeting of the house and for the consideration of private members' business.

The SPEAKER: I have counted the house, and there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the house, I accept the motion. Is the motion seconded?

Honourable members: Yes.

The SPEAKER: The question is that the motion be agreed to.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:26): The manager of government business approached the opposition about the situation the government had found itself in, where they were hoping to have a cabinet meeting on Thursday where they would ask the opposition to acquiesce to having sessional orders changed to have private members' business moved to Wednesday and would the opposition consider that. The opposition did consider it.

In our discussions, the leader of government business informed me that he would not make a change without the consent of the opposition. The opposition has not given its consent, yet the government are now proceeding with this. They have the numbers to do so, and of course it is their right to do so, but when you have a conversation with the opposition and you tell us that you will not make this change without our consent and you want it done in a bipartisan way, I think it is a very poor start for the government and especially the minister.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The manager of opposition business can make claims if he likes. The fact is that the government presented suggestions to the opposition about alternative options of how to move the 10.30 start from Thursday to Wednesday, and invited them to express any concerns. They chose not to do so. We invited them to express whether they would prefer all the private members' bills and motions to be moved from Thursday to Wednesday or to make an alternative suggestion. They chose not to comment. The government is moving ahead with the sessional orders as presented.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes 25
Noes 18
Majority 7

AYES

Basham, D.K.B.	Bell, T.S.	Brock, G.G.
Chapman, V.A.	Cowdrey, M.J.	Cregan, D.
Duluk, S.	Ellis, F.J.	Gardner, J.A.W.
Habib, C.	Harvey, R.M.	Knoll, S.K.
Luethen, P.	McBride, N.	Murray, S.
Patterson, S.J.R.	Pederick, A.S. (teller)	Pisoni, D.G.
Sanderson, R.	Speirs, D.J.	Teague, J.B.
Treloar, P.A.	van Holst Pellekaan, D.C.	Whetstone, T.J.
Wingard, C.L.		

NOES

Bettison, Z.L.	Bignell, L.W.K.	Boyer, B.I.
Brown, M.E. (teller)	Close, S.E.	Cook, N.F.
Gee, J.P.	Hildyard, K.A.	Hughes, E.J.
Koutsantonis, A.	Malinauskas, P.	Mullighan, S.C.
Odenwalder, L.K.	Piccolo, A.	Picton, C.J.
Rau, J.R.	Stinson, J.M.	Wortley, D.

PAIRS

Marshall, S.S.	Weatherill, J.W.
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Motion thus carried.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:35): Pursuant to order, I move:

That for the remainder of the session, sessional orders be adopted so as to provide for the time of meeting of the house and for the consideration of private members' business as detailed in the draft sessional orders circulated to members.

The sessional orders will effectively change around business on Thursday mornings, as has been the case in the standing orders, to be on Wednesday mornings with private members' bills followed by private members' motions for 2½ hours. Thursday mornings will be committee business followed by government business. Wednesday mornings, the house will start at 10.30. Thursday mornings, the house will start at 11.00. The purpose is, as identified by the manager of opposition business, to enable cabinet to have slightly longer, half an hour, to finish its meeting on Thursday morning.

Motion carried.

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Auditor-General—

New Royal Adelaide Hospital Supplementary Report March 2018 [Ordered to be published]

Report on the Adelaide Oval redevelopment pursuant to section 9 of the Adelaide Oval Redevelopment and Management Act 2011 for the designated period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017 Report February 2018 [Ordered to be published]

Public Works Committee—

596th Report—St Clair Recreation Precinct [Ordered to be published]

597th Report—Flows For The Future Program [Ordered to be published]

598th Report—Orroroo Water Quality Improvement Project [Ordered to be published]

599th Report—South Australia Riverland Floodplains Integrated Infrastructure Program Construction Projects—Pike and Katarapko Floodplains [Ordered to be published]

600th Report—The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Stage 3 Redevelopment New Multi-Deck Car Park [Ordered to be published]

601st Report—Education Support Hub Project [Ordered to be published]

602nd Report—Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme Project [Ordered to be published]

603rd Report—Aldinga Wastewater Treatment Plant Stage 2 Upgrade Project [Ordered to be published]

604th Report—1000 Homes in 1000 Days, Seniors Living Initiative 20 Apartments at 218-224 Churchill Road, Prospect [Ordered to be published]

605th Report—Ninti Ngura 85-87 Gilbert Street Aboriginal Student Accommodation [Ordered to be published]

606th Report—Metropolitan Intersection Upgrades [Ordered to be published]

607th Report—Netball SA [Ordered to be published]

608th Report—Higher Courts Redevelopment Project [Ordered to be published]

609th Report—Adelaide Women's Prison Expansion New 20 Bed Secure Accommodation and Supporting Infrastructure [Ordered to be published]

610th Report—Bolivar Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier Upgrade Project [Ordered to be published]

611th Report—Myponga Trunk Water Main Access Upgrade [Ordered to be published]

612th Report—Gawler East Link Road Project [Ordered to be published]

613th Report—Gawler Rail Electrification Project – Adelaide to Gawler Central Railway Station [Ordered to be published]

- Environment, Resources and Development Committee—
80th Report—Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act 2014 – Review of Act—
[Ordered to be published]
81st Report—Strata Titles [Ordered to be published]
- Local Government Annual Reports—
Adelaide Hills Council Annual Report 2016-17
Adelaide Plains Council Annual Report 2016-17
Adelaide, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Alexandrina Council Annual Report 2016-17
Barossa Council Annual Report 2016-17
Barunga West, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Burnside, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Charles Sturt, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Annual Report 2016-17
Cleve, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Coorong District Council Annual Report 2016-17
Copper Coast, District Council of the Annual Report 2016-17
Gawler, Town of Annual Report 2016-17
Goyder, Regional Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Holdfast Bay, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Kangaroo Island Council Annual Report 2016-17
Karoonda East Murray, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Kingston, District Council Annual Report 2016-17
Light Regional Council Annual Report 2016-17
Marion, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Mitcham, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Mount Barker District Council Annual Report 2016-17
Mount Gambier, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Mount Remarkable, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Naracoorte Lucindale Council Annual Report 2016-17
Norwood Payneham and St Peters, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Onkaparinga, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Peterborough, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Port Pirie Regional Council Annual Report 2016-17
Prospect, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Renmark Paringa Council Annual Report 2016-17
Roxby Downs, Municipal Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Salisbury, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Southern Mallee District Council Annual Report 2016-17
Streaky Bay, District Council of Annual Report 2016-17
Tea Tree Gully, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Unley, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Victor Harbor, City of Annual Report 2016-17
Wakefield Regional Council Annual Report 2016-17
Wattle Range Council Annual Report 2016-17
Whyalla, City of Annual Report 2016-2017
Yorke Peninsula Council Annual Report 2016-17
- South Australian Principal Community Visitor Scheme—Special Report
Annual Report 2016-17

By the Premier (Hon. S.S. Marshall)—

- Regulations made under the following Acts—
Dangerous Substances—
 Dangerous Goods Transport—Miscellaneous
 Light Vehicle Standards
Police Superannuation—Salary on secondment
Public Sector—Employees of Commissioner for Children and Young People

Return to Work—Miscellaneous
South Australian Employment Tribunal—Miscellaneous
Southern State Superannuation—Insurance
Rules made under the following Acts—
South Australian Employment Tribunal—Amendment No. 1

By the Attorney-General (Hon. V.A. Chapman)—

Coroners Court—Annual Report 2016-17
Serious and Organised Crime (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2009, Review of the—
1 December 2017
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Bail—Definition of Terrorist Offence
Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration—Conferral of jurisdiction on SACAT
Co-operatives National Law (South Australia)—SACAT
Criminal Assets Confiscation—Miscellaneous
Criminal Law (High Risk Offenders)—Definitions
Criminal Law (Sentencing)—Guilty Pleas
Criminal Law Consolidation -
Definition of emergency service provider
Explosive Substances
Revocation—Notice to admit facts form
Revocation—Witness Payment
Surrendered Items—
Surrendered Items
Criminal Procedure—General
District Court—General
Electoral—
Electronically Assisted Voting
Miscellaneous
Expiation of Offences—Miscellaneous
Fair Trading—Building and Construction—Dispute Resolution Code—General
Fines Enforcement and Debt Recovery—General
Justices of the Peace—Miscellaneous
Labour Hire Licensing—General
Land Agents—Registration of Property Managers
Land and Business (Sale and Conveyancing)—Restrictions on beneficial interest
Liquor Licensing—Miscellaneous
Magistrates Court—
Civil—Listing Fees
Civil—Tiered Fees
Fees
Sentencing—General
South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal—Retirement Villages
Subordinate Legislation—General
Summary Offences—Prescribed Interviewers
Summary Procedure—
Exemptions to electronic forms of service
Restraining Orders
Supreme Court—General
Surveillance Devices—General
Young Offenders—Fees
Youth Court—Fees
Rules made under the following Acts—
Magistrates Court—
Civil—Amendment No. 20
Criminal—Amendment No. 65

Criminal—Amendment No. 66
South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal—Amendment No. 3
Supreme Court—
Civil—Special Applications—Supplementary—Amendment No. 5
Corporations—Amendment No. 9
Corporations Supplementary—Amendment No. 1

By the Minister for Education (Hon. J.A. Gardner)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Education—Charges
Teachers Registration and Standards—Definition of mandatory notification course

By the Minister for Energy and Mining (Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Controlled Substances—
Poisons
Poisons No. 2
Health Care—Private Day Procedure Centres
Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia)—
Amendment of Law
Miscellaneous—
Miscellaneous
National Electricity (South Australia)—Civil Penalties
National Energy Retail Law (South Australia)—Civil Penalties
National Gas (South Australia)—Civil Penalties
Tobacco Products Regulation—Smoking Bans in Public Areas—Bowden Town
Square
Transplantation and Anatomy—General

By the Minister for Child Protection (Hon. R. Sanderson)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Children and Young People (Oversight and Advocacy Bodies)—General
Children and Young People (Safety)—
General
Miscellaneous
Transitional Provisions

By the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (Hon. T.J. Whetstone)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Livestock—
Beekeeping
Tracking of Pigs
Primary Industry Funding Schemes—
Adelaide Hills Wine Industry Fund General
Barossa Wine Industry Fund
Cattle Industry Fund
Clare Valley Wine Industry Fund
Langhorne Creek Wine Industry Fund
McLaren Vale Wine Industry Fund General
Riverland Wine Industry Fund
SA Grape Growers Industry Fund

By the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services (Hon. C.L. Wingard)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Correctional Services—Definition of Terrorist Offence
Police—Terrorism Intelligence

By the Minister for Environment and Water (Hon. D.J. Speirs)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Environment Protection—SACAT
Water Industry—Longer-term Water Conservation Measures

By the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government (Hon. S.K. Knoll)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Harbors and Navigation—Restrictions on Aquatic Activities—Glenelg
Local Government—Employee Code of Conduct
Motor Vehicles—
Accident Towing Roster Scheme—Miscellaneous
Drink and Drug Driving
Miscellaneous
Rail Safety National Law (South Australia)—Drug and Alcohol Testing
Road Traffic—
Definitions
Drink and Drug Driving
Drink and Drug Driving No. 2
Light Vehicle Requirements—Miscellaneous
Light Vehicle Standards—Miscellaneous
Road Rules—Exemptions for road workers
Road Rules—Miscellaneous
Roadworks
Rules made under the following Acts—
Road Traffic—Light Vehicle Standards—General
Local Council By-Laws—
Berri Barmera Council—No. 6—Cats
District Council of Franklin Harbour—No.5—Caravan, Camping and Recreation
District Council of Tumby Bay—
No. 1—Permits and Penalties
No. 2—Dogs
No. 3—Local Government Land
No. 4—Roads
No. 5—Moveable Signs
District Council of Yankalilla—No. 8—Cats
Mid Murray Council—
No. 1—Permits and Penalties
No. 2—Moveable Signs
No. 3—Roads
No. 4—Local Government Land
No. 5—Dogs
No. 6—Cats
No. 7—Camping and Mooring

By the Minister for Planning (Hon. S.K. Knoll)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Development—
Building Cladding
Horticultural Netting

Miscellaneous

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call on the Leader of the Opposition for questions, I welcome to parliament today the member for Kiama, representing the New South Wales Premier, as my guest; Senator Anne Ruston; and also the former member for Bragg, the Hon. Graham Ingerson.

Question Time

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:09): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and again congratulations on your election. Also, with your indulgence, Mr Speaker, allow me to congratulate the Premier, his cabinet and parliamentary team on their recent election to government. My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier commit to the house to deliver on every commitment that the Liberal Party made in the lead-up to this year's state election?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:10): I thank the honourable member for his question. I also, on an indulgence, would like to congratulate all members of this house who were elected or re-elected at the most recent election. From our point, the government certainly wants to maintain all the traditions and conventions of this great parliament that we are so privileged to serve in. I look forward to this next session. It was a great opportunity to have His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, the Hon. Hieu Van Le, attend our parliament today and to open this new parliament, and for that we are all very grateful.

I thank the leader for his question. The answer is yes. We made a series of promises to the people of South Australia in the lead-up to the election: more jobs, lower costs, better services. They are the commitments that we have made. In fact, when we look at the total number of commitments we made to the people of South Australia in the lead-up to the election, the number totalled almost 300. We are very proud of the work that we did in developing an alternative policy platform for the people of South Australia. I want to congratulate those members of the team who worked so diligently over the last four years, first of all to develop a long-range platform, the '2036' document, but, more importantly, hundreds of policies that sat on top of that platform.

The people of South Australia want a change. They voted for change. They wanted to hit the reset button in South Australia. They wanted a government in South Australia, importantly, that was putting the people of South Australia first, a government that listened to the people of South Australia, a government that had a greater aspiration than was being delivered by the previous government in South Australia. As I said, those commitments were made around three critical themes for the people of the state.

More jobs was a critical area, where people didn't want to be let down by a government that wasn't delivering more jobs for this state; secondly, lower costs—costs have been a real issue. When I was out talking to people over the last four years, and in particular the lead-up to the election, people said to me and to those of us on this side of the house that they were sick to death of increasing costs being imposed upon them by poor government decision-making. The third area, of course, was the area of improved government services.

It goes without saying that the people of South Australia want the highest level of services possible. When they travelled interstate to other jurisdictions they saw government services being delivered in other jurisdictions to a higher level than what they were receiving here in South Australia, particularly in critical areas like health and education, two areas that we campaigned on extraordinarily strongly. I would like to commend in particular the member for Morialta, the Minister for Education in South Australia, for the very strong platform that he put forward to the people of South Australia, which I think received an overwhelming endorsement from the people of South Australia, and also the Hon. Stephen Wade in another place for the excellent work that he did holding the former government to account in terms of the delivery of critical health services in this state.

Obviously, people don't want to be calling upon our emergency services or emergency departments in hospitals very often, but when they do they expect to have the very best services available. That wasn't the case under the previous government. We made a series of commitments

around health and education and right across the board, and we will be delivering on every single one of them.

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:14): Supplementary question to the Premier: Premier, have you been personally monitoring the implementation of your own 100-day plan for your first 100 days in government?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:14): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. Not only have I been monitoring it but so has the cabinet, the cabinet secretary and the cabinet office. As I said in my previous answer, there are a huge number of commitments that we have made.

One of the things we will be doing quite differently from the previous government is operating a full cabinet orientation to the government that we put forward to the people of South Australia. Every member of the cabinet will be participating in the decision-making. We are going to try to minimise, as much as possible, the late papers that get rushed in that do not have the full scrutiny of the cabinet. We want to be a good government that, as I said, delivers on every single one of the commitments we made to the people of South Australia.

Of course, it takes a lot of time and effort to monitor a huge number of commitments, and that is exactly what we are doing. I am convinced that we are making progress on every single one of the commitments we made. It is a huge amount of work and I would like to commend all the members of the new cabinet for their efforts. Not one member in this house was a member of cabinet previously, so it has been a huge effort from every single person.

I would also like to commend the work of the cabinet office and the work they are doing to manage the transition to the new government. I thank them for the work they have done in managing this transition and I thank them for the work they will do in helping us to make sure we deliver on all our commitments made in the lead-up to the election.

JOB CREATION

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (16:16): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on how the government is delivering on its commitment to create jobs?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:16): I thank the member for Flinders for his question. Jobs were, if you like, the most important issue we campaigned on in the lead-up to the election. Interestingly, it was also the number one issue that those opposite said they were campaigning on, so on this one we should be as one. I think most people in South Australia do not believe that we are achieving our full ambitions as a state at the moment. We do not have enough jobs in this state to fulfil the ambition of our young people who are finishing school or university, getting good quality qualifications, but who are not being able to find work here—or, if they do find work, there are not enough hours to sustain them. What we have seen is an exodus of young people out of this state, and this has to stop.

We outlined a range of very positive policies that we took to the election, positive policies that we will implement and that we will implement in full. One of the critical areas we said we would address is the very high level of taxation in South Australia, and I am very proud to lead a government that will be addressing the high level of payroll tax in South Australia. As of 1 January next year, this government will be eliminating all payroll tax on small businesses in this state that have a payroll of up to \$1.5 million. We will be doing that because we know that payroll tax is a tax on jobs, and we want to create more jobs in South Australia. This is one of the very positive things we will be doing, and it will be brought down in our first budget, which will hit this parliament in September this year.

One of the other things we will be doing to create more jobs is to grow the overall size of our economy. As you would know, Mr Speaker, to grow the size of our economy we have to be better in this state at selling more goods and services interstate and overseas and bringing someone else's money into South Australia to grow the overall size of our economy, to grow jobs, and keep our young people here in South Australia. Part of our policy in this area to create more jobs through greater

export focus is to create a new department, the department of trade, tourism and investment, which will be led by a single, dedicated cabinet minister.

This was one of the problems with the former government: when you looked at their efforts in terms of trying to increase the sale of goods and services interstate and overseas, it was a part-time job of a busy minister with multiple portfolios across multiple government departments and agencies. We are going to change that. We are going to have real focus because we know that, if we can grow the size of our exports in South Australia, we will grow our economy and we will grow jobs in South Australia.

Not only are we going to have a dedicated department and a dedicated, focused cabinet minister here in South Australia, but we are also going to open our overseas trade offices—or, I should say, reopen our overseas trade offices. Those opposite were quite happy to close our overseas trade offices and see South Australia's export performance languish.

When they came to power, South Australia represented about 7½ per cent of our nation's exports—a good performance given the size of our population relative to the population of the entire country. What was it when they left office? Less than 4 per cent. This is completely and utterly unacceptable. We won't stand for it. We have a higher ambition. We want to see South Australia do better. As I said, jobs is a major priority; it was in the lead-up to the election. Two critical things that we will be doing are to lower payroll tax on small business and have a greater focus on exports out of this state.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:20): My question is to the Premier. Given this government has inherited the third lowest unemployment rate in the nation, and the Premier, on 20 April, said, 'We can do better,' by when will the Premier deliver—

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order, sir.

The SPEAKER: I will hear it.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: —the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation?

The SPEAKER: The leader will be seated.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Standing order 97: I know the leader is new to the house, but you can't include argument in a question except by leave of the house.

The SPEAKER: I will listen carefully, but I don't believe it is argument. What I will do is, if the leader does have that reference, I will see it. If you can obtain it, I would like it, please. Continue.

An honourable member: The claim?

The SPEAKER: The claim in April.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: The Premier, on 20 April, was quoted as saying, 'We can do much better in our unemployment rate.'

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:21): I thank the leader for his question. We can do better, and the reality is that we welcome with open arms any improvement in the unemployment rate because for most of the last five years in South Australia we have been at the bottom of the table. We have had the highest unemployment rate in the entire nation. Whilst those people sat opposite are trying to blame every other possible person for their failures, they did nothing really useful. The Leader of the Opposition points out that in one single statistic at the end of their 16 years they got off the bottom for one. He doesn't reflect on the fact that for most of the last three years—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —we were on the bottom. A point that needs to be understood by this Leader of the Opposition is that there is one thing to actually reduce unemployment; there is another thing to actually grow employment, and that's our ambition in South Australia. We welcome

an improved performance, that South Australia is off the bottom of the league table, but we believe we can do much better.

In my previous answer, I outlined some of the policies that we were taking to the people of South Australia that we will focus on: reducing payroll tax on small business, and I also spoke about the important area of trying to grow exports out of South Australia. A third area that we want to focus on is an area where I have a dispute with the Leader of the Opposition, and this is the area of deregulating shop trading hours.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: When we look at this in every other jurisdiction where it has been implemented, this has created jobs. Surely that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The leader is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —is the number one thing that we should be doing for the young people in South Australia. I direct those—

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The deputy leader is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —people opposite to perhaps cast a glance at the most recent Productivity Commission report, where the Productivity Commission made it very clear that there are huge advantages waiting for those states who go out and deregulate shop trading hours.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, leader!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In fact, the Productivity Commission said a \$200 million benefit would be derived by the Queensland economy and went on to say a similar benefit would be derived here in the South Australian sector, in the South Australian economy, if we could deregulate our shop trading hours.

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The deputy leader is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: What we know is that this will create more jobs. Those opposite dispute this. It really begs the question why they hold this position. I want to put a couple of things to this parliament because I think this will become quite critical in the coming weeks as we debate this legislation. Firstly, does the Leader of the Opposition suggest to this house that what we should actually be doing now in South Australia is regulating shop trading hours across regional South Australia? We have this incredible situation in South Australia where we have full deregulation in country SA and full regulation—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for West Torrens is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Almost all regional South Australia. Almost all.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Kaurana is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Almost all.

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: But do the members opposite suggest that we should be regulating shop trading hours across country SA? How does the Leader of the Opposition justify to the people of South Australia who want more jobs, who want further deregulation of shop trading

hours, that we can have full deregulation in Mount Barker but you drive a couple of kilometres down the road and we have regulated union-controlled, government-controlled shop trading hours in Stirling? It's not good for South Australia. It's not good for jobs. Listen to the people of South Australia. You said you were going to do it. It's now time to act.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:25): Supplementary question to the Premier: when will the Premier commit to South Australia achieving the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation by?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:25): I'm not sure how that was supplementary to my answer, but, again, he is new to this chamber. He probably doesn't particularly understand supplementaries, which are supposed to follow on from something we have actually said in our answer, but we will give you a bit of leeway. We will give the member for Croydon a bit of leeway.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier will be heard in silence. Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The reality is that we need to do much better, and the good news—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —the very good news for the people of South Australia—is that there are good times on the way because, finally, in South Australia we have a government that is going to do everything it can to create more jobs in South Australia, in particular, starting immediately, working with the private sector to create more private sector jobs.

We know what the former premier thought of the private sector. Basically, he said that he wasn't a free-market guy. He said that the people who were out there putting their capital on the line to create private sector jobs, risking their capital, they were just the employer class—like there were two classes of people in South Australia. Well, I put it to you, sir, that I honour the people in South Australia who put their capital on the line to create private sector jobs, and I commit myself in this chamber again today to do all we can to make it easier to create more jobs in South Australia.

Lower taxes—we want to have lower taxes in South Australia. We want to have less punishing red tape and regulation in South Australia. We want to do all we can to create the right number and the right skill set for people seeking employment in South Australia. That's why we took a very popular policy—completely ignored by the previous government—around creating more apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia, a very important area for our young people.

Can I just say to those carping and complaining opposite: take a look at your performance. In South Australia, last year there were just 3,600 apprenticeship commencements in South Australia—less than half what it was three years ago—at exactly the time when we need more young people considering a technical career in South Australia.

We have an avalanche of new work coming into South Australia courtesy of the federal government's massive almost \$90 billion worth of ship construction in South Australia, and it is incumbent upon a responsible government to make sure that we have the skilled workforce available and ready to deliver on that work, and that is exactly what we are going to do. We took that policy to the people of South Australia—a \$100 million commitment over the next four years.

Whilst the former government was sitting on its hands, we were developing the policies that will create more jobs—almost 21,000 additional apprenticeships and traineeships here in South Australia. I am really looking forward to working with the Minister for Industry and Skills and the Minister for Education to promote the great opportunity there is for our children in schools to consider a trade qualification in South Australia.

I was very honoured to have my father here today for the opening of the parliament in the other house. He got his start as an apprentice at Holden down at the Woodville plant. He points out

that it was a five-year apprenticeship in those days. I said, 'What, were you a bit slow? They're only taking four years now.' He said, 'No, that's the way it was done in those days.' Plenty of people have started with a trade, done extraordinarily well with a trade, and that opportunity is available to our next generation in South Australia. We are not going to be asleep at the wheel, sir. We are going to be doing everything we can to grow employment in South Australia, and we've got dozens and dozens of positive policies. Get on board. Help us grow the economy and get this state moving again.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the next speaker, I call to order the member for Mawson, the member for Playford and the member for Waite. The member for Hammond.

COST OF LIVING

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (16:29): Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr Koutsantonis: The government's running scared already.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens will not interject that the government is scared already.

Mr PEDERICK: My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on how the government is delivering on its commitment to lower costs?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:30): Thank you very much. I thank my friend the member for Hammond, and I congratulate him on his excellent result in the most recent election. This is an area which is absolutely crucial. I don't know how many of you opposite actually spent some time out doorknocking or at supermarkets but, let me tell you, some of them looked like they were doing quite a lot in the last six weeks. There were some worried faces over there, let me tell you. The reality is that every time I went out speaking to people they were saying that there was less and less money left at the end of the week, at the end of the month, to spend on critical essential provisions for their family.

We listened to the people of South Australia for the last 16 years, unlike those opposite who find all of this very funny. Families in South Australia are struggling. South Australian families were struggling with the punishingly high cost that the former government delivered on families and small business in South Australia. We are going to be different. We are going to listen to the people of South Australia and we are going to respond.

I want to just share with the chamber today a couple of areas that we have already committed to and that we have already put in train to deliver as quickly as possible. One of those is the cut to the emergency services levy in South Australia. Some of the members in here will recall, but others won't, that immediately after the 2014 election the former government, without warning to the people of South Australia, removed the remission on the emergency services levy in South Australia. This was a \$360 million hit on the South Australian economy. But it wasn't just a \$360 million hit on the South Australian economy: it was a \$360 million hit on families, individuals and small business in South Australia. It was very punishing and, as I said, it came without warning.

In fact, prior to 2014, the then treasurer (the former member for Playford) made it clear that if there was going to be an increase with a new land tax, if you like, in South Australia, that they would do that after full consultation with the people of South Australia and that they would take it to the election. Did they conduct a full consultation with the people of South Australia? No. Did they take it to the people of South Australia? No. I will tell you what they did.

After the election, the treasurer slipped his hand into the pockets of ordinary South Australians right across the state. Well, we are going to restore that \$360 million, and we are going to do it as soon as possible. In fact, sir, you will note that as of 1 July this year the first \$90 million will go back into our economy, and I look forward to putting all of that \$360 million back in the forward estimates when the budget is handed down in this chamber in September.

The other area that a lot of people speak to me about, and I know a lot of people speak to the members on this side of the chamber about, is the increasing costs of local government rates in South Australia. We took a positive policy to the election where we said that we would put a cap on council rate increases in South Australia, and I am dismayed that some members of this chamber and some members of our overall parliament do not find this an appealing, positive policy.

I will tell you one thing. When we introduce this, we will be outlining our reasons for it—we will do it in a respectful way—but we will never move away from the position that we want the people of South Australia to have lower costs of living. We are going to restore the emergency services levy remission, the \$360 million that was taken by Labor, and we are going to cap council rates going forward.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:34): My question is to the Premier. Is the Premier aware of how many consecutive months of employment growth there has been in South Australia?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:34): No. I am not aware of the exact number but, again, give credit where credit is due. The South Australian economy has had growth in employment. The question that we should all be considering, before we get all excited and try to attribute success, as the leader is suggesting: is how is the rest of the country going? This is the point. The leader would like us to imagine that he, and the punishing policies that he had in place, was responsible for growing employment in South Australia and that somehow we operated independently from the rest of the economy in Australia.

Do the graph and take a look at the difference between job growth across Australia and job growth across South Australia. Yes, there has been an increase, but stop patting yourselves on the back. If you think that was acceptable, then you need to ask yourselves: why were you thrown out of government? Because the people of South Australia did not believe that the Labor Party was growing our economy in a sufficient velocity that we were seeing right across the rest of the country. We are focused on doing everything we can, every day in this parliament, to grow our economy, to create more jobs and to keep young people here in South Australia.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:35): Supplementary: given that there have been 32 consecutive months of employment growth, will the Premier commit to continuous employment growth during the term of this government?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order: this is not a supplementary question.

The SPEAKER: To be clear, all questions must be asked through the Chair. All supplementary questions must come out of the answer that is given. I will permit it this time, leader, but after that I expect you to tighten up. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:36): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. My commitment is very clear: we will work every day in this parliament to create job growth here in South Australia. If those opposite want to rewrite history and if those opposite want to pat themselves on the back, let me tell you, sir, that they will be in opposition for a very, very long time.

STATE GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Mr DULUK (Waite) (16:36): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on how the government is delivering on its commitment to deliver better services for the people of South Australia?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:37): I thank the member for Waite for his question. It's a very good question because, as I said, we took a very strong plan for real change to the election and we promised jobs growth, lower costs and improved state government services. I thank the member for Waite for allowing me to update the house on some critical areas where we do need to improve government services in South Australia.

The former government were in for 16 long and punishing years. They didn't focus on providing the people of South Australia with the very best services they could. In fact, on many occasions they were just sitting on their hands, arrogant and dismissive of what best practice even looked like. It was a dysfunctional organisation within the government and they didn't focus on outcomes.

Often, in this chamber, when we would ask questions about poorly performing services, all we would get from former ministers who are now sitting opposite is, 'Well, we are putting more money into this area.' Let me tell you that there was failure after failure after failure, all trying to be papered over with more money. We are going to have a completely different approach and it's going to be focusing not on inputs, but on outputs—outputs that improve services for the people of South Australia. No more of the comprehensive failure to look after our most vulnerable people in South Australia.

The former government should hang their heads in shame at the way they failed to look after people in our health system. Older persons with mental health issues in South Australia and child protection were just catastrophic failures over an extended period of time, with warning after warning after warning ignored by the former government. We won't be doing that.

In the remaining time that I have available I would like to concentrate on two critical areas, if time permits—first of all, improved outcomes in terms of education. This is a very important area neglected by the previous government. I don't know what the leader is going to jump up and pat himself on the back for next. Next he is going to tell us he was doing a good job in terms of education.

Let me tell you that South Australia languished below the national average on the NAPLAN test results in 20 out of 20 areas—20 out of 20 areas. This government comprehensively failed the next generation in South Australia. We've got a lot of ground to make up to get South Australia's education system back to where it has been in the past—the best education system in the country.

A couple of the things which the new education minister will be focused on will of course be, number one, making sure that we can transition our year 7s through to secondary school. Whilst the former government signed—

Dr Close interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We have the deputy leader over there mumbling. I don't know who she is talking to at the moment. She should actually be standing up and apologising to the people of South Australia because in her government they actually signed up to the national curriculum, which provided that year 7s were going to be in secondary school with smaller sizes and more specialist teachers. Did they deliver it? No, they didn't go near it. They used every single excuse in the book: 'It's impossible to deliver.'

Well, the reality is that every single other state in Australia has made that transition or is making that transition, yet in South Australia somehow, miraculously, our children weren't good enough to be afforded the benefits of year 7 being in secondary school. It's completely unacceptable and we will be making sure that happens as soon as possible.

I have run out of time, but I would also like to very briefly congratulate the Minister for Education on the work that he has been doing around our literacy guarantee. It's an important area of public policy and I'm sure we will be hearing more about it in this chamber very soon.

POPULATION GROWTH

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:41): My question is to the Premier. Since the Premier believes our current population growth figures are completely unacceptable, what population growth figures are acceptable?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:41): It's interesting that the leader should ask me what he thinks is acceptable. What I would like to know from the government is what did they actually have? For a long period of time—

Mr Picton interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurana is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —they said our population target in South Australia was two million people.

Mr Bignell interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Mawson is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Let me tell you, in the lead-up to the election they all went in different directions. Everyone went in a different direction depending on what they thought their electorate wanted to hear. The reality is that where we have been in South Australia is completely and utterly unacceptable.

Mr Malinauskas: What is acceptable? What is acceptable then?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I will tell you what is acceptable, and that is addressing this exodus of young people out of South Australia. When we look at the net interstate migration figures presided over and accepted by the former government here in South Australia, they should hang their heads in shame. Most years, we had a four, five, six, 7,000 net interstate migration out of South Australia. The year before last, regional population in South Australia actually went backwards.

I was looking at some statistics the other day. Do you know that the regional population in Queensland grew last year by more than 30,000 people? This is regional Queensland. Regional New South Wales grew by 20,000 people. Regional Victoria grew by around 20,000 people. The entire state of South Australia grew by around 10,000 people, a third of what country Queensland grew by. The reality is that we do need stronger population growth in South Australia. This is an area that we will deal with.

We don't want to see our young people giving up hope in South Australia. Therefore, we have put very positive policies in place around job creation; moreover, we would like to see more international students in South Australia. Mr Speaker, you would be aware that South Australia has 7.1 per cent of the nation's population. It's going down, of course. We have just lost a federal seat, but did we hear any of those opposite lamenting the fact that our influence federally has been diminished because we haven't been able to keep pace? They actually lost one of their own seats. Maybe they needed to concentrate on it a little bit more.

We have 7.1 per cent of the nation's population. What proportion of the nation's international students does South Australia have? We heard those opposite for many years talk about this being the very best place for a university city in the country. Have we got 20 per cent of the nation's international students? Have we got 10 per cent? Have we got 7.1 per cent? Have we got our pro rata entitlement? Let me tell you what those opposite presided over: a massive freefall of our proportion of international students studying in South Australia.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order, sir, on relevance. The leader's question was clear: what is the Premier's target for population growth?

The SPEAKER: I will listen carefully, member for West Torrens. Former Speakers may have called the answer germane to the question, but I will listen carefully. Premier, please direct your answer to the question.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Mr Speaker, what I am outlining to this house is that the lacklustre performance of the previous government will not be tolerated by this government. We don't want to see this mass exodus of young people out of South Australia. We do want to see more international students in South Australia. What I was outlining to the house was that, despite the fact that we have 7.1 per cent of the nation's population, we have just 4.7 per cent of the nation's international students. They took their eye off the ball, and that's why we on this side of the house will be putting more money into StudyAdelaide and a greater focus on encouraging more international students here into South Australia.

The SPEAKER: A supplementary.

POPULATION GROWTH

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:45): A supplementary question arising out of the Premier's answer: since he raised net migration, does he have a target figure for net migration into South Australia?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:45): We are going to be doing everything we can. This is the problem: those people opposite set a lot of targets. They set a lot of targets. How many did they deliver? That state strategic plan—do you remember that august

document, that voluminous tome? Whatever happened to it? I kept asking the former premier, the now member for Cheltenham—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —I kept asking the member for Cheltenham, 'What's happening with your targets? What's happening with all these items under the state strategic plan that we as taxpayers funded for an extended period of time?'

The SPEAKER: Point of order.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: On relevance, sir. The question was not about the state strategic plan of the former government: it was about net migration.

The SPEAKER: Yes, the question was very specific, so I will uphold this point of order. Member for Kavel.

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (16:46): My question is to the Attorney-General. Will the Attorney-General inform the house of plans to enable the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption to hold public hearings and of how this complements the government's commitment to open and accountable government?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (16:46): I thank the member for Kavel for that question and again congratulate him on his election, along with our other colleagues on both sides of the house, at the last election. Apart from the cracking pace that the Premier imposed on the new government in respect of the enormous list of objectives in the 100-day plan, in addition to those he also made it very clear that he wanted some things done in seven days.

So the first week after the cabinet was sworn in was a very busy time, I might say. Nevertheless, apart from that week absorbed in those matters, in the 100-day plan one of the very clear commitments of the new government relates to legislation that is to be introduced, and reintroduced in some cases, to expand upon a new government being open and transparent. Why? Because the previous government had demonstrably failed in every possible category to ensure that there was any kind of transparency in their governance and, indeed, had failed to expose the reasons why and what initiatives would be taken to protect those.

The Premier has outlined already today areas of failure which severely affected and impacted upon the most vulnerable in our community, including those who were the subject ultimately of the inquiry known as the Oakden scandal, from which, ultimately, a most scathing report was issued by Mr Lander in respect of that investigation. One of the things that has been consistent over the last three or four years has been the then opposition's desire to look at and consider ICAC having the capacity, at the discretion of Mr Lander, to convene public hearings for all or part of an investigation.

To facilitate this, we canvassed his advice on it and considered what he had entered in his annual reports on it. We presented to this parliament legislation to enable public hearings in respect of maladministration and misconduct matters. It was the subject of consideration by the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee of this parliament, which is a joint parliamentary committee and which will be, according to the business of our day, of course reconfirmed as our contribution to that committee.

Each time we attempted to do that the then government voted it down—voted it down. Again Mr Lander made it clear, not just from his scathing report in respect of findings of two serious public sector maladministration findings in the Gillman report, that it is very important to have public hearings. I just refer to the most recent inquiry in relation to Oakden, which of course exposed not only the scandalous failures of the provision of a service in mental health but attempts, we now know, of senior officials, including those who were being investigated as a member of the former

government, to keep that information secret by virtue of having their name suppressed in any subsequent report.

This is the type of standard set by the former administration. We committed in the 100-day plan to ensure that that legislation would be revisited, reintroduced, and that is what has occurred. After the first week of provision, that is what is happening, and the bill is on its way next week.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:50): My question is to the Premier. When was the Premier first made aware that a Victorian company had been awarded the advertising contract for the South Australian Tourism Commission?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:51): I thank the leader for his question. Can I preface my answer by saying I am very disappointed that this contract wasn't awarded to a South Australian firm. But I make the point that this was a contract which was entered into following a tender process initiated by the former government, and in fact the former government kicked off this tender back in November last year.

As you would be aware, sir, these tenders are very expensive to participate in. Many of the firms which participated and lodged applications spent tens of thousands of dollars, much time and effort and money with their tenders. We are not going to overturn this decision. It wasn't an issue which the Premier's office had to approve. This was a decision of the independent authority, the South Australian Tourism Commission. But, as I said, we were very disappointed that this was the decision that was made.

We have taken action. I have met with the chairperson and also the chief executive of the SATC. I have expressed my disappointment, but I do understand now more intimately how this decision was made. I don't think it is the right message to be sending to the private sector—that private sector companies can participate in a tender, put their time and effort in and then have a decision overturned when they have entered into responding to the scope.

Of course, as I mentioned before, that scope was set by those members opposite. They had responsibility, and maybe the leader, rather than coming into the chamber, beating his chest, trying to get excited about this issue, should actually just go and chat with his mate the member for Mawson about whether he had received a briefing when the SATC set up the scope under the former government. I will tell you what we have done. We have met with the—

Mr Malinauskas: When did you first become aware?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: They say, 'When did we become aware?'. This was not an issue for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet does not approve these contracts.

Mr Duluk interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Waite will not interject.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The process was underway. We understood the process was underway and, as I said, we expressed our disappointment, but, unlike those opposite, we have taken corrective action. I have met with the chairperson. I have met with the chief executive. I have expressed that disappointment. I have asked them to include in the final contract with TBWA that there be as much work as possible done in South Australia with production and post-production companies.

Moreover, we have made a decision to appoint a new director of the SATC, somebody who will be able to understand the creative talent that we have here in South Australia and make sure that the board in future recognises the great talent that we have not only in the creative sector but right across our industry in South Australia. We want to back South Australian firms, but I think it is unfair that the opposition want to come in and basically hold us to account for a decision that they actually had put in place.

I thought it was interesting because there were other members opposite who were saying, 'There's another contract that's been awarded by this new government for public relation services

out of SATC.' I went and checked and it's been with an interstate firm for a decade. They have no leg to stand on. They are hypocrites; they should hang their heads in shame.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (16:55): Supplementary question: why won't the Premier inform the house when he was first informed of the decision to give this contract to a Victorian company?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens! The member for Port Adelaide has been doing this all question time and is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:55): I make the point that I don't have that exact detail with me, but it's irrelevant. It's completely and utterly irrelevant because it wasn't a decision of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. I don't know how you were running government—pretty badly is my guess—but the reality is that every decision the SATC makes is not made in the Premier's department. That may have been the way that you were running the government previously; that's not the way that we are going to be doing it. We don't like the decision. We have met with the chairperson. We have met with the chief executive. We have taken corrective action. We are going to be backing South Australian firms going forward.

REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL

Ms HABIB (Elder) (16:56): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier outline what steps—

Mr Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is called to order for the second and final time and he is warned.

Ms HABIB: My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier outline what steps the government is taking to ensure the Repat site at Daw Park can continue to be used as a health precinct?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (16:56): I thank the member for Elder for her question. I would like to particularly thank the member for Elder and the member for Waite for the campaigns that they ran on behalf of the people of their electorates to protect that site and to keep it as a genuine health precinct. Let me tell you that in previous times the former government said that they had promised that they would never ever close the Repat—never ever. That was the commitment that they made: they would never ever close the Repat.

Well, they broke the heart of the people of South Australia when they made a decision to completely and utterly ignore, in an arrogant way, the wishes of the people of the southern suburbs and, more broadly, the veteran community across South Australia. This was despite the fact that veterans camped out overnight for months and months and months, during the winter months, on the steps of the parliament making their point that this was a valuable site that should be kept open. Did they pay any attention? No.

Then there was a petition which was put forward by the people of South Australia. It was actually the largest petition in the history of South Australia. More than 100,000 signatures, more than 100,000 people said this is a bad decision, but did those opposite pay any attention whatsoever? The reality is no. They paid for the consequences of it, by the way, because the former member for Waite lost his seat and the former member for Elder lost her seat.

The reality is that the people of South Australia had a voice on this issue and they were ignored by the former government. Well, we are not going to ignore the people of the southern suburbs. It's a growing population there. We want to respect their need for improved services in the southern suburbs. Those opposite ended up spending hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer money duplicating services just a few kilometres down the road because they were zealously adhering to this concept of reducing or concentrating metropolitan hospital services just on the three main sites. We reject that. The people of South Australia reject this as policy, and we have taken a

very good set of policies to the election to build up services at the Noarlunga Hospital, to build up and restore services at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and to massively improve services at the Modbury Hospital.

We are going to keep the Repat site as a genuine health precinct. The Minister for Health and Wellbeing has not approved the master plan which was put forward by ACH, the company that had entered into the contract with the former government, so that effectively terminated the contract which was in place. We are now going to make sure that we have a genuine health precinct, and we are going to have a combination of services on that site.

Some of the commitments that we made to the people of South Australia in the lead-up to the election included making sure that the hydrotherapy pool could be accessed by people in the local community. We also said that we wanted to look at the surgical facilities on that site and reactivate them where possible and as quickly as possible. The former government left us with a very messy situation with a massive blow-out in elective surgery waiting times in South Australia. We do not accept that, and we will be utilising the surgical facilities on that site as quickly as we can to start chewing through that very long elective surgery waiting time.

In addition, we are going to re-purpose Ward 18 for older persons' mental health in South Australia. We made a strong commitment for a 35-bed facility there for tier 6 and tier 7 older persons living with mental health issues in South Australia. We made strong commitments to improve services and to keep the Repat as a genuine health precinct.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (17:00): My question is to the Premier. If the Premier is not responsible for the decision to award a Victorian company SATC's advertising contract, who is?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (17:00): Is that really your question?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: This is an interesting one. There was a debate in the parliament—admittedly it might not have got to the other place. I don't know what goes on up there; very few people probably do—but the reality was that the former government came to this parliament and wanted to remove the SATC Board. They didn't want to have anything to do with the SATC Board.

They were not successful in that quest, and the reality is that the SATC Board is in place and they oversee the work done to promote tourism out of South Australia. We fought to make sure that that board stayed in place. We did not agree with this most recent decision but that is not a reason to change the overall make up, and that is why we made a decision to put a new board member on that site who would better represent the new direction of the government.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (17:01): A supplementary: did cabinet note the decision to hand the contract to a Victorian company?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order: this is not a supplementary. It is not relevant to the answer given.

The SPEAKER: I uphold the point of order; it is not directly relevant. The Premier will be seated. The point of order has been upheld. The member for Finniss.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Finniss.

FEDERAL LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (17:02): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on his recent meeting with the Prime Minister and on how the government is working

collaboratively with the federal government to restore relationships that best serve the people of South Australia?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (17:02): I thank the member for Finniss for his question and congratulate him on his wonderful success in the most recent election. This is a very important question because what existed in South Australia for the last 16 years was a very poor blame game. This was taken to a new level when the Coalition was elected approximately six years ago and the member for Cheltenham, the former premier of South Australia, was elevated to the position of Premier here in South Australia. What we saw for that six-year period was a constant blame game, never taking responsibility, never accepting responsibility, the awesome responsibility, the wonderful responsibility given to a government to get this state moving in the right direction.

We will not make that mistake. Immediately upon forming a government, we did everything we could to start to repair the broken relationship that existed between the parliament here in South Australia and the government in Canberra. You will note, sir, that I have already met with the Prime Minister twice since the election, doing the work I can to repair the relationship. I am also very grateful for the work that the new Minister for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has done to repair the relationship between the commonwealth and South Australia.

I note and congratulate the minister on the announcement he made with federal minister Paul Fletcher in South Australia earlier this week—a great result, given how far behind the eight ball we were in South Australia at creating that continuous pipeline of new work here in this state. I just make the point that this was a very important project and the minister had to do a lot of very quick work on it.

We want to see the north-south corridor free-flowing. A commitment has been made to do this by 2023-24, but this is a very difficult deliverable now because of the lack of work that the previous government had done in preparing the business case. One of the things that we have already committed to doing is to establish Infrastructure SA to develop that long-range pipeline of productive infrastructure planning for South Australia.

It's not just in the area of transport that we have been building relationships. Many of the ministers now have either travelled to Canberra, or federal ministers have come from Canberra to South Australia to work collaboratively with the people of South Australia. We want better outcomes for the people of South Australia, not excuses, fighting with somebody else, blaming somebody else for the lack of progress—

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —on the targets that were set by the previous government. We are going to be working collaboratively. As I said, every minister on this side I think will be doing everything they can to re-establish quality working relationships aimed at delivering the best outcomes for the people of our state.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (17:05): My question is to the Minister for Education. Will the Minister for Education rule out reallocating any of the \$692 million in funding allocated to 91 public schools as part of Labor's Building Better Schools program?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:06): I thank the former minister for her question. Yes.

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (17:06): Supplementary.

The SPEAKER: Certainly.

Dr CLOSE: A supplementary seeking clarification on the 'yes'.

The SPEAKER: Very difficult to have a supplementary, deputy leader, but it is your question time.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Deputy leader.

Dr CLOSE: Thank you, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Shall we make it a new question?

Dr CLOSE: I'm not quite sure how you ruled anything—

The SPEAKER: A new question.

Dr CLOSE: I can ask it as a new question—

The SPEAKER: New question, deputy leader.

Dr CLOSE: —or as a supplementary on clarification on the 'yes', which is: so the plans that are on the website currently for each of those 91 schools will proceed identically as planned at present?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:06): I thank the former minister for her question. 'The plans that are on the website,' she says. The fact is that the former government failed in the time they had to finalise plans in any of those schools.

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: This government will—

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens, order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —honour the commitment that we made on the very same day that the former government announced—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: There are three minutes left. Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: This government will honour the commitment that we made on the very same day that the former government announced the funding commitments, and that is that the Marshall Liberal government will follow through on all those funding commitments to those schools. Those schools can go forward with certainty. The fact is that the former government announced all those plans in terms of how much money would go to a range of schools. The former minister announced \$690-odd million going to all those schools.

The money that was allocated at the time was allocated without specific plans or objectives, and the former government started a process of discussing with schools what was going to be in the best interests of those schools in how they might spend those funds. At the time, I was on one of the governing councils of those schools, as the former minister knows. I was therefore aware of the process the department was undertaking. The department announced through the minister—in fact, announced through members of parliament who seemed to have prior knowledge of the funding commitments by phone calls to these schools—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Prior to any public announcement, the Labor Party caucus was aware of exactly how much was allocated for each of these schools, but the first school councils heard of it was when they got the phone calls from Michael Atkinson, when they got the phone calls from Jack Snelling or the member for Port Adelaide or the member for West Torrens or whoever else. They announced, 'Your school has been selected to get this amount of money.'

What process the former government went through to choose those schools is as yet unclear. However, in order for those schools to be able to proceed with their plans and their discussions with

the department about the sorts of projects they might want, the opposition—as we were then, the government as we are now—made a commitment that, under this government, those schools would get that money and would be able to undertake infrastructure projects accordingly.

Upon coming to government, of course, I was interested: how far have we progressed? How many of these projects are ready to be announced this year? I asked the question: what is the nature of the projects that are going to be announced? The answer I got was, 'Well, we are still working out those details with the school.' That's the legacy left by the member for Port Adelaide as the former minister. If she is not aware of the fact that her government had not actually completed any of those plans, had not actually completed any of those negotiations with the school, then that's on her. That's not our fault.

We will continue the process of working with the schools to get the sorts of projects up that those schools need for the future, so that our kids can get the best possible education and their needs be met, and that is the purpose to which this government is going to continue applying those funds.

Grievance Debate

STATE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (17:10): Governments begin to die the day they are born, and this government has shown, I think, a propensity early on to have signs of not, perhaps, keeping the words that it said it was going to keep.

But before I go any further, sir, congratulations on your election—a worthy recipient of such a high honour, and may I say, also, a well-fought campaign on your behalf. I congratulate all members who have been re-elected to the house and remember those fallen comrades who are unable to be here with us again, and I pay tribute to our former premier for his distinguished service in this parliament over the last 16 years and his six years as premier.

The current Premier released a series of objectives to have completed within his first 100 days. Time did not allow for us to completely quiz ministers on a number of those issues, but it seems to me pretty obvious that the government is not meeting its own deadlines, and the important thing to remember here is that these are not deadlines that the media has set, these are not deadlines that the opposition has set: these are deadlines that the government has imposed on itself, yet it has been unable to meet its own deadlines.

You have to say one or two, okay, but we are talking of a success rate in the low 20s. So I would say to the younger members who have recently entered the parliament, who are coming from other careers and who have come to the realisation that the worst job in the world is that of a government backbencher—unable to speak out, unable to act, unable to criticise, unable to blame anyone else for the woes that beset them—and that the people who are causing them grief are the ones sitting in front of them, that the ones sitting in front of them have had a very poor start in their first 30 days.

If I were a young, eager backbencher I would be thinking to myself, 'I could do that. I'd be pretty good at that.' There are former mayors, former police officers, there are former professionals. We have seen people of ability sitting on the backbench—or some—who are now watching ministers fumbling their way through question time, not turning up to public meetings, and they would be asking themselves, 'Where was the Minister for Police when that meeting was going on in the southern suburbs? Why wasn't he there? Why didn't he turn up and just simply listen to the concerns of the community? How hard can it be?'

I bet you that the member for Waite would have thought, 'Gee, I'm nearby. I could have driven down there myself and listened,' and that is the thing about politics as we all know—half the job is turning up. We will wait and see how the government and its ministers attend to their duties over the coming months and years, and it will be very long four years. The good thing about opposition is that we can have some fun. The bad thing for government backbenchers is that you cannot. And the great thing about that is that we are ready, willing and able to hear your complaints, and we are ready, willing and able to assist you in your promotion to the front bench, because I can tell you that

I have seen the current front bench in opposition and I have seen them in their first 30 days and they are good.

I have not seen the rest of you. I have seen the member for Morphett as mayor. What a good mayor he was—roundly endorsed by his constituency, overlooked by the Premier. I do not know why he was overlooked by the Premier. I am sure there is a very good reason the Premier chose not to select him. The member for MacKillop, I note, is someone who is going to stand up for his local community when it comes to trading hours—a brave decision. It is probably why he was stepped over, but I know that the Liberal Party supports individualism. It likes the idea of members being able to speak out and stand up for themselves. There is none of this solidarity rubbish, none of this, 'We're bound by caucus solidarity.' In the Liberal Party, they are able to exercise their own individual conscience.

Mr Pederick: Ask that, Tom: why are you over there?

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: I notice the whip is getting agitated. I understand why. I would be agitated too if I were you listening to this speech. The member for MacKillop, I am sure, will exercise his conscience when it comes to trading hours. I know he will not allow the will of the people who have elected him and sent him here to stand up for their values—he will not do the wrong thing and vote against what they want. I know he is a good man.

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Absolutely. Then there are other members who have got here by the skin of their teeth, who faced very serious challenges by Independents, but, because of the power of their personality and their campaign, have made it. The member for Heysen—

The SPEAKER: The member's time has expired.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: What a shame, sir. I shall continue over the next four years.

The SPEAKER: The member for Stuart.

WILD DOGS

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (17:15): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and congratulations on your election to that important role today. Unlike the member for West Torrens, I am going to talk about something that is very important to South Australia, particularly in the north of South Australia. It is a problem that is unfortunately coming further and further south—the scourge of wild dogs.

Everybody in this house would know about the dingo fence that essentially separates cattle country from sheep country in the north of South Australia. It is an extraordinary piece of infrastructure that is world famous, and it does a very good job. But it is not perfect, and it is not perfect for many reasons. It is not perfect because you can get weather, you can get floods that knock out a section of it that cannot be accessed for weeks or months at a time so cannot be repaired, so wild dogs flood south. The fence is pretty good, but there are definitely problems with it.

The guts of what I really want to talk about is the fact that the former government did nearly nothing to support graziers south of the dog fence who are battling with an incredibly serious problem with wild dogs heading south. Only a couple of days ago, a dog was shot at Caltowie, hundreds of kilometres south of the dog fence. This is becoming a statewide problem. This is not as the former government, the current opposition, would like to think a north of the state issue that they do not have to worry about because, in precisising the words of the former premier, 'Those people don't vote for us, so we don't have to care about their problems.' This is a problem for South Australia. When you have dogs being shot at Caltowie, at Laura a couple of weeks ago, as far south as Port Neil on Eyre Peninsula and as far south as near Waikerie in the Riverland, this is a very serious problem.

Baiting, shooting and trapping are the primary ways of trying to deal with wild dogs. Wild dogs, dingoes, are extraordinarily wonderful animals north of the dog fence—terrific native Australian animals north of the dog fence. Let them be free. They cause grief for cattle stations, but cattle stations know that they can deal with that in that area, and they have to figure out a way to get on. It is totally different below the dog fence. Below the dog fence they are a declared pest. Below the dog

fence, it is every landholder's responsibility to do everything that they possibly can to remove dogs from their property. They are legally bound to do that.

While the former government ignored this problem the very best they possibly could, we took to the election a policy to fully fund two full-time wild dog trappers, and we will deliver that for the people of South Australia because everybody in our state benefits, including the people who live in the CBD of Adelaide. They all benefit from our agriculture industry, so we must do whatever we can to help them. We will deliver that policy. Trapping is very important because some smart dogs do not take baits. Some smart dogs do not get shot. However, trapping, with the right trapper doing it the right way, is the very best way to get those dogs that cannot be got rid of in any other way.

An enormous amount of effort is going into this by private landholders. There is one station north of Port Augusta that has spent \$120,000 of their own money last year removing wild dogs off their property, and they still keep coming. It is a government obligation to help these people, and we will deliver on that obligation.

Another thing I want to say is that there are still, unfortunately, some landholders not fulfilling that obligation. Some pastoral leases are used for tourism, or for mining, or for heritage, or conservation or Aboriginal cultural issues. All those things may be very good pursuits on that land, but those landholders are still 100 per cent obliged to remove the wild dogs from their property and they must fulfil that responsibility.

If you have one station that does not run cattle or sheep, and so is not personally incentivised to remove the dogs, then every other station near that one which does run cattle or sheep is penalised and punished by the fact that the dogs can breed up and live very happily on the one station with no stock, jump the fence at night, predate the others and then come back to safety during the day.

RESIDENTIAL LAND SUBDIVISIONS

Mr MULLIGHAN (Lee) (17:20): I did not have the chance to say this in question time, but congratulations on both your election as the member for Hartley and your elevation to the Speaker. I know that it was a tiring, long and exhausting campaign for nearly all of us. Some of us were more on tenterhooks than others, of course, in the election and some of us have been trying to recuperate as well as get used to our new roles. We are at the end of what has been a relatively long ceremonial day, but we are full of vigour, of course, because, even though we have just had question time, the benefit of not having too many questions is that we do not feel too exhausted. Maybe that will change. I guess we will see how the next four years progress.

I want to take the opportunity to talk about a problem that is of particular importance in my electorate. It is a very local problem, a problem that is a growing one and a problem that both you, Mr Speaker, and I share. I think the suburb in the electorate of Hartley is number one and the suburb in my electorate of Lee, the suburb of Seaton, is number two for suburbs with the greatest number of residential land subdivisions and what are colloquially called two-for-one type developments. In itself this is not necessarily a problem.

In fact, I think most people across the political spectrum would say that if handled sensitively, if newly developed homes are in keeping with streetscapes and if there is sufficient attention paid to local amenity and traffic management, this sort of infill development is not a problem. However, in places like Seaton, and other suburbs in my electorate, such as Grange and West Lakes, and also to a lesser extent, but still an important extent, Royal Park and Semaphore Park, we are seeing more and more infill development. That is causing residents a great deal of woe when it comes to getting into and out of their local streets.

It used to be the case, particularly in well master-planned suburbs—for which West Lakes has been renowned and, to differing degrees, also Semaphore Park and Grange—that when these suburbs were first master planned houses had to be on a fairly large minimum block size and they had to have quite significant setbacks from the road. Indeed, I believe in West Lakes, as part of the Delfin development, the minimum setback was at least nine metres. Many had double-width driveways and of course on top of that they had lock-up garages behind.

What that meant was that over the last 30 years, as people bought into these areas, as they had families, as those families got older and, as is the Australian way—and certainly the South

Australian way—adult children also purchased cars and drove themselves around, most of the cars could be accommodated off-street on the property. With many of these new two-for-one developments that is not the case.

We are seeing local streets often only built about 7½ metres wide, which some councils say is enough for a car parked on each side and enough room for a car to pass through the middle. But, given that the maximum width of a vehicle on Australian roads is 2.5 metres, that is probably not the case. Nonetheless, councils are continuing to say that roads are getting clogged with traffic and particularly as residents who have been in the area for 30 or 40 years perhaps feel a little less confident with the driving task struggle to get out of their driveways, they struggle to turn out of their local streets and they struggle to get onto some of the feeder roads and out onto government-controlled arterial roads.

This is a particular problem in some parts of Grange, especially those parts which only have one access point in and out of a network of streets. I am talking specifically about Fort Street, Sylvan Way and Parkview Avenue, where residents and I are making representations to the council to better manage how traffic occurs and frequents these streets. We have local government elections coming up in November and I know that sitting councillors and new candidates will be very keen to try to allay residents' concerns about how local traffic management is being handled by local government and their local council. I look forward to working with residents to make sure that councils, their staff and councillors address these important concerns of residents.

The SPEAKER: Member for Flinders.

STATE GOVERNMENT AGENDA

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (17:25): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I, too, join the chorus of congratulations to you on being elected to the esteemed position of Speaker of this house. You are doing a sterling job so far, sir—well done.

It is a pleasure of mine to grieve on the opening day of the 54th parliament in South Australia. It is indeed an auspicious day because, of course, we have seen a change of government. Congratulations to Premier Marshall and the team on this side, who managed to achieve something we have not had for some 16 years. Congratulations, too, to the 14 new members in this place on both sides; 11 of them are on this side. They have just sat through their first question time, so that would have been an experience, I am sure.

It is an incredible logistical feat to manage the campaign leading up to an election day and then the election day itself. We are all appreciative of the support and help we get in the weeks and days leading up to it, but particularly on that day. I know some people camped out all night overnight in the city, probably to guard some polling booths for the day ahead.

Mr Bignell interjecting:

Mr TRELOAR: That's right. Once again, I enjoyed solid support in the seat of Flinders, but I would like to make note of the other candidates in Flinders. Julie Watson was the Labor candidate. Well done to the Labor Party for finding a candidate who actually lived there—that was good. Anthony Parker, who is a farmer from Wharminda, represented the Australian Conservatives. Finally, Ian Dudley, who is a schoolteacher from Elliston, stood for the Greens. It was a well-fought and respectful campaign.

Earlier today, we heard the Governor's speech where the government's agenda is outlined. What an exciting time it is for South Australians generally, particularly those South Australians who live in the country areas. Many of our issues have been simply swept under the carpet by the previous government for a long time, and we now finally will have the ear of government and the opportunity to put some effort into the country and regional areas in South Australia.

I think the member for Stuart touched on one issue in the previous grievance, which I can identify readily with, but which also highlights the lack of regard the previous government had for the country area, and that was the situation relating to wild dogs. I know some long-lost relatives of mine in the north-east pastoral country are shooting 200 dogs a week, which is devastating to their business.

The Governor talked about more jobs and lower costs for households and businesses, and that particularly relates to essential services like power and water and levies and charges the government impose and how we are going to address all those things. The Governor also talked about providing better government service. Ultimately, the Public Service is there to serve the public without fear or favour.

What I think we have seen in the last 16 years is the politicisation of the Public Service. I can understand how that happens. Of course, you have a certain amount of loyalty after all that time. One of the challenges we will have is to overcome that. As a member of the government, I am looking forward to being able to talk to the local schools, talk to the local policeman, talk to the local government employee in any government service without going through all the protocols and without that person necessarily feeling edgy about the meeting.

Policies must be set to support growth in the private sector. Our state's history shows that that is what works best for South Australia. Ain't that the truth? I and many others, particularly on this side of the chamber, come from the private sector. We know how important it is for export income. We know how important it is for providing jobs and employment for South Australians, particularly young South Australians.

We will look to increase the export potential of businesses and create new markets. What a wonderful opportunity that is for the seat of Flinders on Eyre Peninsula, based on agriculture and seafood. There is an opportunity there to expand into a global marketplace. Ultimately, what we need to allow those businesses to be is competitive. The Marshall plan for this state and for our businesses is to make them competitive because we are head to head with the Canadians, the Americans and the Europeans. If we are at a cost disadvantage to them, then we will be at the back of the pack.

The SPEAKER: Member for Light.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICES

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (17:30): Mr Speaker, firstly, can I extend my congratulations to you on your re-election and also your election as Speaker. Today, I rise to remember the sacrifices made by our country's service personnel in defence of our nation. On ANZAC Day, I attended a number of commemoration services across the Light electorate, including the Gawler dawn service.

Over the previous few years, I have been heartened to witness the growing number of people attending dawn services. It is estimated that approximately 5,000 people attended the Gawler dawn service this year. The service provides my community with a time to reflect on those sacrifices made by service personnel in all wars, including those who are currently serving overseas.

My office was represented at the Gawler, Smithfield, Freeling and Hillier Residential Park services. The local Gawler RSL sub-branch is active in supporting our community's veterans and honouring their commitment to Australia. On Sunday 22 April, the Gawler RSL held its annual march to commemorate ANZAC Day. The Gawler RSL's oldest member and World War II veteran Sid Ey led the march. Mr Ey is a sprightly 102 years old. The march replicates the march down Gawler's Murray Street, which occurred in 1918, celebrating the end of World War I.

The year 2018 signifies an important anniversary: 100 years since the signing of the World War I armistice at 11am on 11 November 1918. It was said that World War I was to be the war to end all wars but, as we know, that was sadly not the case. Australian service personnel have subsequently served in World War II, Malaya, Korea, Borneo, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq and in peacekeeping missions across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands.

This Sunday, I will be honoured to participate in the remembrance service to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea. The Battle of the Coral Sea saw the Imperial Japanese Navy engage with the Royal Australian Navy and the United States Navy and Air Force. While there were heavy losses on both sides during the battle, it marked a turning point in the war in the Pacific and enabled the US forces to defend their position at Midway.

On the following Saturday 12 May, I have been invited to participate in the commemoration service of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Fire Support Bases of Coral and Balmoral. The

service will commemorate a series of actions fought between Australian and North Vietnamese soldiers. These battles marked the first occasion when Australian soldiers faced the regimental strength of the North Vietnamese Army. The Royal Australian Regiment, the 3rd Cavalry Regiment and the 1st Armoured Regiment were subsequently awarded the battle honour Coral-Balmoral for their efforts in repelling the enemy forces. I would like to pay tribute to the 25 Australian soldiers killed and 99 who were wounded because of these battles.

Australian service personnel had traditionally been welcomed home to Australia as heroes. Unfortunately, this was not the case for those who returned from Vietnam. Australian citizens blamed our soldiers who returned from Vietnam for what they perceived to be an unjust war, and the governments of the day provided inadequate medical treatment and support, which ultimately has led to very poor outcomes for the Australian veterans of the Vietnam War, which can still be felt today.

While there is still room for improvement, today, Australian veterans have a range of supports and services available to them provided by both government and non-government organisations. I was recently invited to attend the Road Home's annual ANZAC commemorative cocktail evening. The evening provided an opportunity to reflect on the efforts of those who have fought for Australia.

The Road Home raises awareness and funds to support health and wellbeing research and programs for our veterans for conditions such as post-traumatic stress. The cocktail evening provided an opportunity for the organisation to provide an insight into the research they are conducting and funding and also to provide details of their programs, such as the Road Home Wellbeing Program.

It is the mission of the wellbeing program to assist service individuals and their families to find pathways to be engaged in a meaningful social/peer group whilst accessing programs and pathways addressing their health and wellbeing needs. I would like to congratulate the Road Home program and other organisations on the work they do in supporting our veterans and their families. As the beneficiaries of the sacrifices of many men and women and their families, we need to recognise, respect and reflect on the hardships they endured.

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond.

THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:35): I congratulate you, Mr Speaker, not only on your fantastic, thumping election victory in Hartley but also on your ascension to that regal place you hold now.

I would like to reflect on what was an industrial tragedy in my electorate on 23 January. Thankfully, it was not a human injury tragedy, and it was not a human death tragedy. It was the terrible fire at Thomas Foods International. On the night, I was in Adelaide, working out of Adelaide, and when I realised what was happening I sent a staff member around to Thomas Foods to live-stream some of the footage of what was happening. It was clear that most of the factory was going to burn. It was very sad. It was a welding accident on a bin. The guys there thought they had put the fire out, but some sparks got into a roof place that they did not see, where it got away.

To the credit of all the safety officers and all the staff, they got everyone out. I was talking to one of the migrant workers afterwards at the community centre. She said that she was one of the last ones out. She was in the area where they wash their boots off, and she was too busy trying to wash her boots, even though the place was going up around her—she was doing the right thing by biosecurity measures. They said, 'Just get out.' It shows the dedication of the staff at that plant.

There were 1,400 people employed at that plant, so obviously with the burn down instantaneously 1,400 jobs disappeared. At Thomas Foods, there was a combination of workers on 417 visas—they are known as the backpackers—and 457 workers and local workers. Essentially, the backpackers were laid off straightaway and then jobs were sought for the approximately 900 other workers. Thomas Foods have done amazing work in expanding the plant at Lobethal, getting people into Tamworth—and moving people up there has created a lot of logistical issues—but also getting people into other jobs in the community. I must say that the meat industry was very quick to put advertisements in the local paper in Murray Bridge looking for people involved in the meat industry, because the skills are so highly valued.

I want to commend the emergency services—the SES, the MFS, the CFS—and the Salvation Army. I want to commend the interchurch council. I want to commend the whole community of Murray Bridge who have got behind the people who worked at this plant. It is absolutely devastating for the Thomas family, who invested in this plant in the late nineties. They have invested around \$300 million over time, so essentially that fire is an approximately \$300 million fire. But they have the capacity now to have the Phoenix rising out of the ashes and to build a meatworks that will be the best in the world when they finally get it done.

They have a vision of doing that. They have multiple sites where they can do that. They have the option of building on the old site, which still has derelict buildings on it, but there are some other sites where they can build that have less constriction. They are flatter sites and probably in my mind better sites to get on with the job.

Yes, it was tough and it was very hard on the community. I was down there the next morning talking to the media. I had been talking to former government ministers the night before about what needed to be done. The community centre got set up for several weeks. We had aid agencies working out of there. We had local pastors and the Red Cross—we had everyone on board—and now Thomas Foods have their own liaison office on Adelaide Road, so they will rebuild. There is a lot to do. The government is supporting bussing workers through to Lobethal.

I must say I am amazed that, when you look at how our bureaucracy works, that for seven years people have tried to get B-double access into Lobethal and they managed to get that within a few weeks. Within a couple of weeks, there was B-double access into Lobethal. I note the federal government coming on board with \$14 million to assist with road funding to make access better there. I acknowledge the community around Lobethal, who took on board that something needed to be done to get access to the site. The EPA got on board so the expansion could be done, so the second shift could go up there. I would like to say that I wish Thomas Foods all the best in their future endeavours, and they will build the best meat processing facility in the world within the next couple of years.

Time expired.

Parliamentary Procedure

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:40): I move without notice:

That standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable the introduction of government bills prior to the Address in Reply being adopted.

The SPEAKER: An absolute majority not being present, ring the bells.

An absolute majority of the whole number of members being present:

Motion carried.

Bills

SUPPLY BILL 2018

Introduction and First Reading

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (17:42): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act for the appropriation of money from the Consolidated Account for the financial year ending 30 June 2019. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (17:42): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I seek leave to have the second reading explanation inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

A Supply Bill is necessary until the Budget has passed through the parliamentary stages and the Appropriation Bill 2018 receives assent.

In the absence of special arrangements in the form of the Supply Acts, there would be no parliamentary authority for expenditure between the commencement of the new financial year and the date on which assent is given to the main Appropriation Bill.

The amount being sought under this Bill is \$6 631 million.

This amount is based on the actual appropriations that were required for the first five months of the 2017-18 financial year plus an additional amount of \$200 million due to the change in the frequency of the past service superannuation liability payment from a single annual lump sum to monthly instalments.

Clause 1 is formal.

Clause 2 provides relevant definitions.

Clause 3 provides for the appropriation of up to \$6 631 million.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Mullighan.

Parliamentary Committees

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:43): I move:

That Dr Harvey, Ms Luethen, Mr Rau and Mr Brown be appointed to act with the Speaker on the committee.

Motion carried.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:44): I move:

That a Publishing Committee be appointed consisting of Mr Ellis, Ms Luethen, Mr Cowdrey, Mr Brown and Mr Gee.

Motion carried.

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:44): I move:

That Mr Treloar and Mr Brown be appointed to act with the Speaker on the Joint Parliamentary Service Committee and that Mr Pederick be appointed the alternate member of the committee to the Speaker, Mr Gee alternate member to Mr Brown and Mr Duluk alternate member to Mr Treloar and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:44): I move:

That Mr Duluk, Mr Ellis, Mr Patterson, Mr Cowdrey, Mr Boyer, Mr Mullighan and Ms Bettison be appointed to the Economic and Finance Committee.

Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:45): I move:

That Mr Pederick, Mr McBride and Mr Rau be appointed to the Environment, Resources and Development Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:45): I move:

That Mr Basham, Mr Teague, Mr McBride and Dr Close be appointed to the Natural Resources Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:45): I move:

That Mr Murray, Mr Patterson and Mr Gee be appointed to the Parliamentary Committee on Occupational Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:46): I move:

That Mr Cregan, Mr Murray, Mr Patterson, Mr Koutsantonis and the Hon. A. Piccolo be appointed to the Public Works Committee.

Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:46): I move:

That Mr Cregan, Mr Teague and Dr Close be appointed to the Legislative Review Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:46): I move:

That Dr Harvey, Ms Luethen and Mrs Wortley be appointed to the Social Development Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

STATUTORY OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:46): I move:

That the Hon. V.A. Tarzia, Mr Cowdrey and Mr Rau be appointed to the Statutory Officers Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

ABORIGINAL LANDS PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:47): I move:

That Mr Duluk and Mr Basham, nominated by the minister, and Mr Hughes, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, be appointed to the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

CRIME AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:47): I move:

That Mr Ellis, Mr McBride and Mr Koutsantonis be appointed to the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting the foregoing resolution.

Motion carried.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:48): I nominate the member for Elder to move an Address in Reply to the Governor's opening speech and move:

That consideration of the Address in Reply be an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

Motion carried.

At 17:48 the house adjourned until Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 11:00.