

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

The **SPEAKER (Hon. V.A. Tarzia)** took the chair at 10:30 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.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption.

(Continued from 8 May 2018.)

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Newland, I remind members that this is the member's first speech and accordingly I ask members to extend the traditional courtesies to the member. I also acknowledge the Hon. Dorothy Kotz, the former member for Newland, who is also present with us today. Member for Newland.

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (10:32): Mr Speaker, I rise today in support of this motion. Firstly, may I congratulate you on your election as Speaker. I am sure you will inject your customary energy and enthusiasm into this important role. As this is the Address in Reply to the Governor's speech, I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work His Excellency performs in the service of the people of South Australia. I would also like to congratulate other members elected to this house for the first time and indeed those who have been re-elected for another term.

The opportunity to serve the people of Newland is a great honour and privilege. I am humbled by the trust placed in me by my community of Newland. I hope that one day I may be held in as high regard as my immediate predecessors, the Hon. Tom Kenyon and the Hon. Dorothy Kotz, who between them held Newland for almost 30 years.

Newland is blessed with strong communities across the north-eastern suburbs of Adelaide and the Adelaide Hills. The electorate covers the foothill suburbs of Fairview Park, Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully, Vista, Ridgehaven, St Agnes, Hope Valley and part of Modbury. Community is very important to us in the north-east. There are so many very active community groups, charities, churches and sporting clubs, filled with volunteers who contribute so much to the livability and connectedness of our community. I have seen firsthand the tireless work of local organisations such as the Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully, the Friends of Anstey Hill, Neighbourhood Watch, the Tea Tree Gully sub-branch of the RSL, and local schools and kindergartens.

Sport also reigns supreme in the north-east. Newland is home to some of the oldest and strongest football and cricket clubs in the state at Tea Tree Gully, Modbury and Hope Valley. Also, successful netball, tennis, soccer, athletics and bowls clubs, and the largest gymnastics club in the state, call Newland home. This sense of community in the north-east is the source of the attachment we have for local services that we consider to be our own, like the Modbury Hospital. The Modbury Hospital is our local hospital and the removal of services from there by the previous administration was a betrayal of our community. I look forward to assisting in the delivery of the government's plan to bring health services back to our hospital.

Newland also reaches up into the Adelaide Hills to Upper and Lower Hermitage and Paracombe, areas covered by vineyards, figs and pear orchards, and the beautiful townships of Houghton and Inglewood that sit amongst the Hills. Newland also heads further east through Millbrook and part of Cudlee Creek, and north to Humbug Scrub, Sampson Flat, Kersbrook and Forreton.

These communities have demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of the devastation of the Sampson Flat bushfire. The extraordinary work of local CFS brigades, businesses,

service clubs, churches and other residents has brought the whole community together in a powerful way, continuing to support each other along the long road to recovery.

The people of Newland have brought me to this place. However, the fact that I am here is in no small part due to the extraordinary effort and support of so many others. I would like to thank my wonderful campaign team, volunteers, local Liberal Party members and others. I would like to thank my outstanding campaign manager, Courtney Morcombe, for her tireless efforts in directing our campaign and for keeping me calm and focused.

I would like to thank those campaign volunteers who gave up so much of their own time and energy, particularly Doreen Mason, Malcolm Dixon, Ben Freeman, Luke Vagenas, Jarryd Thiel and Maxine Francis. I am also extremely grateful for the incredible support of my local Newland SEC president, Clementina Maione, and previous president and former mayor of the City of Tea Tree Gully, Lesley Purdom.

As a candidate, I received enormous support from the Liberal parliamentary team. In particular, I would like to thank the member for Morialta; the President of the other place, the Hon. Andrew McLachlan; and the former member for Kavel, Mark Goldsworthy. I am very grateful for the support of the Premier during the campaign. It was thoroughly enjoyable to be out on the campaign trail armed with his vision for a better future for South Australia. I particularly enjoyed being out on the campaign trail with him at the shops and at the doorstep. He is very welcome in Newland any time.

I would also like to thank the Deputy Premier for being generous with her time throughout the campaign. I am also very grateful for the extraordinary support of the many members of the former shadow cabinet who came out to Newland over the course of the campaign. I would like to thank the federal members Senator Simon Birmingham, the Hon. Christopher Pyne and Senator David Fawcett for their support. I am also grateful for the support of the state director, Sascha Meldrum, and the rest of the team at Liberal HQ.

My completely non-political school and uni friends Stephen Warren-Smith, Adam Hennessy, Tristan Williamson, Brett Thredgold and Brock Herdman gave up so much of their time to support me during the campaign, and for that I am very grateful. Equally, my former work colleagues were an enormous support. I would especially like to thank my former supervisor, Professor James Paton, and Professor Adrienne Paton for not only their support of my scientific career that started more than 12 years ago now but also their blessing in this new endeavour. I would like to make special mention of former colleagues for their support and amazing patience in recent times, particularly Claudia Trappetti, Lauren McAllister, Vikrant Minhas, Danny Wilson and Erin Brazel.

I would like to thank my brother, James, and sister-in-law, Sheena, as well as my parents-in-law, Brian and Karen, for travelling across the country to help me on election day. I would also like to thank my sister, Alison, for all her help, too. I would like to thank my parents for all that they have done for me. I know that my brother, sister and I owe much of what we have achieved to the sacrifices they made for us to give us the best start.

I would like to thank my wife, Katie, for her love and support and for putting up with me through the ups and downs of the campaign. Katie has been more of a conscript than a volunteer to this new endeavour, as is the case for so many of us here. Lastly, I would like to thank my children Lilly, Lucas and Chloe, for putting up with my time away from home. My children are the source of my inspiration for becoming a member of this parliament. They have helped sharpen my focus beyond my time here on this earth. The responsibility for us here is to set them and their generation up with the best chance for a better life with greater opportunities than we had ourselves.

I will always strive to make decisions that do not disadvantage the next generation. While our hopes and dreams for the future will shape much of what I do here, the events that brought me here and the lives of my parents and grandparents have had a profound impact on the person that I have become.

My dad lost his father at the age of 15 before leaving school in Melbourne to join the Royal Australian Air Force as an aircraft technician working on aircraft such as DC3s, F1-11s and FA18s. A few years later, his mother was taken by the cruellest of diseases, multiple sclerosis, leaving him

and his three older siblings to help put their younger brother through the rest of his schooling and university.

While I never met my paternal grandparents, I know that they had a strong entrepreneurial spirit as owners of a pharmacy in North Melbourne and a small recording studio that would press radio plays onto vinyl records for radio stations. They placed enormous importance on family and had a strong sense of community. These values live on through my dad and his siblings and, I believe, through me, too.

My mum migrated to Australia as a six year old in the sixties from Curaçao in the Netherlands Antilles. My grandparents were of Portuguese heritage, and in the sixties, like so many others, took the extraordinary step of migrating to Australia in the hope of a better life for their children. Early life in Australia was tough for them. They came to Australia with very little and my grandfather's credentials as a fitter and turner were not recognised here, forcing him to work multiple jobs to put food on the table.

Moreover, Australia was not as diverse then as it is today, which was especially true of the country Victorian town of Benalla, where they lived. With no local Portuguese community there, they were forced to make their own way in this new home on the other side of the world. Despite that difficult environment, my grandparents never felt that they were owed something by someone else. It was no-one else's fault that at times life was hard. When he was still alive, my grandfather used to frequently talk to me about the importance of working hard, the importance of taking responsibility for your own destiny and the importance of doing what you believed to be right even when it would be much easier not to. I believe the fact that my grandparents succeeded in providing a better life for their children than they had themselves is a credit to them and to the great country that we live in.

My parents left Melbourne when my dad was posted to RAAF Base Edinburgh only a few years before I was born. Living north of Adelaide, I went to school in Gawler, first to St Brigid's Catholic Primary School and then Xavier College. The local community was an important part of my childhood. I volunteered at the local toy library, Catholic Church and the school. Music and football were also prominent. Though my football playing career was very short, I was fortunate to reach SANFL level as a field umpire. I also taught piano while I was studying at university.

During my childhood my entire extended family lived in Victoria, and my view of South Australia at this early age was very much influenced by the juxtaposition I saw of the difficult road to recovery in South Australia following the collapse of the State Bank and the sense of optimism and confidence that I saw interstate. In many ways this contrast still exists today.

While South Australia is a wonderful place to live and a great place to raise a family, our economy continues to underperform, and I refuse to accept, as the previous government wanted us to believe, that this is just as good as it gets in South Australia. Why should we not aspire to have the same kinds of opportunities available in the rest of the country?

Following school, I studied biomedical science at the University of Adelaide, followed by honours in microbiology and a PhD in the same field, before taking up a post-doc position in the Research Centre for Infectious Diseases at the University of Adelaide that I held until earlier this year. I worked on a bacterial pathogen pneumococcus. We were working to find new ways of treating and preventing disease caused by this bacterium.

Pneumococcus is responsible for more than one million deaths in children under the age of five worldwide and is the leading cause of pneumonia, invasive diseases like bacteraemia and meningitis and the leading cause of ear infections. In Australia, the pneumococcus is particularly problematic in our Indigenous communities. Putting aside for a moment the deadly afflictions caused by this pathogen, ear infections wreak havoc in remote Indigenous communities.

As many as 20 per cent of children in some communities suffer from chronic ear infections and hearing loss, having a devastating impact on their learning. This is only one of so many different factors that contribute to Indigenous disadvantage, but it is telling that rates of this disease in parts of our state are on par with nations of sub-Saharan Africa. In a place like South Australia, where the standard of living for most is amongst the highest on earth, it is simply unacceptable that there is a community within our own that is comparable with the worst.

I am honoured to have former colleagues in the gallery today. Like so many other scientists around the world, they work quietly and tirelessly in service to humanity, each day incrementally increasing our understanding of the world we live in and providing hope to so many in our community that one day there might be a cure for the many diseases for which there are no cures. They are motivated by curiosity, passion and an eagerness to improve the lives of others, all while under an almost constant cloud of uncertainty and insecurity.

I intend to be a champion for science as a means of strengthening our local economy. Through innovation, new opportunities for employment are created. We have great potential in areas like medical research and biotechnology, innovation in agriculture, fibre optics, mining, advanced manufacturing and, of course, upcoming defence industry projects. Our focus must be to create the right environment to see this potential realised, to increase employment opportunities and goods and services for export. Attention is needed to overcome the barriers that restrict the conversion of our discoveries into commercialised commodities. Importantly, though, this should not be pursued at the expense of discovery.

While on the topic of science, and as one of the very few scientists who pursue a career in politics, I also believe it is my duty to stand up for rational, evidence-based decision-making and against misinformation, pseudoscience and fearmongering that, at best, severely restricts our capacity to progress and effectively meet future challenges and, at worst, is dangerous to the health and safety of our community. I want to briefly touch on two important areas.

Immunisation is one of the most successful medical interventions in history. Globally, it is estimated that immunisation prevents three million deaths a year and many more from permanent disability. Through vaccination, smallpox has been eradicated, polio is almost gone and so many other deadly diseases have been dramatically reduced, meaning that so many more of our children now live past the age of four. Yet, despite this unequivocal success, there are those in our community who continue to spread misinformation and fear about the safety and importance of immunisation.

We are fortunate in South Australia, for the moment, that our vaccination rates are high. In fact, I believe that parts of Newland enjoy some of the highest rates in the nation. However, we cannot afford to be complacent. The herd immunity effect that prevents the spread of infection to those who cannot yet be vaccinated requires high rates of immunisation. Even a small drop in the immunisation rate has quickly seen outbreaks of preventable and deadly diseases, such as measles, in other jurisdictions. Whether or not to vaccinate is ultimately a choice for parents to make. While I support all measures that seek to make choosing not to vaccinate as hard as possible, there is nevertheless a choice. However, the fact remains that choosing not to vaccinate is akin to playing Russian roulette with not only the life of your own children but also the lives of other people's children.

Another area of concern is the impact of unfounded fears around the use of genetically modified crops in South Australia. For thousands of years, humans have genetically manipulated plants by crossbreeding different varieties to select for certain desirable traits like size, taste, resistance to pests and resistance to environmental challenges. In recent times, new tools have been developed that simply make this process much faster, much easier and much more targeted.

Bans on GM crops restrict the ability of farmers to choose for themselves whether or not they wish to access this new technology. Moreover, experience in other jurisdictions has demonstrated that GM crops deliver enormous economic and environmental benefits. These crops increase incomes for farmers, increase yields, dramatically reduce pesticide and herbicide use and even reduce fuel consumption in farming.

It is quite inconceivable that those who claim to care for the environment will be those most violently opposed to GM crops. Moreover, independent and government-commissioned reports have not found market benefits from GM-free status. Of course, whilst this issue attracts much debate—and there are passionate arguments from both sides—the debate needs to at least be based on evidence and reason and not emotion and fear. Therefore, I fully support the government's policy to review the ban.

I believe that South Australia is a great place to live. Our lifestyle is the envy of many interstate and overseas. I can recall a story from one of my close friends who had moved interstate and commuted from Sydney to the Central Coast. About an hour or an hour and half out of Sydney,

billboards along the train line read: 'If you lived in Adelaide, you'd be home by now.' While that is certainly true for many, it is also true that my friend had left South Australia for work because of the limited opportunities here.

We should certainly applaud those who leave South Australia in search of new opportunities and experiences so that they may bring them back. Our state is richer for those who bring their experiences here from far and wide. However, once people leave it is often difficult to come back. It is frequently a choice between being near family in South Australia or pursuing greater opportunities elsewhere. It is beyond belief that there are fewer young people in South Australia now than there were 30 years ago. We continue to see more people streaming across our state's borders into other states than in return.

Under the previous administration, the apparent strategy to turn the state's fortune around was centred on government picking winners with wads of taxpayers' money, designed to convince businesses either to come here or stay here. Even worse, it was ultimately a strategy that appeared calibrated for maximum impact on the news cycle. Particularly galling was the description of some of the key opportunity creators in our economy as the 'employer class', as though somehow we are not all in this together. I completely reject this philosophy. It is not for us in this place to decide which businesses should succeed or fail or to seek to divide our community into different classes.

I believe that the key to future prosperity of our state lies with the enterprise and creativity of individuals. Individuals should be free to pursue whatever endeavour best suits their skills, interests and priorities. The role of the government is to create an environment that best allows creativity and entrepreneurial spirit to flourish, and an environment that caters for the diverse ways different people may contribute to our state, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach that attempts to drive everyone through the same sausage machine.

This means reducing the cost of doing business and removing unnecessary regulation that achieves no end other than to strangle any effort to make the state more prosperous. It also means providing an education and training system that is focused on excellence and choice through schooling and further education and training.

To make our state more competitive we must reduce payroll tax, land tax and the emergency services levy. Indeed, we must reduce any impost on households and businesses that is greater than the minimum necessary for the government to perform those duties that are absolutely necessary. Further to the need to reduce imposts on households and businesses is the need to keep energy prices on a sustainable footing. In recent conversations in my electorate, small business owners directly attribute laying off staff to their skyrocketing energy bills.

While our opponents try to frame the debate as between the future and the past, the reality is that the difference is not so much about where we end up but whether or not there is a practical and workable plan to reach that end, a plan which does not flatten the state and hurt its people in the process and which recognises that there are real consequences for policies that simply do not get that balance right.

The incredible hypocrisy of the previous administration was that, for all the talk about virtual power plants and a clean energy future, their plan was ultimately underwritten by good old-fashioned diesel. I am more interested in doing good than looking good. That is why I support our practical, considered solution to transitioning our energy system toward the same end we all know we must reach.

Finally, I would like to touch upon two areas where I believe more work is required to ensure that more people in our community are able to reach their full potential. Forty five per cent of Australians will suffer some kind of mental illness over their lifetime, and barely one-third will access treatment. Moreover, 20 per cent of adolescents experience depression before reaching the age of 18, and 75 per cent of health problems will first occur before the age of 25. It is also the case that the leading cause of death in young people is suicide.

Mental illness and suicide are a great tragedy for our community. While there is now greater acceptance of mental illness as a health issue in the same way as a physical illness, the stigma around the issue remains one of the greatest barriers to treatment and effective management of

mental illness. I intend to be an advocate for greater openness, treatment prevention of mental illness and suicide and for community-based programs to identify and deal with these problems early.

The second issue I would like to touch on is that of domestic violence. One in three women will experience physical or sexual violence by someone known to them over their lifetime. One in four children is exposed to domestic violence and, on average, one woman is killed per week in Australia by a current or former partner. These statistics are truly terrifying. We should abhor violence, irrespective of the gender of the perpetrator, but it is an uncomfortable fact that more than 80 per cent of perpetrators are indeed male.

I support all measures that support women and children to escape from an unsafe home and provide a safe space and support and assistance with restoring their confidence and sense of control over their own lives. I would like to acknowledge the work the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service and all other organisations like it in providing that service to the community. Ultimately, though, this problem requires broader cultural change and changing the attitudes of some towards the roles of men and women in our community. There is a long road ahead in dealing with this issue, but in the end it is one that will only be addressed by the example of mutual respect we set for our sons and our daughters.

While I have the privilege of being in this place, I am determined to work with all my colleagues to ensure that positive changes are made to address the issues that I have outlined and the many more that time does not permit me to discuss. At every opportunity I have here, I will seek to make sure that my constituents in Newland are not overlooked and that the vibrant and active community we are fortunate to have is maintained and improved.

In closing, it is indeed an honour and a privilege to have a seat in this house. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I will endeavour to do all that I can to ensure that this opportunity is used to maximum effect for the benefit of the people of Newland and the state. I thank the people of Newland for entrusting me with this opportunity.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell.

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (10:58): Thank you, Mr Speaker, and congratulations on your re-election and your appointment as Speaker. I have absolutely no doubt that you will execute this role with distinction. I rise to speak in response to His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. As a parliament and as a state, we are very fortunate to have such a warm, kind and inspiring Governor who, along with his wife, Mrs Van Le, is exemplary at welcoming, including and recognising people. Their passion and respect for South Australia and South Australians characterises everything they do.

I start this Address in Reply by acknowledging that the land we gather on is Kurna land and by paying my deep respects to Kurna elders past, present and future. As I did when delivering my inaugural speech in 2014, I acknowledge that South Australia's story is one of the richest in human history. It spans tens of thousands of years and at its heart is the oldest living culture on our planet. It is an inspiring and impressive history.

I also start by acknowledging the extraordinary people of Reynell, people who are unfailingly kind, resilient, creative and willing to connect and work with others to keep our community strong, kind and fair. I am truly humbled by their incredible support and by their faith in me, and I am inspired daily by their vision for their families and for our community. It is a deep honour and a remarkable privilege to have been elected again by them. It is an honour and a privilege for which I am so grateful, and I remain steadfastly committed to working with and for them, to standing up for them, to giving them a voice, to strengthening their collective voice on what matters to them and to ensuring that everyone in our beautiful community is included and able to live their best possible life.

I continue to be driven by my relentless passion for fairness and equality, and I will work hard and fight every single day for the people of Reynell, and indeed for the people of South Australia, to be treated fairly and to have equality of opportunity. It is a fight that I know every member of our Labor team is also deeply committed to. I congratulate every member on our team on their election, particularly our new members, and I look forward to working alongside them.

Our team is a team that is unified around a set of values that for almost 130 years has bound our party together to stand up for people, to achieve fairness and equality, to make progress for South Australia and South Australians and to never leave anyone behind. These values are at our party's heart. They drive what we do. I have a deep faith in the leadership of our opposition leader and deputy opposition leader, whose wisdom and shared passion for the wellbeing of South Australians will see us continue to stand up for people, for those values, in unity. I congratulate them both on their leadership and on their capacity to lead us as a strong, positive and constructive opposition.

I also pay tribute to the leadership of the former premier, the member for Cheltenham, a fine leader whom I have had the pleasure of working alongside for around 26 years. The member for Cheltenham has led work that has transformed our economy and our state through what could have been some of our most difficult times. When the federal Liberal government chased Holden out of town, our former premier stood up and attracted new and growing industries to our state, and arrested a decline in employment.

His vision and tenacity saw us becoming world leaders in renewable energy, and his commitment to advancing what matters to South Australian families resulted in an unprecedented investment in our schools and in our communities. Thank you to the member for Cheltenham for your passion for South Australia, for your courage, for your friendship and for your wise counsel, guidance and support over many years.

I also congratulate all members of this house and in the other place on their election. Campaigning to be elected to represent your community is an extraordinary journey. It takes courage to be vulnerable, to offer yourself up to your community as a person who could represent them and be their voice in our parliament. The member for Elder spoke beautifully yesterday about the drive, passion for your community, commitment and mental energy that it takes to campaign and put yourself forward. I agree.

I also believe that it takes an enormous heart, a heart that is open and full and that drives you to walk alongside the people you represent, to empathise, to put yourself in their shoes and to empower them, particularly when things are difficult. Congratulations to all who are here in this house and in the other place, and well done to all the candidates who are not here with us who courageously put themselves forward.

Whilst as a candidate you are the front person putting yourself forward to be elected, it takes a team of people to be successful. I was blessed with a brilliant campaign team who selflessly gave hours, days, weeks and months of their time. My heartfelt thanks to Nadia Clancy, who is a human dynamo and whose positivity, organisational skills and extraordinary intelligence kept our campaign running, and kept me running—literally, some days. As well as doing so much herself, Nadia managed to organise every single member of her very large, kind and generous family to letterbox, doorknock, fundraise and to pretty much do whatever was required around the clock.

Nadia can do anything: she can write; she can organise; she can deal with media; she can talk; she can develop policy; she can build the best of relationships; she can execute a plan. She is someone people want to be around, and I feel blessed and grateful to spend time with her, to have her wise counsel and be buoyed by her energy and her friendship. I cannot wait to see what she continues to do in our state, and I hope that our regular visits to CJ's Bakery, the ESPY, Dancing Room at Rotary Park, the beautiful beaches along our coast, to people's doors, to street corners, to Colonnades, Southgate and everywhere in between continue for a very long time.

To the brilliant team of community members who joined up to Team Katrine '18, some of whom were Labor party members and some of whom I was blessed just to have believe in me, thank you for being with me on this journey. Thank you for your countless volunteer hours, moral support, encouragement and belief in the fact that as a team, and indeed as a community, we are better and stronger when we are together.

My heartfelt thanks also to one of the cleverest, most strategic, intuitive, most hardworking men I have ever met, Tim Watts, who was my incredible chief of staff during my time as minister. Tim's work ethic and his commitment to the wellbeing of people is unprecedented. He is the embodiment of the values that we espouse and, as a minister, with his help, he enabled me to be

my best. To the legendary Spiro Karanikos-Mimis, there is little that this man does not know about sport, and there is little that he will not do to make your life as a minister run well. He gives clear and clever advice, and he builds friendships wherever he goes.

Thank you to everyone whom I had the pleasure of working with in my ministerial office. Our state's Public Service is blessed with people who work so hard in the service of their fellow South Australians and, in my ministerial office, I found some of the best of them. An enormous thank you also to my electorate office staff for their work during our election campaign but also every week, day in and day out, to support me and the people of Reynell, with whom we have achieved so much over the past four years and with whom I look forward to achieving so much more.

Over the past four years, we have secured major upgrades to many local schools, including Christies Beach High School, Wirreanda Secondary School, Christie Downs Primary School, O'Sullivan Beach Primary School and Pimpala Primary School, to name a few. These improvements will mean that children in our southern community have access to the best possible education and facilities. Committed funding must be delivered in full to schools in the south. It will not be good enough for any of the funding set aside to build better schools to be subsumed into any plans for year 7 being co-located at high schools.

We have ensured funding for local sporting clubs, including the Christies Beach Football Club, the Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club, the Morphett Vale Boxing Club, for parkrun, and for the South Adelaide Panthers Football Club, to name just a few. We have upgraded roads, made crossings safer, upgraded our beautiful Port Noarlunga jetty and we have developed and grown programs and initiatives that strengthen our community. We also fought for and secured \$14 million towards a new multipurpose recreation centre that will become a hub for sports to be located next to the South Adelaide Football Club in Noarlunga.

Sport and recreation facilities are so important for people in our southern community, providing a place for people to be active and to connect with one another. That is why it will be so important for us to ensure that this fully funded project is not delayed by the new government. We have achieved so much but we have more to do together over the coming four years. I look forward to doing that with the people of Reynell and I look forward to what will achieve together.

As I said in my inaugural speech, my mum taught me the value of finding your voice and speaking up for what is important and what is fair, no matter how your voice may tremble to begin with. My work with our union movement, Together SA and our community has taught me that the best thing you can do as a leader is engender leadership in others. I look forward to continuing to support people in Reynell to speak up, stand up, find their voice and explore their leadership. I look forward to growing movements of people committed to working together for change and for progress. There are particular issues that, together with the people of Reynell, we found our voice on, fought hard for and that I will continue to campaign on, because our community must be supported.

Had Labor been re-elected, following consultation with our Kurna community and broader community we would have completed the construction of the Witton Bluff Base track between Christies Beach and Port Noarlunga—the missing link in our local Coast Park. This commitment was made as a result of listening to many members of the community and working together. It will mean locals and visitors alike will be able to walk along our beautiful coastline without interruption. I urge, and will continue to urge, the government to go through with our community's plan for the Witton Bluff Base track.

My family and I, members of the Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club that I am very proud to be a patrolling member of, Southport Surf Life Saving Club and Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club, those who surf along our spectacular Mid Coast Surfing Reserve and so many others, love our beaches. I feel lucky every single day to live so close to Christies Beach and, like many others, I feel rejuvenated every time I go there and to other beaches along our coast.

During the election campaign, those opposite had various poles festooned with promises of stopping coastal erosion. I look forward very much to seeing their plans in relation to this. Labor committed \$3.2 million towards the Morton Road sport and community hub. In partnership with the City of Onkaparinga and the Roger Rasheed Sports Foundation, we intend to create a vibrant sporting and community hub for our local community. Transforming this underutilised reserve into a

space that deeply engages our fabulous young people in the south through sport is a plan that we must collaboratively continue with.

I have been dismayed by persistent recent negative reports about our young people. Our young people are wonderful contributors to our community and it is incumbent upon us all to do whatever we can to engage them and to empower them to be their best. This project will do that and I look forward to working with those opposite to bring it to life.

During the election, poles were also festooned by those opposite with promises about Noarlunga Hospital. A promise was given to establish a 12-bed acute medical ward at Noarlunga Hospital and to increase the time a patient can stay at Noarlunga Hospital from overnight to three days. I will be asking the government regularly about the rollout of those changes.

From September last year until the election, I had the absolute honour of being the minister for disabilities and the minister assisting the minister for sport and recreation. I was incredibly happy every single day to work in these spaces and to find many parts of the portfolios intertwining at different points as we worked to improve the lives of people with disability and to make sport more inclusive.

The disabilities portfolio is one in a huge state of change. Our Labor government was proud to be one of the first jurisdictions to sign up to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This is the biggest reform Australia has seen since Medicare. There is no doubt there are challenges that come with that, but there are also incredible opportunities. Finally, people are able to choose the services they want. They are asked what their goals are and are empowered to make decisions about their future. But for people to get these benefits, we need adequate staffing, timely face-to-face and proper assessments, fair pricing systems and timely review processes.

Those opposite must continuously work with the outstanding people who work in the disability sector to relentlessly call on the federal government to bring these principles to life. These matters are particularly pressing for South Australians in regional and remote areas and for those with complex needs. I hope people are able to get the individual support they need from the new government, and I dearly hope that our fellow South Australians with debilitating mental illness can more readily and more effectively access the NDIS.

I will certainly continue to provide support wherever and however I can and will speak up with and for those South Australians with disability so that they can live a life with true choice, with dignity and with respect, a life in which they can actively and equally participate in every aspect of our community and of our economy. The disability sector is an incredibly hardworking and passionate one. I want to thank all the stakeholders who inspired me, who challenged me and who took the time to sit down and talk about how we can make this transition as smooth and successful as possible.

This reform is a lot of work for each and every one of their organisations and I hope they all know how much I and our community value them. I was proud to advocate for the disability sector in Canberra, ensuring that the challenges faced by organisations, as well as their suggestions, were listened to. I advocated for a return to face-to-face assessments and I am so glad we got there. It is not good enough to talk to someone over the phone when you are assessing the supports that they need every day.

In the sport portfolio, Labor made a record investment in infrastructure, with clubs across the state benefiting. The important role sport plays in our community cannot be underestimated. In every community in South Australia, it brings people together, it gives people a sense of belonging and it encourages a camaraderie amongst people. As such, our clubs must be exemplars of inclusion. Across our state, girls and women are taking to ovals, to pitches, to courts and to tracks in droves, and they are finally being celebrated and included, but we still have a way to go.

The gender pay gap in sport sits at around 50 per cent. The number of presidents and CEOs of sporting organisations is still way too low, as is the coverage of women's sport, and each of us I am sure could tell a story of discriminatory comments still being made about women in sport. But together we are beginning to make a difference, and make a difference we must because when we see women and girls play sport at a high level, particularly those sports that have previously been

male dominated, and they are celebrated in doing so, the way we see the roles of girls and women is transformed.

This gives us a unique opportunity to advance discussions about the roles of men and women more broadly in our society, to collaboratively address some of the persistent issues of gender inequality inherent in our society and to start some extraordinary conversations about these through clubs and sporting organisations across our state. I am so proud to have worked collaboratively with so many of those sporting organisations and clubs across our state and with leading South Australians on our South Australian Women in Sport Taskforce to make this a reality. We were relentlessly focused on addressing gender inequality in sport, on changing the face of sport leadership, on attracting women's sporting events to South Australia, and on increasing spectatorship of women's sport.

Our government proudly invested \$24.5 million into the Female Facilities Program, which enabled clubs to build or modify female change room facilities, and I absolutely pay tribute to the work of the previous minister, Leon Bignell, in this space. Ensuring girls and women have a place to change, to get together as a team pre game, sends a very clear message that they are welcome to equally and actively participate in the life of their club and of their sport. The Female Participation Grants were another way in which we were able to support clubs to become more inclusive, by providing money to help them establish new female teams, competitions and programs.

We have a moment to continue to seize the current momentum around women's sport and continue to position South Australia as a leader in this area. We cannot take any steps backward, and I look forward to these programs continuing to ensure that we do not. Labor also assisted so many clubs with upgrades, equipment and programs through the Active Club Grants. In fact, we had record investment in sporting grants and infrastructure with \$146 million in additional funding. Our investment of \$6 million over two years in racing prize money was unprecedented. If we truly believe in the difference that sport makes in the lives of people in our community, if we truly see it as a way to positively engage our young people and, indeed, all in our state, this must continue.

Sport, recreation and racing organisations employ thousands of people in our state and they are key drivers of our visitor economy. We must work closely with them to continue to bring events to every corner of our state, and we must fight on the national stage to have South Australia seen as the destination for the biggest events, those that are televised across the globe. Our day-night test is a perfect example of what we must relentlessly fight to hold on to. These events are not ones on which we can simply drop the ball.

Along with the honour of being the member for Reynell, I am so pleased that the opposition leader has given me the shadow portfolios of sport, recreation, racing, of status of women and multicultural affairs, all of which I have started to work on straightaway. These are areas I am incredibly passionate about. They are areas deeply focused on inclusion, and I am looking forward to working alongside stakeholders in our community across these portfolios to ensure we are getting the right things done.

As many of you in this chamber know, and as I spoke about in my inaugural speech and in many speeches since, domestic violence is an issue that is very close to my heart and one I have been working on, alongside some fantastic women, men and organisations, for many, many years. It is an issue that has shaped my journey to this place and one that I have a relentless passion to address. I know the impact that domestic violence has on families, on children and on communities from generation to generation.

We all know the shocking and unacceptable statistics around domestic violence. We all also know, however, what lies as its root cause. We know that gender inequality in our community and the way men's and women's roles are perceived strongly contributes to the fact that, sadly, some men sometimes think it is okay to control a woman they are in or have been in a relationship with through violence. Together, we must do whatever we can to teach our sons and our daughters that violence is never an option. We must do whatever we can together to demonstrate what loving and respectful relationships are.

Together, we must do whatever we can to ensure that not one more person in our community loses their life as a result of domestic violence. It is only together that we can make a difference, and

I am heartened by the words of the member for Elder, by the ongoing willingness to collaborate of the member for Stuart and by the shared passion of so many members in this place, including the member for Elizabeth on this side of the house and many others.

I was pleased to read about the Liberals' promise of additional crisis accommodation and I look forward to seeing more about it. There are numerous other issues that we must also urgently progress, issues that I will bring to this house, but we must and we can work together with the remarkable people who work day in and day out in the domestic violence sector around a comprehensive plan of action for prevention.

South Australia has a rich culture and vibrancy that would not exist if not for people from all over the world choosing to call it home. Whether someone migrated from Europe 80 years ago or from the Middle East last year, they have brought with them culture, skills and traditions that contribute beautifully to our community and to our economy. I am very much looking forward to working with different communities and to supporting them however I can with their goals and with their aspirations.

I am focused and determined about the next four years and what we can achieve. On every one of the days over those four years, I will remain deeply grateful to the people of Reynell for their faith in me and will do everything I can to build their voice on what matters to them. I will also remain deeply grateful to my beautiful family and to the many others I am lucky to have supporting me. I mentioned some of those people earlier in this speech. I also place on record my thanks again to David Gray, David Di Troia and all at United Voice for their unwavering support. I thank our deputy opposition leader in this house and our Leader of the Opposition in the upper house for their support and, so importantly, for their friendship.

I thank my other friends, whom I am blessed to have, for always being with me on this journey, through the laughs, the tears, the cups of tea, the glasses of wine, the high kicks, the low kicks and everything in between. And, as I do in my heart every single day, I thank my husband, Charles, also known very widely as 'poor Charles', for always getting me, for always loving me at my very best and at my very worst, for being literally the king of confluting, for making me know that I am never alone and for making me know that true love and true partnership is possible, and that it is precious and brilliant and to be grabbed with both hands.

I thank my son, Che, who is a remarkably clever, funny and kind young man, with wisdom and insight beyond his years that made him one of the best campaign strategists and, in those gruelling last few days, one of my biggest motivators and an inspiration. I thank my absolutely brilliant stepson, Liam, who is currently off on the trip of a lifetime, for the joy he brings to my life. Thanks also to my beautiful mum and my fabulous aunties, who arrived to letterbox constantly for the first two weeks of March. To my brother, Luke, my sister-in-law, Leanne, and my sisters Sally and Alison, thank you for all your help and for igniting in me, through our shared experiences and through being the courageous and compassionate people that you are, my relentless passion to make a difference.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:24): I rise to give my Address in Reply speech after the Governor's speech was delivered the other day in the other place. I acknowledge the member for Reynell, who has just completed her speech. In a bipartisan way, I appreciate that, as a minister, she made the time to participate in our yearly sporting event, the parliamentary bowls, which was hosted in Adelaide; I appreciate it.

Ms Hildyard: 'Participate' is a better word than 'compete' for me.

Mr PEDERICK: Excelled. It is so great to be here, and I commend the Premier and the team. I congratulate the 11 new members in this house on our team, and I congratulate the new members on the other side, on being elected to this place. The Premier is a man who stuck to his steely resolve when all sorts of advice was offered to him about how he should win an election, but he held out with the team, and everyone held out, and we won in our own right.

I was concerned when I saw in some media that we might have Stockholm syndrome, where everyone just votes in Labor, just votes in Labor and just votes in Labor, but that was not going to be any good for this state. I am glad the people of South Australia saw that it was time to change, to get on with the job of giving good governance for all citizens of this state, but also to get this state back

on track, to get the cost of living under control, to get the price of electricity under control and to get us back on a competitive edge so that we are not seeing those thousands and thousands of young people exiting this state every year. It is an outrage, and we are going to turn that around. We have 297 election commitments, which we absolutely will follow through on, and we will get the job done for South Australia.

With regard to the seat of Hammond, we have commitments across the board. One major commitment is to upgrade the emergency department at the Murray Bridge Soldiers Memorial Hospital. This area has not had an upgrade for over 30 years, and with more challenging presentations that come over time, whether it be violence issues or people affected by drugs, there are rooms where you have to treat patients and everyone is just screened off with a curtain. I inspected a small room, which is probably 2½ metres long and about two metres wide, where at times five people have to work. That is a small, semi secure room in the area so that people could operate the emergency department. There is no real waiting room, unless you are out in another room used by friends of people coming to emergency.

Outside Mount Barker, Murray Bridge would probably have the highest regional growth rate of a town in South Australia. We have this huge growing population, and we need to be able to service it with the appropriate healthcare facilities that the community needs. I understand that is being looked into as I speak by the appropriate departments—the departments of health and transport—and I can only hope that that work starts on the actual construction sooner rather than later because it is really needed.

Another election commitment that I got through our system was about getting Metro ticketing to Murray Bridge. I got as far in the system as I could from opposition at the time, which was to commit to a full study on its viability once in government. Once we see that, I hope that we can get Metro ticketing into Murray Bridge to save all those people who are driving through to the city or coming from the city to Murray Bridge. Certainly, from the Murray Bridge end, for schoolchildren, people going to uni and people going to work, instead of using the Link bus, which is a good service but expensive (it is about \$23 a ticket to get to Adelaide) school students especially often get their parents to take them to Mount Barker, they get on a Metro-ticketed bus and are taken into Adelaide. It is certainly my commitment to get that happening. I have had that on my radar since before I came into this place in 2006.

I must say that I am forever thankful to the constituency of Hammond for having their faith in me for a fourth time in getting into this place. I thank my staff for keeping the electorate office running and I thank them for their volunteer time, and all my volunteers for what they did to make sure that we had not just the win in Hammond but the win across the state for the Liberal Party.

In regard to other policy commitments we made coming into the election, we had eight highways which had been recently delisted from 110 km/h back to 100 km/h. I think that was an outrage when they did it around Murray Bridge five or six years ago where we had roads like the road connecting Murray Bridge to Mannum, Murray Bridge through to Wellington through to Langhorne Creek, and it was just an excuse not to spend road maintenance funding.

What I understand across the state between local government, state government and federal government roads is that there is a billion-dollar backlog in what needs to be spent to upgrade these roads across our state—and that is all roads across the state, I should say. In regard to these eight specific roads, there are two in my electorate which need attention, and they are the Browns Well Highway between Pinnaroo and Loxton, and the Ngarkat Highway between Pinnaroo and Bordertown.

It is interesting how roads get downgraded from 110 km/h to 100 km/h. I found out recently that when the Browns Well Highway was upgraded to road train status from B-double status—so, that applies to vehicles up to 36 metres—it was just a desktop study. I talked to one of the public servants involved (I managed to find him somehow before the election) and I said, 'This is ridiculous,' because the issue is that the Browns Well Highway is only just wide enough to have trucks on. By the time you get a second trailer, especially on a road train, and it starts waving about a bit, there is not a spare centimetre of bitumen. They can swing over the white line into the other lane, obviously with the inherent risks.

I have certainly been lobbied hard by people who use that road that work needs to be done. As I have acknowledged in this place for the whole time I have been in here, there is approximately a 20-kilometre section that needs a complete rebuild just to get this up to status, because that is major work that will cost many millions of dollars. When I say 'rebuild', it means digging out and doing it properly because it is just rough and it has bumps through it. It is just terrible. Essentially, that highway is 104 kilometres, so it will need 208 kilometres of shoulder sealing. I have already approached the transport minister about that and I think it needs to be done as soon as possible.

In regard to the Ngarkat Highway, that requires work as well. We have another road that I do not believe was on our list but it has been downgraded to 100 km/h—the Alawoona to Lameroo Highway. I would like to see common sense prevail over time, and it will take time. It will take time because of what has been the neglect of rural and regional South Australia, especially our road network.

What really breaks my heart is that there are some local government bodies that are forgetting some of their core issues around local roads. When you go out on a local road, it is a council responsibility. You get out there and there are major dips where it is down to sand, and they have forgotten how to construct a road properly, they have forgotten how to maintain a road, because they are diverting their money elsewhere. I think it is disgraceful. What is the old saying in local government? Roads, rates and rubbish.

When they neglect one of the core reasons they are there we need to urge all South Australians—especially those in regional South Australia, where we have many thousands of kilometres of rural roads—to look at who they want to represent them in the local government elections in November. Basically, they just need to get new people in so that we can focus those odd chief executive officers who have lost track of directing their councils on where they need to be. I firmly believe that, and if any council wants to have a conversation about it I am more than happy to do so.

When you find out that there are truck accidents, four-wheel drives with collapsed front ends, that is not what should be happening on our roads. I have certainly informed my local council that I will not drive my two-wheel drive vehicle on any of their roads. So we have a lot of work to do. We have a lot of work to do on our state's roads, and we are committed to that.

Furthermore, we have commitments right across the state, massive health commitments, to bring health boards back on board. I was involved in the Social Development Committee inquiry into healthcare provision across the state and how the health advisory councils operated. I learnt there were seven layers of bureaucracy from where we were on the ground floor right through Health. What a waste of money, what a waste of time and what a disgrace of red tape. We will bring back boards so that decisions can be made on the ground, and we can get far better outcomes for people in their communities.

I think some of it, perhaps, was that the powers that be at that time wanted so much control from the top, by government order, and did not want people in the health advisory councils to know what their power was. I think that is exactly what was going on. There is so much to do in health. The previous government built a brand-new Royal Adelaide Hospital that, I gather, was planned as it was built because of all the chaos and many tens of thousands of faults that had to be remedied as they built it. I am told that it should have been 10 years of planning but that they planned it as they built it. It is already overflowing, and I happen to know that because, apart from media reports, one of my employees is there currently—and I wish her all the best. Cheyanne, get out soon.

They witness triage being done in the back of ambulances. It is happening; it is not just a media beat-up. That is disgraceful, absolutely disgraceful, and that is happening. To think that a hospital was built and we did not even have a discharge room—really? It is just out of control. How did this happen? Then we get to the catering at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. I am not trying to beat up the caterers, but what is going on? I understand it is catered off site, which I do not understand because there would be at least 3,000 or 4,000 meals that go through that place every day. I will reflect on one constituent's inquiry—and this is only one, but they come in daily about food alone at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, a place where you are supposed to get better.

A constituent recently underwent an operation at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on a cancer in her mouth. After the operation, she was served meals that were not suitable considering the nature of her operation. Day 1 breakfast was dry cornflakes, no milk, sugar or spoon (she was unable to even open her mouth at this stage). I think she missed lunch. The evening meal was chunky stew. Day 2 breakfast was semolina with no milk or sugar, and lunch was some chunky stew with no utensils. Day 3 breakfast was dry Weet-Bix, no sugar or spoon. Thankfully, for lunch the constituent's daughter saved the day and brought in some chicken soup, yoghurt and pureed fruit.

By day 3—the meal before the constituent left the hospital—the dietician had intervened and the quality and the appropriateness of the food improved. They still delivered the food with no utensils. A general commentary about the food included that the food is dry and bread rolls hard and inedible, and I had a video from my staffer that showed a plastic knife collapsing while trying to cut the bread roll. The food is cold and inappropriate for medical conditions, there is a lack of utensils, the food is mostly inedible, cooked protein is like leather, and the vegetables have no taste. This contract was put in place by the previous Labor government, and we need to fix it up. It is disgraceful if it is your business to supply food that it cannot happen in the appropriate way. I hope that there is some intervention. It would be so much better for our people of this state.

Getting back to other things that have happened in my community, one of the bigger ones is the Bend Motorsport Park. I acknowledge that about \$8.5 million dollars of state money went towards it and \$7.5 million dollars of federal money. Certainly, from our side of government, we have supported a couple of events there since it started running only a few weeks ago. I commend the Shahin family, the Peregrine Corporation, for their investment in my community. Well over \$100 million is being invested, and a fantastic track is being set up. There are four different tracks. In fact, they are set up so that you can have two separate tracks running at once, or you can go on the big track, the 7.7 kilometre track.

I have only been around it slowly in a car and in a bus, but the 85 millimetres of bitumen is absolutely smooth with the bit that they put on top. I had a conversation with Sam Shahin. I would like to get my old V8 ute out there, and he assured me that I would have my opportunity. However, it has been challenging. I told the corporation that, when they started, they would be building on a rock—and it is one big rock. Quite a few tonnes of Nitropril were used. One thing that land at Taillem Bend is certainly helpful for is road base, because once you can break it up it is good road base. I think the contractors had plenty of issues with the earthmoving equipment, making these tracks and getting the facilities going.

Over time, we will have a V-max straight-line track. There will be an airstrip there, and the dragstrip will come back from 40 years ago, which I attended way back then. I was pretty young, obviously. The drift track will be reborn out there and there will be four-wheel drive tracks. Certainly, as we have seen, with different motorcycle events and the car events of recent days, there is plenty happening. However, they have also had their challenges with the weather, the lack of rain until recently and a bit of dust coming across the track.

There have been other things going on. Big River Pork have completed an expansion, and we have had Ingham's putting in layer sheds at Yumali, not far from my place at Coomandook. Costa mushrooms is going to double in size and spend \$64 million. A lot is going on. A whole lot of other industries in the horticulture field are expanding and getting on with the job. The other one I want to take note of is the Bridgeport Hotel development, which, after six years, when the proponents first came to me, is going to go ahead. I think that will be a major boon for Murray Bridge and surrounding areas.

It was a long process because the original Bridgeport was built way back in the 1800s. It certainly was a beautiful heritage building, but the present building is nowhere near that. It was tarded up in about 1970 with some steelwork around the outside and a lot of brickwork. There are some limestone walls if you look closely, but one of the heritage architects had a good look at it and said, 'They won't support what you are going to do with the new build.' At the very least, I hope it matches the Port Lincoln Hotel in the member for Flinders' area because it will be a similar size: six storeys, 99 rooms, 4½-star convention facilities. It will be a great boon, offering other accommodation for things around Murray Bridge, for executives to come in from all the companies operating in the area and also for events that happen out at the Bend Motorsport Park.

I also want to talk about Murray Bridge Racing Club. This is another one that has been long going. I did joke once, early in the piece, that when they finally built the corporate facilities I would have my 50th there. Sadly, I hate to admit it to the house, but I am a little bit north of 50 at the minute.

Mr Ellis: Rubbish. You don't look it.

Mr PEDERICK: Thank you. That has been a bit of an ongoing joke as I have talked to various players in the field. Coming into the 2014 election, we put up \$20 million from the Liberal Party. We had \$5 million from the federal government, a \$10 million grant from us and a \$5 million loan from us, and all we had to do was win the election. Sadly, we missed by a ham and pineapple pizza, but that is life. We were devastated enough.

I will commend the team from that day, that Sunday when we realised what had happened. This team stuck together. This team absolutely stuck together. We could have fallen apart, could have collapsed, but everyone held. We managed to recruit some amazing candidates and get 11 into this place. I take my hat off to them, and I take my hat off to the unsuccessful candidates, who also put in so much hard work and sadly were not rewarded with a seat.

I remember one day having a conversation with the former minister, the member for Mawson. I do not know if this had any effect—he might tell me later—but I said, 'I know you're probably not going to grant them \$5 million. Is there any chance you could lend the facility \$5 million?' In the end, that did happen. Thoroughbred Racing SA got on board, and Burke Urban are involved and some other partners. It is not just the racing development out there. The racing track has been built for a long time. They will have a man-made track inside for those races that get too wet around the state.

The convention corporate racetrack facilities are being built as we speak. The million-dollar horse stables are there, ready to rock and roll. I believe it will become the racing centre in South Australia. I take my hat off to the racing club and all their partners for their patience. It has taken absolute patience to get this facility up and running. There are certainly people who have got going, but there has been so much more optimism since we gained the office of power. We can help deliver more outcomes not just across Hammond but across the state.

Hammond has certainly changed quite a bit since I was first elected in 2006. In the initial term, I represented way out to the Mallee, Strathalbyn and just north of Murray Bridge. That was the first term. In the second and third term, I had the great opportunity to be the representative of Goolwa and Currency Creek, which have recently gone into the electorate of the new member for Finniss. I commend him for his election. It is a beautiful place in the state, a tourism Mecca. It is with some sadness, I must say, that I am not representing that area anymore but, with the redistribution that was absolutely vital in helping us form government, it has gone into very good hands.

In saying that, they needed to find me 6½ thousand voters somewhere else. It is good. They have developed a seat that, after three terms where Hammond essentially shrunk, has just gone—bang! It now essentially goes from Petwood and Harrogate. Up near Mount Barker, I have addresses around Nairne. It goes through to Pinnaroo. Tungkillo comes in, almost to Mount Pleasant, and Cambrai, Walker Flat and Nildottie. As I said, it goes all the way out to the Mallee, which is great because my kids play footy in the Mallee when they do not have broken arms or are playing footy elsewhere.

It is great to have the boys out there playing footy in one of those great country leagues, the Mallee Football League. I believe Hammond has come back to a real Murraylands-Mallee electorate, and I will certainly do my best to represent that constituency as well as I can. I certainly applaud the work that my staff do in that constituency because without good staff, as all members in here know, it just does not happen.

As I said, we had firm policy commitments before the election and we will deliver on them. There is a need to accelerate growth in the South Australian economy as we transition from manufacturing to a high-skill base and we will get on and do that right across the board and right across the state, whether it is in the regions or in the city.

In my closing few minutes, I want to reflect on the regions and our commitment to them. We put up a 30 per cent mining royalty program, Royalties for Regions. At the time we wrote the policy that was \$750 million and has since increased to \$760 million over 10 years. We will be putting that

into the road infrastructure I was talking about earlier, and it will also assist other infrastructure projects and bring our regions back on track. For too long, people who have always voted Liberal—and some have probably wavered at times—have been just hanging out to have what is needed for them. The 30 per cent of citizens who live in the regions, who have been forgotten by the previous Labor government, deserve their day in the sun and we will deliver it.

We will also be putting a \$10 million program into mobile phone tower implementation across the state, which will combine with industry funds and federal funds to get that connectivity right. I remember it was only a couple of funding rounds ago when the Labor government put very little money in. It might have been \$1 million, from memory. It was farcical compared to the tens and tens of millions of dollars that New South Wales alone put up for mobile phone coverage in their regions. In fact, I have driven through New South Wales. I have been north of Brewarrina on one of my trips one day, and it was just amazing to find out that I had phone service way out there. We will commit to that infrastructure spend.

We will commit to the \$30 million of urgent work that needs to be done to our regional hospitals to get them up to speed. It will not just be the \$30 million. Over time, it will be \$150 million so that we do not always have to rely on the good constituents like one in the South-East recently, an anonymous donor who put the roof on the Kingston hospital. It is outrageous that a member of the community had to do that to make sure that there were decent health facilities in Kingston. It just should not happen and it should be funded.

We have seen what should have been a jewel in the crown for health in this state, the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, become a shemozzle. I think the total spend on the hospital went from about \$1.8 billion to \$2.2 billion, and there is another \$300 million we have found in the books that is gone, and it still does not function. It is outrageous. It is outrageous that this is the case when we are trying to assist people at their most vulnerable times and their time of need.

In the last little bit of time, I would just like to thank my family, Sally, Mack and Angus, for their patience and support throughout the campaign. Also, to my ever-resolute staff, despite the times when we had the dark days and you witnessed the slander, the hate and the trolls, we prevailed and we will still have a positive future for Hammond.

Mr BIGNELL (Mawson) (11:55): I rise today to thank my bosses. I would name them all individually, but there are 24,000 of them. They are the voters of Mawson to whom I wrote a few weeks out before the election and applied for my job back in here for a further four years. I know there were just 50 per cent plus 115 of them who gave me the tick, but I want to promise all the 24,000 voters in the electorate of Mawson that I will work hard every day for you, for your communities, for your families, for your schools, for your businesses—for everything that makes our part of the world so special. I want to make sure that you have my full support and that we will make Mawson an even better place, if that indeed is possible.

We have had a few people get up in here and, I think, mislead the house over the past couple of days by saying that their electorate is the best. There is no comparison. Have a look at Mawson. I think it is probably the only place anywhere with two full tourism brochures on different parts of the electorate. You have the McLaren Vale wine region, and then you head down and you have Kangaroo Island, and in between. For anyone who has been to Rapid Bay, Second Valley and Cape Jervis and all those wonderful communities along there—Myponga Reservoir—it is just a stunning part of the world filled with some of the most resilient, resourceful and wonderful people that you could find anywhere on earth.

Elections are not won in the final four weeks or four months of an election campaign: they are won by doing the right thing for four years and by getting wins for the local community. It is something that I am very proud to have done. I have, I guess, nagged and annoyed a lot of my colleagues in government, and I will give a promise to those opposite that I will work with you, but we want to see some results as well. We have some unfinished business there. There are some commitments that our government made, and we would love to work with you to make sure those are carried out in the electorate of Mawson because the people of Mawson deserve those wonderful pieces of infrastructure and services down our way.

I want to pay tribute, too, to our former premier, the member for Cheltenham; our former treasurer, the member for West Torrens; former education minister, the member for Port Adelaide; and the member for Lee, who in his role as minister for transport and infrastructure delivered so much for our area. One of the good things about applying for the job was that I got to sit down, as you do when you apply for a job, put some of your results down, put little ticks next to them and just explain to people what you have achieved for the local area. The Southern Expressway, that duplication to fix the Liberal's one-way expressway, was a huge win for our local area.

There was \$435 million to duplicate Main South Road from Seaford to Sellicks announced in last year's budget and in the Mid-Year Budget Review. I look forward to working with the new Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government to ensure that that is done and that we listen to the local people down there who have their own ideas about how that could work.

There is a bigger, better Tour Down Under. Haven't we seen that race grow from strength to strength? Of course this year we celebrated the 20th edition of the Santos Tour Down Under. There is the sports voucher system for primary school students—\$50 for every primary school student. That was a pledge that we took to the 2014 election and one that I was really pleased to see implemented during my time as the sports minister.

We saved Bowering Hill from housing development. That was done back in my first term in the lead-up to 2010. In this term most recently, we had a bit of a battle down there with some people who wanted to build a dam right next door to the Boyds. We stood up for them because that is what I like to do: to go out there, stand up for the community but also stand up for the individual when their neighbourhood is going to be changed irreparably.

We heard the member for Newland about keeping South Australia GM free. I respect his point of view from a scientific background, but I have been overseas on trade missions, and one of the great selling points we have is that South Australia is the only mainland jurisdiction in Australia that is GM free, phylloxera free and fruit fly free. They are really good selling points when you are going into markets like China and Japan, and particularly into the US, where the growth in terms of people seeking non-GM food is enormous.

So it is not about the science—well, it is: it is about the political science. It is about what the consumer wants. If the demand is there and people are willing to pay a premium for non-GM, then that is a market that we should be meeting. Once you let the genie out of the bottle and you become a jurisdiction that allows the growing of GM crops, you cannot put that genie back into the bottle, so we need to be very sure that it is the right thing to do. We did have some research done. We did not do it as a government because it would be a bit biased if I did it, so we went to the University of Adelaide. I think the University of Adelaide had their own preconceived ideas that there probably was not much of an advantage, but when they went out to market and did the analysis they found that there was, indeed, a benefit to South Australia and its marketing of premium food and wine, and to stick with that.

We built the Adelaide Oval, \$535 million. I know that a lot of people in South Australia did not want that to happen and that the people opposite did not want that to happen. We have done it and it has been tremendous in terms of building visitation to South Australia, and then we have filled it with world-class events.

We built an overpass at McLaren Vale because there was a dangerous T-junction there and three elderly people were killed as they tried to cross over the Victor Harbor Road. We stopped urban sprawl on our local agricultural lands. This was Australia-first legislation to lock in the agricultural lands of McLaren Vale and the Barossa Valley to ensure that the urban sprawl that has been spreading out from the centre of the city since the early 1960s stops now and leaves our wonderful productive agricultural lands for those purposes.

We have put millions of dollars into local sports clubs. McLaren Vale and Willunga netball clubs both received grants and Dudley United received a grant for their women's change rooms. We opened those in September last year. In the next few weeks, they will be playing on a brand-new court that came about through a playing surfaces upgrade grant that the Dudley United Netball Club received—which, of course, is in Penneshaw.

We have been helping those sporting groups at grassroots level, not just in the electorate of Mawson but right across the state, with \$146 million of additional funding, including \$24 million for women's change rooms so that girls and women no longer have to get changed in their cars, behind trees, in offices or in other inappropriate places. It also means that when a women's footy team goes out to play they do not have to line up for the one toilet that is there. We can actually provide, through this funding, fit-for-purpose facilities that girls and women deserve.

We have extra money for the McLaren Vale hospital. We put in an extra \$430,000 last year. I know that, during the campaign, the Liberals pledged an extra \$500,000, which we welcome, for a hospital that provides not only wonderful service to those in need but also a lot of jobs for many local people. We put a bus service out to McLaren Flat, again in the first term.

We are building a new birth to year 12 school for the Sellicks-Aldinga area. That will house 1,500 students when it is open in 2022. I look forward to working with the new education minister to ensure that the community is listened to in the planning stages of that school, which will be a fantastic addition to our local area. Currently, Willunga High School is full, and this will help take some of that load to the new school, which will be a birth to year 12 school. Importantly, it will also keep people in Aldinga. Kids who are Aldinga residents currently go over to Willunga High School, and then they tend to play footy, netball and other sports for Willunga. If we can keep those kids in Aldinga and playing for the local clubs we will probably see the Sharks do a little bit better than they are doing now, and that is a good thing because it strengthens community. At the same time, it is important that we continue to have those wonderful small schools as well.

Myponga Primary School has a population of about 112 students and does a magnificent job. A lot of kids from Sellicks go there. We want to work with the new education minister to make sure that, while this new 1,500-student school is being built, with 100 places reserved for students with special needs, the parents of children in the Sellicks area have the choice of sending their kids to the big new school or continuing on at the wonderful Myponga Primary School.

We also have the Rapid Bay Primary School where Mark Shadiac is the principal. The slogan down there is, 'Big fish, small pond'. It is a beautiful little school that has 32 students. None of them actually lives in Rapid Bay. There are very few houses in Rapid Bay that you can live in because they are owned by Adelaide Brighton Cement and most of them are boarded up. Something I would like to address in the next four years is how we can breathe new life into Rapid Bay. It is one of the most stunning places on earth. It has a north-facing bay. It was one of Colonel Light's early drop-off points when he arrived in South Australia. His doctor spent several months there. The first Europeans in the colony were born in Rapid Bay, so it is an important historical place. At the moment, there is a lot of rusting old equipment up on a disused quarry, so we are keen to see something happen there.

These little schools do such a great job for our community—all the schools do. We want to make sure that the millions of extra dollars of funding that we have put into schools, not just throughout Mawson but right throughout the state, continues under the new government. We will be keeping an eye on them and working with them to make sure that happens. As I said, I wrote to all the new ministers and congratulated them on being elevated to the ministry. It is an important role. I want to work with them and not against them because we will achieve more by working together. I fight for people rather than fighting with people, and I think that is a good adage. It is certainly a good starting point in any relationship.

The Seaford rail line extension and electrification was a great win for our local area. We would like to see it go further. We would like to see it go to Aldinga. That is where most people in our community are at in their thinking. They are also aware of the financial restraints that our government and the new government is under as well. We will need some federal funding for that project to go ahead. We have paid for the new duplication of Main South Road from Seaford down to Sellicks and we are building the new school, so we have ticked two of the three big priorities for that part of the world, for the Aldinga/Sellicks/Myponga area. If we can get that rail line extended down to Aldinga, it will be a huge achievement and one that will be welcomed by our local community, as was the Seaford rail extension that was part funded by the federal government and the state government. We will watch this space. That is certainly a project that I have on my wish list for the next four years.

We have been helping to create jobs and business growth through tourism and export promotion. I know that we hear people on the other side say that the days of picking winners is over,

and that is not something that the government has on its agenda, but please have a look at some of the results and talk to some of the people who have received government assistance over the years. I have spoken in here before about how the banks have turned their backs on regional South Australia. If the banks are not loaning the money, or think that country South Australia is too much of a risk, then there is a role for governments to step in and help out. That might be giving them money that is the seed money or the money that can help provide the deposit for someone to kick off a really big development.

If we look at Seppeltsfield, that has been a fantastic addition for the Barossa. They received two or three grants from the old federal T-QUAL tourism grants. The d'Arenberg Cube is an amazing piece of architecture at McLaren Vale. That is a 105-year-old business. The family, headed by d'Arry Osborn and his son, Chester, invested \$13 million. They received \$2 million in government money, but that was to ensure that 58 jobs were created there.

Chester tells me every time that they are watching the number of jobs they have—because that was what that \$2 million was for. It was not a grant necessarily. While the cheque was written out to d'Arenberg to build the Cube, it was taxpayers' money that went to an entire region and to an entire industry. We have 18 wonderful wine regions throughout South Australia.

If we go to the member for Chaffey's electorate and look at the 23rd Street Distillery, they received some funding for their redevelopment of the old Renmano site. People can argue that they were always going to do that perhaps, but we gave them the money that allowed them, instead of bulldozing that important site, to keep it and improve it. That was so much part of Renmark's history and employment in that area. It gave new life to an old business site that had sat derelict for so many years. I congratulate all those people in the private sector who are out there doing such a good job of making sure that they are providing jobs for South Australia.

The member for Hammond spoke just before me and listed a whole range of things where it would not have been possible to get ahead without some government grants, whether that be Costa mushrooms or Ingham chickens and the horticultural expansions there. As he mentioned, the Murray Bridge race track received a \$5 million loan from government and at the Bend Motorsport Park a family has invested \$110 million, I think. With a bit of help from us (\$8½ million) and a bit from the federal government to work on some infrastructure around the development, we have been able to make sure that these projects get off the ground and that we will be the centre of motorsport in Australia and attract major events from outside our country, throughout Asia and from around the world.

I want to thank all those members on my side who were in government and with whom we sat around the table in cabinet. I have to say that cabinet was a place where we thought of every South Australian every time we sat around that table. We took it upon ourselves, as a collective, to make the very best decisions we could on behalf of South Australians. As I said, it is a very big honour to be in cabinet, and I wish the Premier, the Deputy Premier and all the new cabinet ministers all the very best as they take the reins for the next four years.

I would like now to thank a few people who helped win what many said was the impossible electorate to win. If we look at Antony Green's pendulum, Mawson was No. 9 on the Liberal side, up the pendulum, so it was a tough ask. I had built it up over three elections, from a 3½ per cent Liberal seat to a 5½ per cent Labor seat. Then, with a few strokes of someone's pen, it went to a 4½ per cent Liberal seat, so it is a 10 per cent swing before you have even turned up for the contest.

I remember that we had just finished cabinet and were at the Marion Swimming Centre when the new boundaries came through. The member for Cheltenham, the then premier at the time, Jay Weatherill, showed me the results. He said, 'It looks pretty bad for you.' I looked at his phone and the details and said, 'It doesn't look that bad. I have picked up coastline for the first time, I have picked up an island, I have picked up three breweries and at least two distilleries, and I reckon there's probably about nine new pubs and about 20 new bakeries. Where is the downside of that?' He said, 'Well, just that little bit that says it is now in a 4½ per cent Liberal seat.'

If you have the right mindset and you take on the challenges and play the cards you are dealt in life, then anything is possible. We all know about the physical needs of an election campaign, but a lot of this is mental as well, and you have to have a winning mentality. You have to be able to

visualise what you have to do to make sure that on election day you finish up with more votes than the other person. I am not about to give a lesson to the other side in all the things to do, but when you start from a deficit of 4½ per cent it is a pretty big handicap. When you can see the other fellows in the race further up the line than you and you have to make up that 4½ per cent before you draw even with them, let alone get ahead, you have to do some pretty special things.

The number one thing that you have to do as a local member of parliament or as a local candidate is to be present, it is to be a part of your community, it is to be of the people for the people. That means a seven-day week commitment. That means working nights. That means being out there being available to people. And when there is only one of you, you need to have a strong team around. I was very fortunate to have Jazz and Della and then Callum, who came on in February as trainee in my office, running a fantastic electorate office.

In the ministerial office, it was terrific to have people who were so professional and had the competence that they could distil down the information and advice I needed to ensure that the people in the portfolio areas of agriculture, food, fishery and forests, recreation, sport and racing and in tourism had my ear. To those advisers and chiefs of staff, who I had not just during this campaign but over the five years, I want to say a massive thank you as well. To Paul Flanagan, Lucy Anderson, Marg Ralston, Alice Fistr, Nikki Mott, Ruth Sibley, Cathy Parker, Kerry Treuel, George Georgianas and Alexandra Keen, you are all incredible workers. Thanks to Simone Reed as well, my media adviser for a long time. They were incredible workers who did so much and provided so much public service to the people of South Australia and in particular those portfolios that we represented.

To the other people who were non-political appointees in the ministerial office—Sophie, Kimberly, Tamara, Ajsa, Mark, Abby, Danny, Matthew, Mariah—thank you very much for your enormous dedication. I wish each and every one of you all the very best in your future employment. I could not have asked for anyone to work harder than you did. It was incredible the amount of work that you put in and, again, working well outside the nine to five hours that people think that people work in the Public Service.

Thanks to Jerry Morelli, who was the only guy who worked longer hours than me. I know that because he used to have to drive from his place to my place to pick me up, and then he would have to drop me off and drive back to his place. Thanks to Jerry and his wife, Amanda, and their three kids. I hope the family is enjoying seeing more of you, Jerry, because I know I saw a lot of you and you saw a lot of me—probably more than you needed to see sometimes as we got changed racing from one event to another. You do become very close to the ministerial chauffeurs because they are with you your whole working day, and in our line of work they are long, long days. Jerry, again, thank you very much for all the hard work that you put in.

When it came to the campaign, the party was busy looking after a lot of seats around the place, so when I went looking for a campaign manager I had to look no further than my own family and to my son Conor, who was 19 on the election campaign. He studied politics at school and he is doing economics and international studies at university (he is off to China again tonight for his third trip there) and studying Mandarin. He has been around election campaigns since he was six years old.

I remember driving along with him in that first campaign, the 2006 election. This was probably back in 2004. I said, 'Well, we should call in here to Old Noarlunga.' He said, 'But Old Noarlunga is not in the electorate, dad.' He was six and he was sitting next to me in the car. I said, 'Yes, of course it is—Woodcroft all the way down to McLaren Vale.' He said, 'No, the line on the map goes around.' I said, 'No, that would be silly for that to happen.' But, of course, logic and electoral boundaries—it does not always make sense. He said, 'Just pull over.' So here I am, listening to a six year old, and I pull over and he shows me the map and, sure enough, Old Noarlunga was not on there.

He had another gem in that first campaign. We had the roof sign on. Robert Brokenshire, was the sitting member and the opposition spokesperson on police. Conor suggested that I take my roof sign off my car and put it in the boot and that we then get Robert Brokenshire's roof sign, put it on my car and just do doughnuts all around Willunga and McLaren Vale and then police would get Mr Brokenshire in trouble instead. It was probably not the greatest move.

He is a student of politics and he loves it. He is a little Rain Man-ish when it comes to knowing all the stats of the electorate, and he was an absolute joy to hang out with. He always is, but to have Conor there with me side by side doing planning and organisational work and also doing that physical work of putting up election posters along with all our volunteers was something that I really enjoyed.

I thank my sisters, Toni and Jacinta, who have been so good during what has been a demanding past five years, looking after an electorate as well as three or four different ministerial portfolios. They have really taken the load with mum, and I appreciate Jacinta and Toni's great work. Now that I have a little more time on my hands, the first thing I did was take mum out to lunch, and we are spending a lot more time together. We will all be together on Sunday for Mother's Day, and I wish mum and all the mums out there, not just in my electorate but everywhere, a very happy Mother's Day for this coming Sunday.

We put mum to work as well. She was putting stamps on envelopes, and she was also handing out shopping bags to people in the shopping centre, whether they wanted them or not. Mum was very proud to give her son's bags out to those people in the shopping centre. To a long list of volunteers, thank you again from the bottom of my heart: people who are members of the Labor Party, people who do not even vote Labor but who have come to help me out. I want to thank all those people.

I thank Leo Sexton and his wife, Maria, over on Kangaroo Island. Graham Spry spent his 70th birthday sitting in my campaign office, taking queries from constituents. Gethin Creagh was probably the only Academy Award nominee who was handing out how-to-vote cards during the state election. He was on the Kingscote booth and does a great job of running the community radio station over there. Claudia Hanton also spent her birthday writing envelopes. Marion Ferguson worked so hard on the campaign. She wrote up I do not know how many thousands of envelopes, but also on election night she was on the biggest booth, the Aldinga booth. I do not think she got home until about 11 o'clock and did not make it to our election night party.

To all the volunteers who chipped in and helped, thank you so much. To Andy Gilfillan, his wife, Kate, and their three daughters, thank you for all the work you did in your efforts to win the seat of Mawson and to stand for your side of politics and for the people in the electorate. It was a close-run contest. There was never a cross word between us. In fact, when the polls closed on election night, Andy and I went over to the Alma pub and had a pint together before we went off to our respective election parties.

That is what it should be all about. We are not that far apart. We sit in here and physically we are close. We are not that far apart ideologically either. It gets down to management styles, and we should all be able to work together. I look at the member for Flinders and single him out amongst a few people on the other side who were absolutely excellent to work with when I was a minister. We got a lot of things done for the member for Flinders' constituents, and the same with the member for Stuart, the member for Hammond and so many over there. As an opposition MP, I want to be someone who can work with the government of the day.

I go back now to where I started, and that is to thank the people in the electorate of Mawson. I know a lot of you voted Labor for the first time in your lives. That has been happening to me over the past four elections and it proves that if you can do some good deeds for people they will repay you with their vote. We doubled our vote in Myponga. We lost that booth by one vote, which is incredible when you look at the demographic of Myponga. We tripled our vote down at Parawa. I know that is only coming off seven votes, but we got it to 21, out of 108 voters down there. You have to go out there and present yourself to communities and let them know what you have done in the past if they are new voters, and remind people if they have been with you for a while.

One of the things about this electoral boundary change was that I lost 20,000 voters, the people of Woodcroft, Onkaparinga Hills, Hackham, Huntfield Heights, Hackham West, Old Noarlunga and Noarlunga Downs. I lost 20,000 people and I had to go out and meet 20,000 new people. Luckily, I like making new friends, because that was a lot of doorknocking and a lot of phone calls. It was incredible to go into communities like Myponga, which is where we had the declaration of the poll. We had it there because I wanted to say thank you to the people of Myponga. When I walked in there, I said, 'I think you are the people that politicians from both sides have forgotten for 160 years,

and that's going to change.' They did tell me what it was they wanted and we did look after a lot of the needs of the people down in Myponga.

We will continue to work with those people, just like we will work with the people in American River, Penneshaw, Parndana, Kingscote, Cape Jervis, Inman Valley, Parawa, Myponga, Yankalilla, Sellicks, Aldinga, McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat and Willunga, the only parts that I kept in the redistribution. I will continue to work hard for you because it is a great privilege to be here. Working hard on behalf of you, your families, your schools, your community groups and your businesses every single day of my life is what I love doing. Thank you again for putting your trust in me for the next four years. I will not let you down.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Pederick): I call on the Deputy Speaker, the member for Flinders.

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (12:25): Thank you, Mr Acting Deputy Speaker—don't get too comfortable there. My congratulations to all who have taken their place in the House of Assembly and in the other place following the 17 March election. Congratulations to the member for Mawson on a hard-fought and close battle. It was one we were all watching very closely and I understand it was down to the wire in the end, with a couple of hundred votes—

Mr Bignell: 115.

Mr TRELOAR: 115 votes! My congratulations to you and commiserations to Andy Gilfillan and all the other candidates who were not successful. As has been mentioned earlier, it takes a fair bit of courage to put your hand up, throw your hat in the ring and stand for public office. It does not matter whether it is state, federal or even local government; it is really about putting yourself up for public scrutiny and public opinion. Congratulations again to all.

Three other candidates contested the electorate of Flinders: a Labor candidate, Julie Watson—the Labor Party found a candidate who lived in Flinders this time around, so well done to them and congratulations to her—Tony Parker, a member of the Australian Conservatives; and Ian Dudley, a schoolteacher from Elliston, stood for the Greens. It was a very civil campaign led by all.

We all came together on election day for the first time ever as candidates and were able to hand out election material. Given that the four biggest booths in the seat of Flinders are in Port Lincoln, I chose to remain in Port Lincoln for the day. I think there are over 20 polling booths in the seat of Flinders that extend from Port Lincoln all the way out to the remote booth that works its way around the far west of Penong, Yalata and that area.

My congratulations also to the Premier on being elected and also on the campaign that he led on behalf of the Liberal Party. If there is one comment I will make about the way that he managed the campaign and the way he presented himself, it is that he did not once blink, as far as I could tell, through all the challenges that were thrown at him and at us during the campaign. He did not once falter or blink. I have always said that one day the member for Dunstan would make a very good Premier, an excellent Premier. He has that opportunity now and I wish him well. The Deputy Premier, who has been in this place almost as long as anyone else, apart from perhaps the member for West Torrens, is now deservedly in the most senior role that any woman has held in the Parliament of South Australia. Congratulations to her.

To the cabinet members and the new members of this place, we are hearing your maiden speeches during this week and next week. We have 11 new members on this side and three on the opposition side in the Labor Party, so there are 14 in all. That is a significant cohort out of a relatively small parliament of just 47 people. These 14 new members come from a range of backgrounds and will add significantly to the depth and experience of this parliament. We have heard some excellent maiden speeches and we will hear more as this week unfolds.

As others have done, in this Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech at the opening of parliament last Thursday, I would like to thank a few people in relation to my re-election as the member for Flinders and for their support along the way. I was first elected in 2010, to much excitement. The former member for Flinders, Liz Penfold, had been representing the seat for 16 or 17 years, having won the seat off Peter Blacker of the National Party in 1993, who had held the seat since 1973.

There have been just three members for the seat of Flinders in over 40 years, so it was a great thrill to be first elected in 2010. Isobel Redmond was our leader, and we thought that we might win that election. We did not. We certainly felt that we should have won the 2014 election. We did not. After two terms in opposition, I find myself on the government benches and look forward very much to delivering not just to my electorate but also to the people of South Australia.

You cannot do all of this without great help from family and friends. My parents, Brian and Wendy, have supported me all the way through. I think my mother, Wendy, is still a little bit surprised that I am in politics. It is not something she brags about to her friends, but she remains supportive.

My two brothers, Michael and John, helped me all the way through. I farmed for 30 years as a wheat farmer before coming into this place in 2010 and we farmed together as a family business for most of that time. I am the eldest. My brother Michael is two years younger and John is two years younger than that. For most of that 30 years, we worked together, along with our father, and built our family farming business to a point where we could all separate and run our own businesses. I offered and they elected to share-farm my property now under a share-farming arrangement, so I have the privilege of still living on my farm at Edillilie but not having to worry about the day-to-day operations of the farming business.

We had about 30 millimetres of rain last week, Acting Speaker, which was very nice on top of the 20 millimetres the week before. Our season is underway, so tractors are going madly. I do not think it extended too far north. It was not much further north than Mardinga up through the middle, although I understand both Elliston and Streaky Bay had good rains.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Pederick): You are truly blessed.

Mr TRELOAR: We are truly blessed in the seat of Flinders, Acting Speaker. My wife, Annette, is a great support. She has worked all the way through our marriage and continues to work as well as support me. She does not always know where I am. This is not the way it should be done, new members. In fact, I went to one function and my wife came with me. She is often busy working and, with four children as well, she cannot always be with me. Somebody said to me, within earshot of my wife, 'I thought you were single.' I assured her that was because I went without her and not because of my behaviour.

She enjoys her work. She works in the health system and she is doing community nursing at Ceduna this week, last week and next week, which is something she really enjoys. Our four children, Thomas, Madeleine, Henry and Max, were all at school when I became a member of parliament in 2010. They have now all left school and are finishing their studies, embarking on careers of their own and making lives of their own, so it is an exciting time. They are all in their early to mid-20s. My youngest son, Max, will be 20 in a couple of months. They have enjoyed the journey, I have to say, as much as I have. It is a great experience to have them grow up with me in this place.

My thanks go to the helpers on election day, and everybody needs to recognise this, I am sure. The Liberal Party in the seat of Flinders still has a reasonably solid membership and certainly it is all hands on deck during an election, particularly in the days leading up to and on election day itself. As I said, there are over 20 booths in Flinders that we need to man, operate and provide scrutineers for and it is a big day. It is an incredible logistical exercise to manage an election day, as everybody in here knows, so my thanks to all those party members and other volunteers who helped me out on that day. I have recently written to all of them thanking them for their help and dedication.

We had an election night party in my new office, which is the old courthouse in Port Lincoln. The old courtroom was the setting for our post-election party and we had a television set up. It was a big enough room to fit everybody who wanted to be there. I must say everybody was surprised when the election was called by 10.30 that night. I do not think anybody realistically expected it to be so quick, but what a delightful result it was. By 10.30, we had a new government and a new Premier. Sixteen years is a long time. I really believe that South Australia voted for change, and our mandate now is to deliver change and reform to the South Australian economy and the people of South Australia.

I want to say a quick thankyou to my long-serving staff members, Jacqui Merchant and Aimee Pedler, who joined me prior to the 2010 election. Jacqui is a Port Lincoln local girl who came across

to town on leaving school, as many do, and worked within government and ministerial offices before deciding it was time to come home. She has great experience within the political sphere, which is of great value to me. I am eternally indebted for her coming onboard so early, accepting a position with me and staying with me as office manager.

Aimee Pedler, a local Cummins girl (I am a Cummins boy originally) had an outstanding reference from the member for Hammond for whom she was working just prior to her and her husband returning to Cummins. They felt it was time for both of them to come home. She is also a journalist of some note, being the 2006 Rural Journalist of the Year, so it is has been great to have those two. Myriam Hyde and Aimee are both young mums and they now share days in the office. We have allocated portfolios and they both do an outstanding job.

Di Smith holds the fort in Ceduna. I have a second office in Ceduna. It is 400 kilometres from Port Lincoln to Ceduna. I try to get there every three weeks or so, but in my absence Di Smith runs that office on Thursdays and Fridays. Just very quickly on Di, she and her husband farm 150 kilometres west of Ceduna at a place called Nundroo in the Coorabie district. She drives in Thursday morning, works Thursday, stays overnight, works Friday, does the shopping and goes home—150 kilometres to come to work. I still do not believe that a lot of people in this place fully understand the concept of distance that we deal with out there.

We have also had a number of trainees over that eight years. At the moment, we do not have a trainee and we will be looking to get one at the close of the 2018 school year. In the meantime, Nicole Matthews has been taking a break from her teaching studies and working under the global allowance to hold the fort. It sounds like a lot of staff, I guess, but they mix and match and work on various days of the week. My thanks to them for making me look good. Ultimately, they understand that that is what they need to do for any of us, to support us and make us look good. They do remind me that they do that sometimes.

Before getting to the Governor's speech, I might talk about the electorate I represent, the seat of Flinders. As I said, it is 400 kilometres between our offices. It is almost 1,000 kilometres from Cape Donington, south of Port Lincoln, to the Border Village, and the electorate of Flinders extends all that way. It covers most of the agricultural areas of Eyre Peninsula, and is home to the second largest fishing fleet in the Southern Hemisphere as well as significant aquaculture. It contains 22 schools: three non-government (two Lutheran schools, one in Ceduna and one in Port Lincoln, and a Catholic school in Port Lincoln) and 19 government schools, which are mostly area schools but not all.

There are some primary schools in Port Lincoln. The largest school in the electorate is the high school at Port Lincoln, and we are about to embark on a significant spend, a significant upgrade. I would like to think that my lobbying of the previous government had some part to play in that, but we were at the point where there were temporary classrooms in place there 40 years ago that students were still using without any air conditioning, so it is money well overdue and the school is very much looking forward to that spend.

So we have 22 schools and eight hospitals. We have had significant spends in both Ceduna and Port Lincoln regional hospitals. A lot of our smaller country hospitals are in desperate need of funding input, and I think that is one of the things this new government will be addressing as the session unfolds. We also have a prison at Port Lincoln. I understand it is a prison of release. It is a little industry of its own, really, that provides employment for people in Port Lincoln.

I did actually lose the District Council of Franklin Harbour, centred on Cowell, in the redistribution, which I was disappointed about. I had come to know and love the Cowell district and its people, and they were great supporters of mine. However, as happens in redistributions, things come and go. My feeling is that perhaps the population of Whyalla had dropped a little, and for that reason they needed to push people out of Flinders and up into Giles to make up the quota.

In effect, that had a knock-on result right across the state that resulted in a long overdue redistribution that gave the party that won 50 per cent plus one of the vote the opportunity to form government, which is exactly what happened. We saw that redistribution really begin in the seat of Flinders in the west and knock on across the state. You never know what might happen in the future; Franklin Harbour might return to the seat of Flinders.

Interestingly, the seat of Flinders is the only electorate in this state that has retained its original name from the 1857 legislature. That is something we can be quite proud of. Of course, it was named after Matthew Flinders, who charted the coastline of much of South Australia and very accurately charted the bays and islands of Eyre Peninsula.

There are eight local government districts: the City of Port Lincoln; the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, centred on Cummins, Coffin Bay and North Shields and the outskirts of Port Lincoln; and Tumby Bay, Cleve, Elliston, Wudinna, Streaky Bay and Ceduna all have their own councils. A lot of them are small country councils that are struggling with an issue that many councils have across the state: small populations and large areas to look after, particularly with roads that they need to service, which does not come cheaply.

No doubt there will be much discussion about that when the legislation for rate capping comes out, but it is a challenge for these geographically large councils with small populations. There is also what we call 'out-of areas'. Once we go west of Ceduna, out towards the Nullarbor, it is out of council districts and it is the responsibility of the state government under the Department of Transport. I will be talking to the member for Schubert, the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, about some issues relating to roads, not just in relation to out-of areas but on Eyre Peninsula as well.

We have a regional economy based on agriculture and seafood. Around one-third of the state's grain harvest each and every year is returned from Eyre Peninsula. That is no mean feat because it is not always easy farming on Eyre Peninsula, on the West Coast. There is a range of soil types across varying rainfall regimes. There is some well-watered country in the south but with poorer soils. Up through the middle, you get moderate rainfall with better soils, as well as a fair amount of sandy duplex soils, which is challenging for farmers. Then, from about Minnipa west, there are highly calcareous, sandy soils that do not give much back to those who are trying to make a living off them.

We have made extraordinary advances in our agricultural systems over the life of my farming career and even before that. What we have seen in South Australia is extraordinarily adaptive, responsive and creative farming systems develop to really farm on the edge of the desert. I mentioned Minnipa earlier, and of course the township of Minnipa is home to the Minnipa Agricultural Centre, which is over 100 years old now and has, for more than 100 years, provided valuable research to the farmers of South Australia. It has been cutting-edge research in many ways, particularly through the seventies and eighties, when we were very proudly exporting some of that technology to the Middle East.

Unfortunately, what we have seen over the last 16 years is less money being spent in R&D by consecutive Labor governments. Sadly, as a research centre, Minnipa has suffered as a result of that and is not reaching anywhere near its potential. One of my goals certainly is to reinvigorate the Minnipa research centre and have it gain its rightful place in R&D in South Australian agriculture. As I said, the farmers have seen significant increases in productivity, primarily due to their farming systems.

Eighty per cent of the state's seafood comes from the waters around Eyre Peninsula. Of course, Port Lincoln is most famous for its tuna. The majority of the southern bluefin tuna quota held in Australia is held in Port Lincoln. It is not always fished in Port Lincoln, but it is certainly held there. It is an interesting scenario, whereby it is not aquaculture and it is not wild catch fishing, but it is known as ranching. Come December, January and even into February a little bit, the tuna fishers head out from Port Lincoln to wherever the fish are swimming by at that time.

The tuna tend to aggregate in the Great Australian Bight. There is a unique situation there where the tuna aggregate to feed off the upwelling that occurs up over the continental shelf and into the Great Australian Bight. They are there over our summer and the tuna boats head out and capture them in a purse seine net. They transfer them into a carry bag and tow them—yes, tow them—back into the proximity of Port Lincoln, where they are fed on locally caught pilchards generally, not always, until they are fat enough to sell, which occurs through April, May and June. It is a combination of wild catch and aquaculture. It is a complex industry that has been pioneered by people and fishermen in Port Lincoln, so credit to them.

There are also significant wild catch fisheries based up and down the West Coast, around Eyre Peninsula. Abalone and crayfish are two that come to mind that have suffered considerably as

sectors under the marine parks sanctuary zones, as their most productive fishing grounds have been removed from access. It is a paradigm, because they have fished the same quota in a smaller area, so what has actually happened is that greater pressure has come on a smaller fishing ground. Anyway, they soldier on. Abalone and crayfish predominantly are exported.

Pilchards and sardines are caught to feed the tuna, and much of that quota is owned in Port Lincoln. It is the largest quotaed tonnage fishery in Australia—I think it is about 42,000 tonne now—much of which is fished out of Port Lincoln as well. Famous for our aquaculture are oysters, mussels and kingfish. Oysters, of course, are the most famous, having had their share of problems in recent times with the discovery of the Pacific oyster mortality syndrome in Tasmania. That meant that we could no longer source spat, the juvenile oysters, from Tasmania, which is from where it was all coming, which caused significant upheaval in the oyster industry.

It has meant that there are now four hatcheries on Eyre Peninsula that are looking to grow their own spat, which they have been able to do, but with varying success, and they have not yet been able to grow enough to provide the industry in full. I think the oyster industry is in for a bit of a bumpy ride still for the next couple of years.

SARDI also came on board and was looking to grow spat out of the West Beach facility, which they did. Part of the problem, I think, was that all the hatcheries and all the growers were looking to source spat. The hatcheries were looking to deliver spat as quickly as they possibly could, and a lot of it was being delivered to growers at what they call a two-millimetre grade size. What would happen under normal circumstances was that that spat would be four millimetres before it went to the growers. Sadly, the growers faced high mortality rates in many instances, so they have really been hit a double whammy. Firstly, they were not able to source spat from their usual suppliers in Tasmania, and then those local hatcheries were not quite able to deliver what was required.

I may not even get to the Governor's speech the way I am going, but there will be another opportunity next week, I am sure. It is a really exciting time for aquaculture because one of the policies we have come out with is to allow aquaculture leases to be more secure in their tenure and to be better able to use security, so all those people will be better able to expand their business and raise capital and do all those things that businesses need to grow and expand.

I will touch on tourism quickly. I have mentioned agriculture, I have mentioned seafood and I will mention tourism because it is an important third spoke in the wheel of our regional economy. The member for Mawson—where is Kangaroo Island now? Is it in Finnis or Mawson?

Members interjecting:

Mr TRELOAR: It's Mawson, yes. The member for Mawson came in for some significant funding in the lead-up to the election, and I have to say that the tourism operators on Eyre Peninsula have almost come to the end of their tether in relation to the amount of funding that goes to Kangaroo Island. That is wonderful for Kangaroo Island, but other parts of the state would like a piece of the pie as well. We offer so much on Eyre Peninsula. We believe we offer all Kangaroo Island does and more. It is one of just two places in the world where you can dive with the sharks, the other being South Africa. I know for a fact that many international—

Mr Duluk: You can't in Poland.

Mr TRELOAR: You can't in Poland. No, that's right, member for Waite. How would you know that? There are no sharks in the Baltic, maybe. I do not know. I have lost my train of thought now—sharks, South Africa, Port Lincoln—yes, I have noticed that very often there are international tourists on the flights that I travel home on to Port Lincoln. They are very often visiting Port Lincoln for only one or two days. It would be lovely to keep them for longer. I think that is part of the hook we have to offer. It is internationally renowned for the opportunity it provides.

I have not done it; I must say that I have no real ambition to go diving with the sharks. One of my sons and his girlfriend went out about a year ago and on that particular day did not sight any sharks, so they did not have the opportunity to go down in the cage. They had a second attempt a few weeks ago, and after about five hours they went in the water and were lucky enough to see two sharks up close. Given my son's girlfriend is doing marine biology at the moment, it was a real treat and highlight for her.

Those are the sorts of things, along with our magnificent beaches, bays, recreational fishing opportunities and all those things, that continue to offer an outstanding tourism destination. There is room to grow. I have heard it said that there are up to a million grey nomads on the road in Australia at any one time. That is a lot of people. I have seen most of them, I think, travelling up and down the West Coast. I think the key for us on Eyre Peninsula is to get some of those 400,000 people who go through Ceduna every year to turn off, head south and go to Streaky Bay, Elliston and Coffin Bay and do the lap of the National Highway—alternative route 1, as it is known.

If we were able to get some of them to turn the corner and take the trip down onto Eyre Peninsula, it would be well worth their while. It does not take long for the word to get around. All these people are on Facebook, they are all on UHF radios, often with their UHF radio number written on the back of their caravan so that you can call them up if you need or want to. I never have, but that opportunity is there. I think it is as simple as putting up appropriate signage. I talked to the previous minister for transport and infrastructure about improving the signage. It is relatively simple and easy to do. It is something that our RDA Eyre Peninsula and Whyalla is looking into at the moment. For a relatively little spend, I think we can have a big impact.

I guess the other big employers on Eyre Peninsula are the service providers in health and education, as is the case in every electorate. Those primary government services are the core business of the state government, namely health and education—eight hospitals, 22 schools—and also the businesses that support the various aquaculture, fishing and agriculture sectors.

I did not actually get to the Governor's speech—I will do that next week in my contribution on the Supply Bill—but I congratulate His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le on the wonderful speech he delivered. It set all of us a task, but it is a task we relish, and we look forward to serving and delivering to the people of South Australia for the next four years. I would also like to congratulate His Excellency and his wife on the wonderful manner in which they undertake their duties.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Cregan.

Sitting suspended from 12:56 to 14:00.

Ministerial Statement

FEDERAL BUDGET

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:00): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I am pleased to report to the house on some of the key decisions affecting South Australia in last night's federal budget.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In 2018-19, the commonwealth will provide South Australia with \$10.8 billion in general revenue assistance and payments for specific purposes. This includes general revenue assistance from the GST of \$6.9 billion next financial year, about \$270 million more than estimated in the state's 2017-18 Mid-Year Budget Review. The federal budget provides \$1.8 billion in funding for new major transport projects in South Australia.

There will be additional funding of \$1.4 billion for the north-south corridor, bringing the commonwealth's total commitment for this project to \$3 billion. There is also \$220 million for the Gawler rail line electrification and \$160 million for the Joy Baluch Bridge at Port Augusta. In total, the commonwealth has committed \$5.2 billion to land transport infrastructure projects in South Australia. The infrastructure commitments in this federal budget mean that South Australia has secured its population share of new national initiatives.

They are in addition to the commonwealth's investment of \$1.3 billion to build the new shipyard and submarine yard at Osborne and almost \$800 million on other defence infrastructure across South Australia. These outcomes are to be contrasted with the 2017-18 federal budget, when

the former South Australian government was unable to secure, in the words of the member for Lee, 'one new dollar' for South Australia in transport infrastructure.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In education, the commonwealth will provide needs-based funding to school students in South Australia of \$5.8 billion over four years.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In public hospital funding, South Australia is estimated—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —to receive \$7.1 billion over the five years to 2021-22. The budget also confirms the intended funding arrangements for the period of the next national health agreement to 2024-25, which will deliver growth in commonwealth revenue of up to \$1.5 billion for South Australian public hospitals over this period. In supporting the need for more apprenticeships and traineeships—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —the commonwealth is offering a new four-year agreement estimated to provide nationally \$1.2 billion. My government will continue to give the highest priority to negotiations with the commonwealth to secure support from the Skilling Australians Fund to reverse the serious decline—

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —in recent years in the number of people undertaking apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia. This is particularly important to ensure that South Australia can provide the skilled workers that will be required by the naval shipbuilding program to be undertaken here in South Australia. The Prime Minister has advised that the commonwealth will soon write to South Australia about this funding agreement.

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier will be seated for one moment, please.

An honourable member: Kick him out, sir.

The SPEAKER: I might do that, but not yet. The member for West Torrens, being the father of the house, knows the standing orders very well. He has been interjecting, and he will cease, please.

Mr Koutsantonis: Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER: Premier, please continue.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Thank you, Mr Speaker. In an overall sense, the 2018-19 federal budget will build a stronger economy through income tax relief, including for more than 700,000 South Australians, and backing business to invest and create jobs.

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: This is exactly what the South Australian government will also be doing through measures to be implemented in coming months, including reduction in ESL bills for households and for businesses, scrapping of payroll tax on small business and capping council rate increases.

The SPEAKER: I warn the member for West Torrens a first time. Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:04): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The Marshall Liberal government welcomes the federal government's \$1.8 billion investment in South Australian infrastructure announced in the federal budget. South Australia has secured \$1.8 billion of federal funding for South Australia, in addition to the \$2 billion of defence infrastructure spend, and in addition to the \$2.3 billion worth of works already underway on the north-south corridor.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: This is unequivocally good news for South Australia. The Marshall government has been working constructively with the federal government from day one to secure funding for important infrastructure projects in this state. By working constructively and collaboratively with the federal government, we have been able to secure this for South Australians. In seven short weeks, we have been able to secure federal funding for key projects, including:

- \$1.4 billion for further sections of the north-south corridor;
- \$220 million for the Gawler line electrification, which represents a 50 per cent contribution as part of the National Rail Program; and
- \$160 million for the Joy Baluch Bridge upgrade on the Augusta Highway. This represents a significant 80 per cent contribution.

This funding builds on the federal government's significant existing investment in South Australia, including the ongoing upgrade of the north-south corridor through the Northern Connector, the Darlington Interchange and the Torrens Road to River Torrens projects currently being delivered. In 2018-19, the federal government will provide \$545 million to South Australia, with a total of \$1.4 billion committed to 2021-22 for projects in this state.

This government's constructive relationship with the federal government has resulted in South Australia receiving \$1.8 billion of new infrastructure projects, which is our population share, to improve the lives of South Australians and create jobs. The state government will now work quickly to develop the necessary business cases and ensure a continuous pipeline of work flowing into our state.

We have committed \$2 million to accelerate business case development for the remaining sections of the north-south corridor, and we have also committed to developing the business case for Globe Link. Once this government has completed the business cases, we can have discussions with the federal government about reprofiling funding so that we can deliver these key infrastructure projects for South Australia when they are ready.

We will establish Infrastructure SA to ensure that we have a continuous pipeline of productive infrastructure projects to deliver for South Australians. Unlike those opposite, we are getting on with the job. We are doing the work, and we are progressing significant infrastructure projects for this state.

The SPEAKER: Before I call for questions, I call the leader to order and warn him a first time. I also call to order the member for Playford.

Question Time

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:07): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure. How much has the Minister for Infrastructure secured for the north-south corridor over the next four years as a result of his special relationship with Canberra?

The SPEAKER: I call the minister. Despite the accusation of a 'special relationship' being commentary, I call the minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:07): There are just some people who cannot handle good news—who cannot handle good news.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Do you know how much extra money was committed for the north-south corridor before Tuesday night's budget? Zero.

An honourable member: Zero!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Zero is how much those opposite, when they were in government, could deliver on the next stage of the north-south corridor.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Zero. As a result of last night's federal budget, we have \$1.8 billion in new money—\$1.8 billion in new money.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Those opposite, before they start to bleat any further, I would remind them that one of the reasons, in fact the main reason, that we need to take time to deliver the next sections of the north-south corridor (except for the Pym Street to Regency), is because the business cases haven't been done. How are we supposed to tell the federal government what we want to build—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —unless we know what it is that we are going to build?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: It is like a recalcitrant year 9 student who just refuses to do their homework and then somehow whinges to the teacher because they got a poor mark. I'm sorry, that is not the way that projects are built in South Australia. Last night is unequivocally good news for South Australia—\$1.8 billion of new money on the table, with all projects, except for the next stages of north-south (excluding Pym Street to Regency), in the forward estimates. The federal government are on the hook for these projects. They are committed to delivering this money, and now it is our job—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left, order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —to clean up the legacy mess that we have been left after 16 years of pet projects and actually get on and do our homework, that we can maybe aspire to more than a nine out of 20 or a 10 out of 20, that we can in South Australia actually have a grown-up government that is willing to do the work necessary.

We knew that this was an issue before the state election, which is why we took a policy of putting a couple of million dollars on the table to develop these next sections of the north-south corridor. We wanted South Australians to know that we were serious about delivering these projects and actually doing the work.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The other thing I would like to point out is that those opposite would like to have us believe that somehow this is all just the federal government beating up on poor old South Australia. If the former Labor government was genuine about delivering the next stage of the north-south corridor, besides Pym to Regency, where was their money in the last state budget? It's a four-year budget—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —from 2018 right out to 2021.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: How much money for the next stages of the north-south did those opposite when they were in government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Zero. So do not stand here and lecture a new state government—

The SPEAKER: I will not stand anywhere.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —which in seven short weeks—

The SPEAKER: Minister, please direct your remarks through the Chair. Continue.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Seven short weeks, Mr Speaker, that this government has had to secure \$1.8 billion. Of course, there is more work to be done to reprofile this money in line with the projects and the order of priorities as they exist. We do have, with Gawler electrification and Pym Street to Regency Road, two projects that very easily can be brought forward in terms of when they are going to be delivered. But, when it comes to the Joy Baluch Bridge, which the member for Stuart has been on at me about for quite some time now, what stage is that business case development at?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: What stage is it at?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order! Leader, order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Stage 1. And for those who don't know, do you know what stage 1 is? Identifying the problem. That's as far as members opposite got.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The new state government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —has been able to secure \$160 million—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —off the back of the former government's stage 1. I think that's a pretty good effort. I think that's a pretty good effort. I look forward—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —to being part of a Marshall Liberal government that will deliver these projects, that will work constructively with the federal government to get the job done and clean up the mess that we have been left with after 16 years of waste.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order! Before I call the leader, when there are interjections I have to deal with those interjections. So, consequently, I will take the time to call the member for Light to order. The member for Lee is warned, and the member for Morialta will not taunt the opposition by asking them if they are enjoying it. The leader.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:11): Supplementary: how much of the \$1.8 billion will be delivered before the next state election?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:11): The answer is that we are working with the federal government to find out that solution.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Now, here we go.

The SPEAKER Order! You have asked the question. Order.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: We will let those opposite lap them up—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —because I would like to remind them of a bit of recent history—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —a little bit of recent history that maybe they don't want the rest of South Australia or the media gallery here listening to understand. In 2018-19, there was \$350 million in that year, that when the Northern Connector project was first slated to be delivered there was \$350 million worth of money profiled for the 2018-19 year. Now, \$150 million—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —\$150 million—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —of that money was brought forward to the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years, so exactly as happens on a normal basis, where projects get reprofiled according to the priorities of the state government, we are going to be doing over the course of the next number of months. This is what normally happens, and I would have thought—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order! The leader is warned.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —that those who were in government for 16 years would have known that this is the way that it operates, but obviously not.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is warned.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Obviously there was a blanket amnesia on 16 March, where all of a sudden these guys just forgot exactly what happened for the past 16 years. It's like an episode of *General Practice*, where everybody just forgets what happens and has long-term amnesia. I'm hoping one day that maybe we on this side of the house can help those opposite to recover from their amnesia and actually remember what happens in normal government practice.

The difference between Monday and today is \$1.8 billion worth of new money. Yes, we do admit and agree that this money needs to be reprofiled. But, when I went across to see minister Fletcher for the first time, we sat down and had a discussion. He said, 'Well Stephan, what are the priorities?' Can I tell you, it was pretty difficult to deliver some priorities because the cupboard was bare in terms of being able to put something that had a business case around it on the table. Interestingly, everything that was put on the table that day was funded: Pym Street to Regency, Gawler electrification and the Joy Baluch Bridge, as well as a commitment towards the next section of north-south. This is what we asked for and this is what we got. I consider 100 per cent success rate to be pretty good. Maybe 100 per cent isn't good enough for those opposite.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I am working towards 110 per cent, but unfortunately the laws of mathematics and physics don't allow. So we will be working with the federal government over the ensuing months. In fact, we are already having discussions this afternoon to help—the discussion is around reprofiling this money.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: But it's on the table. It is there in black and white in the budget, and the federal government is committed to delivering these projects. Really, my job would have been made a whole lot easier if the former government had done their homework so that I could actually have helped put a stronger case about bringing these projects forward. The interesting thing is—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —when I say, for instance, in regard to the Joy Baluch Bridge, 'We want to get it done next year,' they say, 'You still have stages 2, 3 and 4 of a business case to go.' So of course I can't go to them and say, 'This project is shovel ready,' but we will go to them on the projects that are more shovel ready and do the work, as we need to do, on the remaining projects.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the leader, I call the members for Badcoe and Port Adelaide to order. Leader.

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:15): Does the minister stand by his commitment to deliver the Regency to Pym project by 2020?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:15): Yes, when we made the announcement last week—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —we stated that we would immediately go out to consultation with those affected business owners. That has already started. That work started last week and, for the

affected business owners and householders who will be caught up in what is going to have to be a compulsory acquisition process, that work has already begun. Those early-stage works have already begun. The department is working on refining a design process in relation to a number of elements of the Pym Street to Regency project to make sure that we do have a final design that we can put in place to start construction late next year.

There is still an approach that the department takes where we broaden the scope of who is and isn't involved in this project, and all of those affected landholders are being spoken to at the moment. As we refine the project, we will be able to have those ongoing conversations with the affected landholders to start that work. But, as was committed to last week, the process is that we start this early-stage consultation, we start the early-stage design refinements, we have a tender process that we need to go through, and that will continue to move forward. We will be talking with the federal government about how we reprofile the money for what is a more shovel-ready project when it comes to Pym Street to Regency Road—of course.

We expect to deliver this project on time, but this is the easy project to do it on. The other projects are a lot more difficult because—

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —once again, we need to do our homework, and we fully accept that. As the new state Liberal government, we are just being mature and businesslike about the way to go about it. We haven't cracked a tantrum or stamped our feet. We haven't ignored the good news, the \$1.8 billion worth of good news, that has landed at our feet. We are going to get on and do what mature state governments do, and that is work constructively with other governments around the country to deliver projects for people in South Australia because, at the end of the day, this may be smart politics today, but the people out there don't care. They just want to see these projects delivered, and they want to see them delivered as soon as possible. That is what this state government is going to get on and do.

SHOP TRADING HOURS

Mr MURRAY (Davenport) (14:17): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on how a combination of the South Australian government's policy to deregulate shop trading hours and income tax relief announced in the federal budget will benefit the South Australian economy?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:18): I thank the member for his question and I welcome him to this chamber. On this side of the chamber, we are interested in growing our economy. We are interested in creating jobs. We want to keep our next generation here in South Australia. There are two things that can converge to create more jobs in South Australia. Number one is the deregulation of shop trading hours in South Australia. Those opposite would have you believe that this is some sort of conspiracy with the big end of town. That is their only argument: that somehow there is some collusion with the big end of town to deregulate shop trading hours.

I will tell you the people who really want deregulated shop trading hours. There are two separate groups, which we value on this side of the chamber. Number one are the people who are employees, wanting a job and wanting more hours; people who want to earn more money and take control of their lives. People who work in the retail sector want more hours. The second group of people in South Australia, completely ignored by those opposite, are consumers. In this modern day and age, you can get on your phone and you can order clothing and you can order a holiday overseas. You can do anything you like 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Yet those opposite want to restrict the amount of hours that people who have invested in bricks and mortar businesses can trade in South Australia, restricting their ability to compete in this new, modern environment. This is actually shameful. It's holding South Australia back.

Let me tell you, when both Victoria and Tasmania deregulated shop trading hours, what happened? They created more jobs in those two jurisdictions. The Productivity Commission—those opposite would like to argue with the Productivity Commission because they are so much smarter than anybody else in the room. The reality is the Australian Productivity Commission said that if there

was deregulation of shop trading hours in Queensland this would create \$200 million worth of additional economic activity in Queensland, and they referenced South Australia and they said that we were up for a similar amount here in our jurisdiction.

We on this side of the parliament would like to see our economy grow. We would like to see more jobs in South Australia, and we would like to see our young people in this state stay here in South Australia, and we want those opposite to start listening. The Leader of the Opposition has been making this sort of virtue of the fact that he is going to go and visit all 47 electorates. What was he doing before? Not going beyond Gepps Cross and not going beyond the tollgate. We listen to every person in this state and, beyond doubt, the people of South Australia—employees and consumers—want further deregulation of shop trading hours in this state because they want to spend more money that will create more jobs.

That's why I was delighted with last night's federal budget when it was brought down, because one of the centre points of this budget was tax relief—tax relief for mums and dads in South Australia, families in South Australia and for businesses in South Australia. Seven hundred thousand South Australians will benefit from further tax relief from last night's budget. I am particularly pleased that low and middle income earners will be paying less tax in South Australia from later this year. In fact, I am led to believe that there is something like up to \$530 per annum for those on low and middle incomes. If that money is in their pocket, they will be spending it in our economy. If they are spending it in our economy, it will be creating jobs, and that's precisely what we desperately need in South Australia.

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:21): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure. What is the breakdown of funding over each year of the four years of the forward estimates from last night's federal budget for the River Torrens to Darlington section of the north-south corridor?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Before I call the minister, members will remain in silence. Minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:22): The River Torrens to Darlington section.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: You have the call, minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The reason that I am a little bit startled with it being characterised in that way is that we are talking about the remaining 11 kilometre—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —section from the River Torrens section right through to the Anzac tram overpass and then right through to Tonsley or to Darlington where Darlington finishes. It's interesting that the leader has profiled it in that way because that's not the way that the current design was designed to work. In fact, the work that I had presented to me on coming into government is that this project was broken down into—

Mr Bignell interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —what we call bundle 1, bundle 2 and bundle 3, with the Anzac tram overpass being the section that should be broken up into two sections. There still is a discussion that needs to happen within the department about how we deliver this project. There are a number of grade separations at major intersections that need to happen. Do these happen as separate projects? Do these happen together? Certainly, there is a broad consensus that bundle 2, which is the section north of the Anzac tram overpass, should be the next section.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morialta.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: And the reason that that should be the next section—

The Hon. D.G. Pisoni interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Unley.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —is that it's the most important part of the network for freight to be able to get to Adelaide Airport.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Deputy Premier.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: That makes sense but, as the Premier pointed out in the press conference on Monday, there are those who would like to see their section of the corridor done first, and we can understand that. Everyone wants what is best for their local area to be done first. But, what I find most interesting about that is that there hasn't been any work done to be able to understand in what sort of time frame we need to progress this. I am being asked to answer a question that those opposite very well know I can't answer because they didn't do their work. This is—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

Mr Malinauskas: Point of order.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Basically—

The SPEAKER: Point of order. The minister will be seated. Point of order, member for West Torrens.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: On relevance, sir: the minister was asked how much money was allocated in the forward estimates of the commonwealth budget over the next four years.

The SPEAKER: Yes, member for West Torrens, I have written down the question. It was a very specific one, so I ask the minister to please bring it back to the substance of the question, and he will be heard in silence. Minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: In providing context to this question—we are talking about the exact relevant project—there is more work to be done to be able to answer when this project can be delivered. I think that we have been open and up front about that since day one. In fact, we were open and up front about this since before the election, which is why we said we needed—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —to put money on the table to develop a business case.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: But, what I would say is that there is as much federal funding in the next four years for the next stage of the north-south corridor as the state Labor government put in the budget last year—the same amount. Of course, this bundle 2, is what I think we are referring to, unless the opposition leader is now suggesting that somehow we can do the entire north-south corridor remaining sections in one go.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: I anticipate the point of order. Minister, please wrap it up.

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I did answer the question.

The SPEAKER: Has the minister finished?

An honourable member: What's the number?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: As much as the state Labor government put in the budget last year.

The SPEAKER: The minister will be seated.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I think that's a pretty clear answer. It's your budget. You should have figured it out. But what I would say is that there is still a lot more work to be done because there are some design considerations and design options that we can undertake. We need to do that work, and we need to do that work before we go back out to the public because, at the moment, it is slated for hundreds and hundreds of properties to be acquired along this corridor. That is going to be a difficult situation and an uncertain situation for those along that corridor. Before we can settle on what the profile of this project is going to look like, we need to make decisions on the design so that when we go out we can provide a greater degree of certainty to those people whose homes we are going to have to acquire as part of this project.

I think that, as a responsible government, we should make sure that we do our work so that, when we go out there, we don't unduly distress home owners, that we do not unduly distress businesses whose livelihoods are at risk here. So, when we have done our work, when we have talked to the federal government about how we want to profile this, we will go out and make those things public.

The SPEAKER: Leader.

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:26): I have a supplementary question. Can the minister assure this house that he will honour his commitment to deliver the completion of the north-south corridor by 2023?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:26): This is fantastic. He is asking us to commit to something that needed to happen two or three budgets ago.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order! Members will cease interjecting.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Now, the federal government, in 2013—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order! Members will cease interjecting.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —the then prime minister of Australia—a job that I don't hold and will never hold and will never seek to hold—Tony Abbott, the prime minister in 2013, said that he would deliver the north-south corridor in 2023. Given that a lot of these larger stages—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —do take three or four years to build, then we would have had to start that work sometime before March 2017.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: In fact, maybe we could have started this work two, three or four years ago.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: It reminds me a little bit like this—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —it is like you've got an office building—

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is on two warnings.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —that is being constructed and you are working to a tough time line, so you have a day shift and you have a night shift.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Day shift knocks off at 5 o'clock and the night shift comes in and day shift says, 'Look, guys'—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left will cease interjecting or they will be sent out.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —'we didn't feel like doing our work today, so we did nothing, so can you guys just get on and can you do twice as much work because we were too busy having smoko to actually get anything done. So, please, we couldn't get it done, but I tell you what, if you guys haven't got it done by tomorrow morning you are in big trouble.'—patently ridiculous!

We will work to clean up the mess. I am having to do it at the moment on bollards at Adelaide Oval. We are having to do it on the city tram extension project. Now we are having to do it on the north-south corridor, and South Australians will realise that over time, one by one, we will fix up the mess, but it does not take seven weeks to clean up 16 years of mess.

I am sorry, I do apologise to the people of South Australia. It is going to take a little bit longer, but it's good because we have a four-year electoral cycle in South Australia and, by the end of this four-year term, South Australians will be able to compare and contrast, 'Have these people done what they said they were going to do'—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —'versus the other guys who said a whole heap of stuff and never did anything?' And the answer will be yes. We will work diligently with the federal government in a cooperative manner, because I believe that last year the, 'Let's pick a fight with everybody to make ourselves look tough'—small man syndrome—'let's puff out our chest and pick a fight with anybody because, you know, we need to throw our weight around', delivered zero!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: A constructive working relationship delivered \$1.8 billion at a 100 per cent success rate. I think that is a pretty good success rate. Those opposite don't like a bit of good news—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —but South Australians will appreciate that the federal government is committed to putting money on the table. The state government will deliver these projects and South Australia will be all the better for it.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Flinders, I call the member for Mawson to order and warn him a first time. The member for Morialta is warned. The member for Unley is called to order. I warn for the second and final time the members for West Torrens and the leader. Member for Flinders.

SHANGHAI TRADE OFFICE

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:30): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on the government's plans to open a trade office in Shanghai and how this will complement the federal government's pro-trade agenda, as outlined in last night's federal budget?

The SPEAKER: The Premier, who will be heard in silence. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:30): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I particularly like the way that you have brought a sense of decorum to the house. I think that, whilst some members have been a little bit noisy so far today, they will be very interested in my answer to this question because—

The SPEAKER: As am I.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —this is one of these areas, sir, which is of great interest not only to this chamber but to the people of South Australia because it goes without saying, sir, that South Australia, under the previous Labor government, didn't do as well as it could in terms of exports from South Australia interstate and overseas and the ability to bring money in to grow our economy, to create jobs and to keep our young people here in South Australia.

In fact, when those opposite came to power back in 2002, South Australia represented 7½ per cent of the nation's exports—7½ per cent. By the time they left, it was less than 4 per cent. Despite the fact that we still had 7.1 per cent of the nation's population, we had less than 4 per cent of the exports. That needs to be addressed and it needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Recently, I met with ambassador Jingye Cheng, the ambassador for the People's Republic of China, here in Australia and it was a great opportunity to meet with His Excellency and speak to him about our ambition in the new government to grow the size of our exports to China. I must say, it was an important meeting for us to hit the reset button in terms of our relationship with China. In recent years, our export of what is referred to as 'merchandise exports' to China has actually gone backwards. It is almost impossible to believe. Everywhere else in the world is actually massively increasing exports to China, except in one place: South Australia.

We are not accepting this reality lumped upon the people of South Australia by the former government. We are going to do everything we can to grow the size of our exports out of this state. There is a great lot of opportunity for South Australia in this particular area, whether it be commodity exports, agricultural, mining, our wonderful wine, tourism or, of course, the very, very lucrative international student market. We will be taking every single opportunity to advance the case for exports out of South Australia and money coming in from other jurisdictions, but, in particular, with a focus on China.

To that extent, we announced in the lead-up to the election that we would be opening a South Australian office in Shanghai. Now, this is a very important market. In fact, South Australia was the only mainland state of Australia that didn't have a specific dedicated state government office in Shanghai—a very important market in China. We are going to be correcting that error. We are going to be doing it as soon as possible and, to that extent, I will let the house know today that I will be travelling to Shanghai in the coming weeks to meet with people in Shanghai to do the preliminary work that is necessary.

The former government did actually sign a sponsorship agreement to ensure that the Shanghai stadium is going to be known as Adelaide Arena—I think it's going to be called—for a very important game of football. The Port Adelaide Football Club will be playing the Gold Coast Suns.

Now, despite the very obvious problem with the AFL choosing the Gold Coast Suns and, in particular, the colour of their guernseys, which must be annoying to the Port Adelaide Football Club playing a game in China, this, of course, is an important opportunity to advance our prospects in this important market. I will be taking this opportunity. We are promoting South Australia. I look forward to growing the amount of exports that we have to China and working with the new Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Hon. David Ridgway, to make sure that that becomes a reality, that we grow jobs and create more jobs here in South Australia.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:34): My question is to the minister for infrastructure. Is the minister aware that in the federal budget last night over the forward estimates only \$52 million was committed to Regency to Pym?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:34): It is interesting. A couple of questions ago they did not understand how the money worked, and now magically they think that they have figured out how the money works. What I would say, though, in all seriousness is this—that every single one of the projects, besides what we will call bundle 2 and bundle 3, has money inside the forward estimates.

That means that there is money for these projects to start. There is money there for early-stage works to commence, for designs to be finalised and completed and for works to begin, which is the federal government's way of saying, 'We are committed to delivering this money. It is real. It is in the forward estimates.' Now, what it's also saying is: 'We need to sit down and work out exactly what your priorities are, which project you want delivered first, which one comes next and which one comes after that.'

The reason I say it in that format is that we call that a continuous pipeline of infrastructure projects. The defence industry has shown the way that boom bust really doesn't work, because you build a whole heap of skill and you create a whole heap of excess and impetus that delivers a project or projects in a short period of time and that it all falls away and those skills go to waste. Those skills go to waste, which unfortunately is the situation that I found myself in as a new minister coming in. There is a fantastic amount of work going on at the moment. There are three stages of the north-south corridor, which are currently being completed—\$2.3 billion worth of works. The difficulty is that those projects are going to start completing very soon—Torrens to Torrens first, then Northern Connector and Darlington after that—but if we were to have started a pipeline of work—

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Deputy Premier!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —that would have been more continuous, then that work would have had to have started a couple years ago. That does mean that we are going to have to pick up the ball, and we are going to have to accelerate, and we are going to have to work overtime—night shift overtime—to actually develop this consistent pipeline.

Now, there is money in the forward estimates for each one of these projects. We are going to sit down with the federal government, in line with our own priorities, about understanding which projects should and can be delivered first and in what sequential order they need to be delivered, and we will get on and do that work over the coming months. Then what will happen is that we will start to see those shovel-ready projects get underway and the ones that require more work continue to happen a little bit further down the track.

That is the normal course of things, and what I am struggling to understand is how we are now, after seven weeks, being held to a standard that those opposite refused to hold themselves to for sixteen years. I do not understand that all of a sudden we are playing a game of limbo and the bar has just been dropped. Well, hang on, that's not the way it works. There is a consistent process. There is a mature adult process that needs to be undertaken, and we will undertake it. We are unapologetic about that, because we know that that is what responsible, mature governments do.

All of these projects do have funding in the forward estimates. The funding is committed. The federal government is committed to partnering with the state government to deliver these projects. There is more work for us to do, and we will undertake that work to make sure that motorists, whether

it be those long-suffering commuters on the Gawler line or those long-suffering truck drivers who worry every time they go through Port Augusta—you know, that there has not been a heavy rain or that there is something wrong with the bridge—will get the infrastructure upgrades they need. But the state government needs to do its homework, and that's what this government is going to get on and do.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:38): My supplementary question is to the Minister for Infrastructure. Can the minister confirm that in last night's federal budget his special relationship delivered zero dollars in the allocated period for the north-south corridor future priorities?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:38): That is patently incorrect, based on the previous question. He said in the first question—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: He said in the first question, Mr Speaker—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —that there is money in the forward estimates for Pym to Regency—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —and then he said in the supplementary question that there is no money in the forward estimates for Pym to Regency. He needs to wake up and smell the coffee or at least read something.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will be seated. We have 28 minutes to go. The more interjections there are the fewer questions are likely to be asked and answered. Minister, continue.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: So the answer to the question: is there money over the forward estimates for the next stages of the north-south corridor? Yes.

CHILD PROTECTION

Ms LUETHEN (King) (14:39): My question is to the Attorney-General. Will the Attorney-General please outline how the protection of children online is being placed at the forefront of this Marshall government?

The SPEAKER: Before I call the Deputy Premier, I call her to order for the last interjection. Deputy Premier.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:40): I am indebted to you, Mr Speaker, for chastising me. I thank the member for King for this question because I am sure every member here would never have anticipated the significance of exposure to risk of children with the development of online communications this century. The situation has not only been that they have had access to it, but predatory people with obviously negative purpose have utilised this, and it has been a matter which has challenged governments around the world.

The Commonwealth of Australia, a number of years ago, established the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, and that organisation has undertaken its work largely to protect children in this space. It is important because obviously the online safety of children has been significant. In fact, last year alone, the eSafety Commissioner finalised 10,000 investigations and received 305 complaints about serious cyberbullying targeting Australian children.

It was welcomed last night when the federal budget announced an extra \$14.2 million over four years to further support this office and ensure that the protection that has been provided to children and advice through education programs and public information and the like has been effective. Of course, we now need to look at other vulnerable people in the community, including adults, particularly those who may be frail aged or have a disability, people who may be the victim of domestic violence, who are in a circumstance where they may be more vulnerable to the predatory and uninvited input by use of this medium, which sadly has been used as a tool in this offensive behaviour.

In fairness, I think in South Australia we have pulled our weight. I want to give credit to the former attorney-general because I think as soon as is reasonably practical after this issue was identified in respect of the filming and sexting of material, the former attorney-general introduced summary offences bill reform to crack down on revenge porn and to enable very significant sentences to apply. Of course, then in opposition, we supported that legislation. It was important in this attack against this type of conduct, and we welcomed it.

The federal parliament has also recently addressed legislation to deal with a similar aspect, that is the nonconsensual sharing of intimate pictures. Members may be aware that earlier this year legislation was announced and passed in their parliament which provided civil penalties of up to \$105,000 for an individual and \$525,000 for a corporation. These are all means by which we assist in the protection of children and other vulnerable persons from this type of conduct.

Nothing is more significant, sadly, than the death of Carly Ryan, an Adelaide teenager, in 2007 here in South Australia, and tomorrow I will introduce legislation to ensure that we have new offences to specifically protect against a person who lies about their age and attempts to meet with a child. It is one for which I will welcome the support of members when they have had an opportunity to view it, and I hope to have that support in the other place. I simply conclude by saying that this is a very concerning area and I hope that the parliament continues to support us in the fight against it.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for West Torrens, I welcome to parliament today former senator, and also former member for Kingston, Grant Chapman, who is in the gallery today. Thank you, sir.

Question Time

JOY BALUCH BRIDGE

Mr KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:44): My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure. How much money has been allocated over the next four years of the forward estimates for the duplication of the Joy Baluch Bridge, and when will construction begin?

The SPEAKER: Minister. A very specific question.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:45): This is fantastic.

The SPEAKER: Maybe so.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: There is no way to answer that question. There is no way to answer that question because this project—when I came into this role, sworn in six weeks ago, 6½ weeks ago—is still a stage 1 business case. Stage 1 of business case development is identification of the problem.

Mr Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is on two warnings.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: What is interesting is that the former government already had this in the budget last year based on a stage 1 and no commitment from the federal government, but they put it in the budget anyway because it makes it look good. That's fine. I've actually got the \$160 million commitment from the federal government's side of the aisle. It's fantastic. Great news.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: But, again, I'm being asked to answer a question—6½ weeks, seven weeks, after the new government was sworn in—that the other guys had 16 years but could not even get past stage 1. It's like saying, 'How fast do you think you're going to run—

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Point of order. Let's hear the point of order.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Relevance. I'm asking about the commonwealth government's contribution of the forward estimates, and I would ask the minister to respond to the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I do not need to hear an impromptu speech or interjections from the government. Standing order 98 has been raised. Minister, please better address the substance of the question.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: It's like the recent Commonwealth Games. There is a 4 x 100 relay race. The first runner is running around the bend, he's got the baton in his hand and then—

Mr MULLIGHAN: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Point of order, minister.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! There's a point of order. The member for Lee.

Mr MULLIGHAN: Point of order: you have just ruled that the minister was engaging in debate, and as soon as he starts resuming his answer he breaks the standing order again.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, I will again ask, for the last time: please direct your answer to the substance of the question. Thank you.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: And this is very much to the substance of the question, Mr Speaker, very much to the substance.

The SPEAKER: Please wrap it up, minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: But I'm trying to—

The SPEAKER: Wrap it up.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I'm being asked the same questions over and over again, so now I'm trying to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister will be heard in silence or members will be departing the chamber.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —use a metaphor to try to help those opposite explain the answer. It is like asking the first leg of a relay race how fast they are going to run the race. You've got to really wait until the baton is in the fourth guy's hand and he is running towards the finish line before you can get a decent estimate. The answer is—

The SPEAKER: Let's hear the answer.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —it will be done as soon as possible.

The SPEAKER: Wrap it up, minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: It will be done as soon as possible. We are going through the works. We have to go through stages 2, 3 and 4 of business case development. That does take some time.

In fact, I've got examples of former business cases that do take over a year to develop. But here is the point: it is infinitely more close to being done than it was two days ago because we actually have federal government money to deliver it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: We actually got federal government money to deliver it. They are on the hook and have committed to delivering this funding.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Those opposite just can't handle good news. Zero—\$160 million. The real answer is: infinitely quicker than it was two days ago.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:48): Supplementary: did the minister receive correspondence from the commonwealth government last night, after the commonwealth budget was delivered, detailing a breakdown of infrastructure spending in South Australia over the next four years?

The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Premier, called to order.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:48): Yes, I did.

The SPEAKER: Supplementary.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:48): Will the minister detail to the house the breakdown of that infrastructure spending over the next four years as informed to him by the commonwealth government?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:49): Well, it's interesting because those opposite have touted figures from this supposed letter, so it's obvious that they have a level of information. Yes, I did receive a letter from minister McCormack last night, and we will be working with the federal government over the next coming months in the lead-up to the state budget to work on reprofiling those figures. There is money for each of these projects in the forward estimates. There is money—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —for each of the projects over the forward estimates over these coming months.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for West Torrens is on two warnings, and if he utters another word he will leave the house.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Minister, please be seated.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The minister will be seated. The member for West Torrens has been on two warnings for a while and continues to interject. If he continues to interject, he will depart the chamber under standing order 137A(1), which was inserted into the standing orders from the sessional orders in the last parliament. Minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Over the coming months, we are going to do the work with the federal government to help reprofile this money, as I have said now for 42 minutes. We will be doing that in line with our priorities, where each of these projects are in their business case and design development, making sure that we also have a mind to developing a continuous pipeline of projects so that those workers and families who are relying on state governments doing their job to develop this pipeline of infrastructure investment can sleep easier in the knowledge that there is a consistent pipeline for them to move forward to.

I have visited the three major sections of the north-south corridor and had the good fortune to be able to have a chat to some of the workers who were working on the middle section of the Northern Connector. I come from a blue-collar background—I come from working in factories—and have an understanding of what it's like to do a hard day's work.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: But you walk up as a minister, and there are all the advisers and people around you—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is called to order and warned. The member for Kaurna is called to order. Minister.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —and I wanted to take the opportunity just to have a quiet chat with some guys who do some pretty hard work. In fact, I tried to make a joke because it had been raining that morning and it meant that they couldn't work on the site because it gets pretty muddy pretty quickly. I made the joke, saying, 'Well, this is good, we can all knock off and go home for the day.' In fact, their reaction was the opposite. Their reaction was, 'No, we are accountable for delivering this project on time and on budget, and we want to get back out there and do the work that we are being paid to do.'

What they were very keen and interested in hearing was what was next because this works for them now. They have got work through this year, and they have got work through next year. Depending on which project and what profile, they have got work into 2020, but they want to know what's coming next because they have got mortgages. They are sending their kids to school. Some of them are sending their kids to private school. They want to know what is coming next. The difficulty was at the time that I spoke to them—and we are talking about the next stages of north-south, large civil construction work—there was a huge degree of uncertainty because there was nothing on the table—nothing on the table. So they think they are okay for the next 24 months, but, 'What does my family do after that?'

Those families will be sleeping a lot easier last night and tonight, and every night going into the future after last night's federal budget, because there's \$1.8 billion on the table and they are placing their trust, rightfully so, in a new state government to deliver for them. It's my job, and it's our job as a new state government, to deliver this certainty for those workers—

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: relevance, sir. The question was about correspondence—

The SPEAKER: Yes, I think the minister has finished, hasn't he? Yes. The member for Morphett.

NATIONAL ENERGY MARKET REFORM

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (14:52): My question is for the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the minister update the house on the importance of national energy market reform for South Australia and what progress has been made?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:53): I thank the member for Morphett, the newly elected member for Morphett, who has a very deep and genuine interest in this issue, as do all members in this house, I hope. This is a very

important question because it is one of the most significant things that has been missing from the previous Labor government's effort—poor effort, I have to say—on energy.

This was clearly a platform that we brought to the election that we as a new South Australian state Liberal government would participate in fixing and contributing to national energy reform so that we can get electricity prices down and deliver an orderly transition to clean energy. Our commitment is clear: to make the transition in a way that doesn't punish South Australians with higher prices and blackouts and particularly doesn't punish the most vulnerable South Australians with higher prices and blackouts.

We put forward a positive solution: interconnection, a huge investment in home and grid-scale storage, and modernising our system. Work is underway, and we will deliver on our commitments. One key commitment was to restore our leadership role at the COAG Energy Council in fixing the National Electricity Market. Investors have been held back over the last 10 years because there has been too much politics about energy and climate change, particularly coming from the former South Australian Labor government.

At COAG in April, we moved closer than we have been for a long time to providing the certainty that investors need. Unlike the previous government, we decided to support further work on the National Energy Guarantee, not because we are ready to sign off on it but because it is better to know the information that's available. There is no harm in finding out more information and then assessing it.

Before the election, the previous government tried to stop the National Energy Guarantee from being progressed. They stood in the way before they actually had the information to make an assessment about it. They stood in the way for purely political reasons. It's clear now that that was premature and outright politics. Our actions at COAG were supported by the broader energy sector. Our action at COAG was supported by the other states, both Liberal and Labor.

The previous government raised concerns about the renewable sector, but the Clean Energy Council supported our position. They supported further work on the NEG at COAG Energy Council in April. The previous government was concerned about competition. Even the smallest retailers supported our position to get more work done on the NEG. More work is definitely needed and we will make a final decision based on what is best for South Australia once we have that information.

We cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good. This work must be done. We need a sensible national plan to reduce emissions and reduce prices, and I was glad to work with my colleagues of all political persuasions towards this end. Together, we tasked the Energy Security Board to strengthen the work underway on transmission planning. This is important because it supports our election commitment to deliver an interconnector.

We are advancing South Australia's interest by working together with other states and the federal government—exactly the opposite way that the former Labor government worked. The member for West Torrens would know very well that reform can be frustrating, but you must be willing to work in the reform process to have any chance of it being successful.

As the legislating parliament, South Australia has a special role to play at COAG. We will show leadership. We will participate in delivering reform.

The SPEAKER: The member's time has expired.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:57): My question is to the Minister for Police. Given that the minister has had a full 24 hours to reflect on his thoughts, can he name the senior staff member that he sent to attend the forum?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Police will be heard in silence. We have 10 minutes to go.

The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier is called to order. Minister.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: This is your question time. Opposition members on my left, order!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Opposition members, this is your question time. I am trying to hear the minister's answer. Minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:57): Thank you, sir, and I thank the leader for his question and I am surprised he hasn't started attacking staff members earlier than this today. He has waited to the last 10 minutes. It was the number one question. The first question he brought to this parliament as the Leader of the Opposition was to attack a staff member, and it is an absolute shame.

Members interjecting:

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: I would ask the member to withdraw and reflect on his potential misleading of the house.

The SPEAKER: Yes, minister—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Point of order. The member has taken objection.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I ask the minister to withdraw his comments and continue to answer the question. Please withdraw the comment.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Which comment am I withdrawing, sir?

The SPEAKER: The comment alleging that the Leader of the Opposition was attacking a staff member.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order, sir: it is the standard of the house that if a member has been offended, then that member must be the one to draw attention to it. So, if the Leader of the Opposition has been offended, it should in fact be the leader who makes that point of order.

The SPEAKER: Is the leader offended?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Yes, that's true. Yes, the leader has asked. Please stand up.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Leader, you have to stand and ask for the withdrawal.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Order on my right! Leader.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: I think it would be a good idea if the member withdrew statements that weren't true.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: No, leader, you have to withdraw the specific statement. Is the leader asking the minister to withdraw the comment?

Mr MALINAUSKAS: Yes.

The SPEAKER: Minister, please withdraw that comment.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I withdraw the comment.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Please continue.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I do refer, though, to the point that this question was asked of me yesterday. It was the very first question that the Leader of the Opposition asked in this serious question time.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Again, that will sit with him in his career for a very long time, and I do appreciate that. Because as a part of a team in this place—

The SPEAKER: Point of order. Minister, point of order. The member for West Torrens.

Mr KOUTSANTONIS: Personal reflections on members, sir, are out of order, and I ask the minister to withdraw and apologise.

The SPEAKER: I didn't hear it. Minister, please keep it to the substance of the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The minister will be heard in silence or I will ask members to depart under 137A(1). Minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, sir. In this place, working as a team, as I do and as the leader of my team, I take full responsibility for the work that my team does. As a minister—sorry, you might have forgotten what it was like being a minister, you have been over there a long time—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Have a shave.

Members interjecting:

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

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: To have the Leader of the Opposition ask that question I think is quite insulting, knowing that I take responsibility for my actions and what my staff do. I had a very, very good staff member on hand doing that job, and the name of that staff member is not relevant to the Leader of the Opposition or this parliament. I take responsibility for their actions. In this role—and again, you may have forgotten, and it's good to have you down on the green carpet from being up on the red—as a minister, there are a lot of things we have to attend and a lot of things we have to get to. If I can't go, I will send a representative of my staff—a very capable representative.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The fact that you ask that question—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —says a lot about what you are and who you are—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The minister will be heard in silence.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —as the leader of that party.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: So, in answering the question, no, I will not tell you who my staff member was. It is my staff member, part of my team. I take responsibility for their actions. They did an exceptionally good job—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member has answered the question.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —and I find it offensive that you will attack them.

MODBURY HOSPITAL

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:01): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier provide details of his recent visit to Modbury Hospital, particularly the vacant high-care unit, and advise about progress on the restoration of services at Modbury Hospital and repairs to building infrastructure?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:02): I thank the member for Florey for her question. I acknowledge her outstanding contribution to the people of the north-east and I acknowledge her ongoing interest in the Modbury Hospital. I did visit the Modbury Hospital on the morning of 24 April, and I was accompanied by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Hon. Stephen Wade. I was also accompanied by three local members—people who care about their community and people who know that the people in the local area would like to see a Modbury Hospital that reflects the needs of the local community.

Those three people who accompanied me on that visit were the member for Florey, the member for King and the member for Newland. It is interesting that the north-east was historically a stronghold of the Australian Labor Party and now there is not a single member in that area, because the people on those seats opposite—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It is interesting then. It will be interesting to see what the member for Wright actually thinks about his party's position to deny the people of the north-east the services that they require. I am surprised that those opposite would want to draw attention to the fact that they have one in their midst who is not standing up for his community. When the member for Florey—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —was confronted by those on her side who didn't believe in the cause of the people that she represented, what did she do? She didn't stand for it. She fought for the rights of the people within her party, and when they didn't stand up for it, when they actually challenged her in that seat for the preselection, she walked, and so she should.

I enjoyed my visit to the Modbury Hospital. It is an excellent hospital and it has some excellent services in that hospital. I particularly enjoyed visiting the palliative care unit within that hospital. As you would be aware, sir, the government has a commitment for a \$15 million upgrade to the palliative care services at the Modbury Hospital.

I also had an opportunity to visit the hospital's inpatient mental health facility, which is known as Woodleigh House. Most interestingly, I had the opportunity to visit the site of the hospital's former high dependency unit, which was closed by the former government in March 2016. Those opposite, apart from those people that are sitting there on the crossbenches—not you, member for Enfield, but the rest of the crossbench—know that one of the most important services that we need to provide as a government are the health services that are required by local constituents. It was a great pleasure to visit that hospital. After I left that visit, I know that those three members, with the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, had an opportunity to sit down with clinicians to talk through some of the issues associated with bringing the HDU back into place at the Modbury Hospital.

We believe that the HDU, which was in place until March 2016, needs to be put back in place, and we need to do that in a safe manner. We believe that re-establishing the HDU at Modbury will reduce the risks to patients with more than one condition, making more procedures possible at

the Modbury Hospital, providing a base for a medical emergency team within the hospital, easing the pressure on the Modbury Hospital's emergency department, reducing the need for ambulance transfers from the Modbury Hospital to other hospitals (in particular the Lyell McEwin Hospital), enabling patients requiring breathing support to be stabilised and easing the pressure on the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

The SPEAKER: The member's time has expired. The member for Enfield.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

Mr RAU (Enfield) (15:06): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER Order!

Mr RAU: My question is to the Minister for Police. Given the State Records Act provisions, did your staff member keep their notes from the southern suburbs forum?

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The minister will be heard in silence for the last 30 seconds. Minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:06): I appreciate the question from the member. That is very kind of you, and not to ask her name is even better. I do appreciate the question. My staff member will have taken notes, and we have discussed those notes. Have I seen a handwritten copy of those notes? No, but I am happy to give those to the house, provide them to the house, as is needed or wanted.

I notice that the member for West Torrens has put out there and perhaps intimated that I didn't actually send someone along. I'm hoping that he's just being mischievous in making those accusations because, yes, whilst I refuse to name the person here in this chamber because it's not their wont and they are not an elected member—I am the elected member; I am representing my constituency; and I am the minister and I am taking responsibility for that—I don't need to release their name here in parliament. They are doing their work. I find it—again, I stress one more time—offensive that I would be asked to reveal that person's name, given that they have done a good job and done their job and are not even being questioned as to doing something wrong. Yes, I am happy to look at those notes and return them to the house as deemed fit.

I again commend this staff member for the great work they did and SAPOL for the great work they did with the PACE forum and the PACE community engagement forum that they held in the community and strongly recommend them to everyone. Again, I know previous police ministers sitting on the other side have been involved in these PACE forums. I'm not sure how many they have attended, and I am keen to get more detail on that. I don't think they attended any, actually, from the records that I have. It is great to have the community engaged and the community involved. Again, I commend my staff member for the great work she did.

I do note that, whilst those on the other side came into this place saying they were going to be a very positive opposition, the negativity of the questioning today has been quite outstanding, and yesterday as well. I think the people of South Australia will have a great time listening to what the opposition has to say over a very long four years and they will be looking for more positivity than the negativity they have seen today and yesterday.

Grievance Debate

TAYLOR ELECTORATE

Mr GEE (Taylor) (15:09): As this is my first grievance in the new parliament and as the new member for Taylor, I want to get on the record some of the things I believe are important for our community.

I want to see a South Australia that has a world-class health and education system, a place where our community feels safe and cared about with opportunities for all and to live in and enjoy a beautiful, well-balanced, natural environment. It is now for the new government to ensure that these

things are maintained and improved. This government needs to ensure that all students receive support, including kids with autism and special needs.

The government's education policy focuses heavily on dyslexia, but there are kids with many other learning and behavioural difficulties who also need assistance. The government must provide ongoing teacher development and support for parents to assist them with children suffering from ADHD, autism, dyslexia, mental illness and other social issues—for example, homelessness and domestic violence—that have a dramatic effect on their educational outcomes.

This government must continue to provide and expand assistance for children from non-English speaking backgrounds to ensure that they have every opportunity to integrate and succeed in our community. This support must be extended to their parents so that they too can engage in their children's education. It is important today that all students have access to be able to learn a second language. Support must be provided at all schools for students in the early years of their education to ensure the best outcomes. This state government needs to get off the mark straight up and fight against the education cuts in last night's federal budget.

We must also maintain a strong higher education sector with TAFE as the key training provider. We do not need a sector where the public institution is marginalised in favour of the private sector. Pioneering policies, like those announced in the recent Victorian state budget with 30 TAFE courses identified as the highest priority skills required will be free. This policy needs to be considered by this government.

When we look at health, I want the new government to ensure that, while it has promised to invest in the Modbury, QEH and Repat, it does not forget about the ever-growing needs of the Lyell McEwin and Gawler hospitals where the number of presentations are increasing every year. The Lyell McEwin emergency department regularly sees more patients than the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, including a high number of patients with mental health needs or patients who have been affected by ice and other drugs. I urge the state government to continue investing in both hospitals.

We need to see real action on community safety, including the expansion of the Community Policing Program, good services at the Elizabeth, Gawler, Salisbury and Two Wells police stations, and real action on drugs, including the implementation of the recommendations from the Ice Task Force.

If the government were serious about transport and infrastructure, it would not be concerned about the tram right turn on North Terrace, but it would be about ensuring that the full electrification of the Gawler line and the acceleration of the north-south corridor upgrade be achieved and meet its 2023 target.

Last night's federal budget shows that the so-called 'great relationship' between the new state government and the federal government is worth nothing. It is a sham. The federal government is not paying its fair share and is once again selling South Australian taxpayers short as the money pours into marginal interstate electorates—\$12 billion to Victoria as an example.

I want to see the previous progressive government's social reforms continue, including the removal of the 'gay panic' defence without the additional removal of the 20-year minimum sentence for homicide. The Liberal government seems almost silent on the mental health/family violence and discrimination issues still facing the LGBTQI community in South Australia. The government needs to stand up for this community, and I am sure that it would receive wideranging support for doing so.

It is disappointing to see that our booming horticulture industry is not even referred to in the government's Recharging the Regions policy, and that, while Murray irrigators and a water pricing inquiry are mentioned, there is no mention of the irrigators in my electorate who are facing huge price hikes to use the treated Bolivar water or who are locked out of accessing non-potable water. In relation to the environment, I hope that the government will continue to fight for the future of our River Murray and stop the destruction of the Coorong.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:14): I rise to address a couple of issues, some I did not get to speak about in my Address in Reply contribution. I would like to discuss our Globe Link policy,

which is our far-reaching policy to link Monarto around the back of the Hills, possibly around Truro, and coming out at Two Wells. What we will do is the work we have committed to, as has already been mentioned today by minister Knoll in this place. We have committed to the \$20 million study to make sure that we get the right routes, the right outcomes, and that we get it done at the right costings.

This is a huge project for South Australia. It will get trucks off the South Eastern Freeway and get rail on a decent gradient around the back of the Hills. I had some discussions with someone the other day and the best gradient is about plus one or minus one, which means that, if we run it at that, there will be multiple tunnels and bridges as well, so there are going to be significant costs if that is the type of plan we end up using.

Seriously, we need to look at the freight network, and not just the freight network but access for people on public transport, as well as what frees up those roads and railway lines we take the freight from so that we can get better access, especially on the roads, for citizens in light vehicles. Anyone coming down the freeway, as I do regularly from Coomandook, notes the traffic build-up from Mount Barker into Adelaide. We get only three lanes around Crafers into the city. I remember when those additions were put in quite a few years ago to make access better into and out of the city. I can see that one day someone will be here, maybe me, discussing the fact that we have had to triplicate the freeway lanes out to Mount Barker.

Globe Link will stop all those trucks. From our early modelling, it will stop about 80 per cent of trucks having to come down the freeway because guess where their yards are? Most of the freight yards are around to the north of Adelaide, towards Grand Junction Road and areas on that side of Adelaide. Quite simply, instead of having to come down the hill and go through those residential areas on Portrush Road, we can get that freight task around the city and around the back of the Hills.

With rail, there is a great opportunity for us to get double-stacked trains into the system because there is so much freight that does not need to go through to the city and, even if it does, you can grab those trains from a junction on the main line and take them back into the city. It will be a great boon for trains from Melbourne heading through to Perth, for instance.

Another part of that project is the future freight airport. Monarto is the ideal location for this, especially for the great produce that comes out of this state, because not only will it deal with and export the local produce grown in the Murray and the Mallee lands but, equally, it will reach into the South-East and those growers in MacKillop and down to Mount Gambier. It also includes all those rural electorates right through to Port Augusta because it is in the right spot. You are about 4½ hours from either end of those distant locations. You can get it to Monarto, where you could run a 24-hour airport, which we should be doing in this modern world, to deliver that freight task.

Another presentation I saw pre election was on the Mount Barker fast train. People talk about rail out to Murray Bridge, which I believe is too slow at the minute, with about a two-hour time line to get a train out of Adelaide to Murray Bridge. The Mount Barker fast rail, where they are thinking they might get a train to Mount Barker in 22 minutes, is going to have a big cost with all that tunnelling, but I welcome research into that project.

These projects are many billions of dollars, but at the moment, as I mentioned this morning, I am pursuing the fact that we can get Metro ticketing to Murray Bridge, and hopefully one day beyond, to really help those opportunities we have in the district.

Time expired.

MAIN SOUTH ROAD

Mr BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:19): I rise today to talk about a very important project in my part of the world, that is, the duplication of Main South Road from Seaford to Sellicks. In November the year before last, the entire cabinet was down doing a community cabinet meeting in McLaren Vale and Aldinga. We went out doorknocking, the then Premier and all the ministers, and the biggest issue that kept coming up was the duplication of South Road from Seaford down to Sellicks. It was something that I had heard a fair bit about.

The member for Kaurna, who then had responsibility for Aldinga, had heard a lot of rumblings about it, and a very good group had been established just prior to that called the Main South Road

Action Group. They were terrific in getting more than 3,000 signatures on a petition to lobby the government to come up with the funding to duplicate Main South Road to make it a safer road that would accommodate the growing needs of the area, not just around Aldinga and Sellicks but farther down the Fleurieu to Myponga, Yankalilla and Rapid Bay and farther afield to Kangaroo Island, where tourism numbers continue to boom.

In all the deliberations around last year's state budget, it was never far from any of our minds, as we sat around the cabinet table, that this was a really important issue that needed to be addressed. I was delighted that the then treasurer, the member for West Torrens, put it in his budget last year and then had some supplementary money in the Mid-Year Budget Review at the end of the year, in December, to ensure that both stages 1 and 2 could be carried out.

When the department came out with their initial plans, they were indicative, as they are when you put a bit of a plan, and they had some roundabouts mapped on the images. Of course, the people of the local area know what works well for the local area, so again the Main South Road Action Group sprung to action and said, 'There's got to be a better way of doing this.' So we had a community forum with the action group there and probably about 45 or 50 other members of the community. The member for Lee, who was then minister for transport, came along, as did the then CE of the department and some senior staff.

It was terrific to have the local community being able to get direct access to the minister and senior members of the staff. It was made clear that night that these were just indicative drawings, that there was \$435 million there and that that money could be used to build the best possible new road that looked after local residents. The group behind this, the Main South Road Action Group, is keen to see overpasses or underpasses at all major intersections there rather roundabouts, and I think that is a really good idea. That came across that night in the discussions. The then minister thought it was a good idea, and the senior members of DPTI thought it was a good idea.

After that, the friends of South Road action group were constant in their attendances on Saturday mornings down at the Aldinga Central Shopping Centre—and I was there with them a lot of the time as well—to make sure that as people walked past we could get them to sign a petition. I have here with me a petition signed by 1,142 people of the local area who are calling on the government, when looking at the scope of this, to include in the design overpasses and underpasses at those intersections and to make sure that we have the very best design in this duplicated road from Seaford through to Sellicks.

I will be sending a copy of this petition through to the new Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, and I hope that we can all work together because, as I mentioned in my speech here this morning, we get a lot more done by working together and collaborating than by having fights with each other. I have already sent the minister probably about 11 or 12 letters in the past week; we gave him a little bit of time to settle in, as I mentioned to him yesterday. I said, 'We're not trying to bombard you, but there are a fair few issues.' Again, we are just setting about this in the right and possible way.

I want to thank the members of the Main South Road Action Group, and Craig Curtis, the head of that group, has brought the petition in here today. Also to Dale Grimmond, Adrian Polst, Holly Freeland, Fred Sheilds, Jess Sweet, Cheryl Battick, Steve Annells, Barry Bache, Aslan Storm, and Onkaparinga mayor and group member, Lorraine Rosenberg, thank you so much for the time and dedication you have put in to be real leaders within your community. This is democracy at work at the coalface, if you like, and you have been very professional in the way you have dealt with not only me but Andy Gilfillan, who was the Liberal candidate who ran for the seat of Mawson as well.

I commend you for the great work you have done. You are a pleasure to deal with, and I look forward to working with you. Work on this should start next year, 2019, and I look forward to working with you on the planning and the building.

Time expired.

GENERATIONS IN JAZZ

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (15:24): I rise today to talk about Generations in Jazz. Last weekend was the annual event. Each year, it gets bigger and each year I say to myself when I am

in the concert that it is the best one I have ever seen. This year was no exception. To have had US jazz sensation Patti Austin here performing was a real treat. I encourage everybody in this house, at least once while you are here, to come down to Mount Gambier for Generations in Jazz to watch the number of schools, mostly from South Australia, and the wonderful experience that is Generations in Jazz.

I have called on the state government, as well as the Premier, in a notice of motion to award Generations in Jazz major events status, to invite all arts journalists from across Australia to be guests of the Premier to showcase what is truly Australia's, if not the world's, best jazz festival for students. There is no other jazz festival like this in the world where over 6,000 students come into one venue, which is basically a paddock with a big tent on it, to play jazz and be mentored by some of the best jazz musicians from around the world. It is led by James Morrison but there are many more.

Of special note, I would like to thank the volunteers. Having volunteered there on Saturday morning, I saw the waves of kids—there is no other way of describing it—when the buses lined up. I do not think there was a bus company available on that weekend to charter a bus because, if there were not 60 to 70 buses (and these are the big 90-seat coach lines), plus minibuses on top of that, I will go home. The volunteers did an amazing job and some of the volunteers I spoke to were doing 12-hour shifts two days in a row. That is the dedication of those volunteers to our community, and I thank them.

They were ably headed up by Fiona Unger and the new chair of Generations in Jazz, Mark Mentha, from KordaMentha, who is taking Generations in Jazz to the next level. There were VIP dinners and a lot of mouths to feed. I want to give special mention to Anna Winkler, who masterfully dealt with the VIPs, and the large number of people on the hospitality side of it, which ran very smoothly. It was an amazing event to be involved in.

The hip party band The Cat Empire, as well as US sax star Jeff Clayton, really inspired the crowd. But then they had a percussionist from Madrid in Nasrine Rahmani and the Cologne-based trombonist Shannon Barnett, who inspired the crowds during an exciting line-up of concerts. The Premier came down and said:

What a great event for the people who are participating but also for the City of Mt Gambier; this is a festival the entire community gets behind... This is a transforming event for the student participants; they're enjoying the music, away from home, learning some additional skills... it's something that all the people in South Australia should be very proud of.

Australian trucking magnate Lindsay Fox and his wife, Paula, were there, as were Jeff and Felicity Kennett, who now attend regularly. Jeff Kennett was quoted as saying:

It is the wholesomeness of it—over 5000 young people from all around Australia who love music... It's very well organised and to be quite honest, it's terribly uplifting. I think this is one of the most underrated events in Australia, because all of these children come from all over the country, and then there are the musicians from overseas who come to play at the concerts; if I were still the Premier of Victoria, I would pinch this for Victoria.

Luckily he is not. Lindsay Fox added that 'seeing is believing':

Generations in Jazz is something that needs to be shown on a national basis to show the people of Australia and the regions our commitment to music and the youth of our country.

Time expired.

LIGHT ELECTORATE

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:29): I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate some organisations in my electorate on their fundraising efforts. There are a number of others I could talk about but, for the interest of members, I would like to highlight two events that took place recently. One is the Gawler Relay For Life team, who fundraise for cancer research. This group celebrated its 10th relay this year. They have done a magnificent job in terms of raising funds. This year alone, they raised \$90,079.32. In the 10 years they have been running the relay, they have raised a staggering \$731,152.32. This is all done by the work of volunteers, and the people who do the relay are also volunteers. They group together for 24 hours of relays in the Gawler town.

One has to ask: why such a wonderful achievement? The organisers say, 'To see so many people come together for a cause so close to all our hearts,' that is what this is all about. They go on:

We may have been strangers to each other yesterday but today after being involved with Relay we now are friends fighting for the same thing.

There are so many people behind the scenes who do so much for Relay, it seems thank you is not enough.

I would like to congratulate the Gawler relay team on doing such an outstanding job in raising funds to help deal with cancer in our society and community.

The other event I attended on the weekend was a fundraiser, put on by Carol Davis and Suzanne Young, called Carol and Suzanne's Fundraiser. They partnered with Parkinson's SA and the Gawler MS Support Group to put on the fundraiser. The purpose of the event was to spread the word about people who live with Parkinson's disease and also MS. It is also a chance for family members, friends and carers to socialise, learn and understand more about those chronic illnesses. It is also an opportunity to thank the carers of people who suffer from Parkinson's and MS.

The Gawler MS Support Group, which started in approximately 2012 and with whom I have a close working relationship, is otherwise referred to as the MSchievous Bunch. This group of women came together literally over afternoon tea, they then started to fundraise and now there is another group who are doing quite a bit of work in terms of fundraising. So far, they have raised about \$30,000 for various projects. The sorts of fundraisers they undertake have been movie nights, barbecues, girls' nights in, car shows, morning teas, craft sales, etc. They are a hardworking team who raise funds.

One of the issues they are raising funds for deals with how hot weather impacts people with MS. They are trying to purchase 87 cooling vests, which are being funded and supplied to those in need. All the money raised goes to people with MS in South Australia and the Northern Territory. One of the next projects that the MSchievous Bunch is considering will be to help people newly diagnosed with MS. A diagnosis can be devastating. Many people do not want to talk about it or are even reluctant to know how to deal with it.

What they are going to do is put together a special bag with relevant information on support groups and contacts for people with MS who can be helpful for them to talk to. Another thing they are looking at is a small item, like a cooling scarf, for use on hot days and can provide quite a bit of comfort for people suffering from MS. These are examples of just two groups in our community who fundraise tirelessly for projects that benefit the whole community.

I would like to briefly mention that I went to an afternoon tea last week in honour of Levi Pesin. Levi is a young lad who lives in my electorate. Unfortunately, he is a paraplegic as a result of a car accident at age two, but that did not stop him from achieving. He is now age 10 and is at Flinders University studying mathematics—at age 10. He is certainly a genius when it comes to mathematics. He has been accepted by the university in the mathematical sciences course, and he now works with professors, doctors, etc., in mathematics. One professor said he is even challenging him in his understanding of mathematics. This young man has achieved enormous things with the support of his family.

I would also like to acknowledge Flinders University for helping him along. I would also like to thank the previous minister for helping with a scholarship so the young man can actually participate in education.

Time expired.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICES

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:35): I would like to talk about the recent ANZAC Day events in my electorate. I am sure that most of us here in this place attended various events across their electorate on that day.

After laying a wreath at a crisp dawn service in Port Lincoln and attending the gunfire breakfast at the local RSL, I headed with the federal member for Grey out to what we know locally as Gallipoli beach. Gallipoli beach (what was then the unnamed beach) featured in the Peter Weir

movie *Gallipoli*, made in 1981. It was filmed at this particular spot because of its geographical similarity to Anzac Cove in Turkey. It has a series of cusps and is backed by hills, and it was found to be eminently suitable for the filming of the battle scenes. Also Yallunda Flat and I think some other local scenery were used. Some local residents were also used as extras in that movie. 1981 is a long time ago now, and it has been known ever since then as Gallipoli beach.

Back in 2015, a committee of locals came together to organise something to be held at Gallipoli beach to commemorate the centenary of the landing at Anzac Cove in 1915. They decided they would try to put on a service at Gallipoli beach to coincide with the dawn service at Gallipoli beach in Turkey. At 20 past 11 on ANZAC Day 2015, and in fact on every day every year since, they have held a service.

Each year, apart from the original ANZAC landing of course, they have commemorated various battles in the European theatre of war. In 2018, we were commemorating the second battle of Villers-Bretonneux where a relatively small but ferocious band of Australians assisted the British in retaking the town of Villers-Bretonneux. In fact, it was the first battle ever to use tanks in modern warfare. I think there was only half a dozen on each side. It was not a great turnout, but it is remembered for that.

The town was utterly destroyed and the school was completely destroyed. The story is well known now. Of course, it was fundraising efforts by schoolchildren throughout Australia (but particularly in the state of Victoria) that allowed, by 1924, enough funds to be sent across to Villers-Bretonneux for the school to be rebuilt. I understand there is a sign in the playground at the school now that says, 'Never forget Australia,' so that was a nice link. In fact, we have been corresponding with that school in the lead-up to this year's event.

I am going to give credit to the committee for their work, not just this year but for the past four years. There are a number of people on the committee, but I particularly want to identify Lee Clayton, an avid war historian. That is his hobby, and he is remarkably interested and well-informed in war history. He lives in Port Lincoln. Also there is Kerry Richter, a Coffin Bay local, who this year sang the New Zealand national anthem in Maori—which was quite a feat—and he certainly sounded pretty good. There are plans for the committee to erect a permanent memorial a little bit down the road back towards Farm Beach where people can come and visit, and it is the culmination for them of four years' work.

This year the crowd was particularly good. It was the biggest crowd that has attended so far. I think they estimated about 400 people. That does not sound a lot to a city electorate, but given the remoteness of the site and the trek that is needed to get there—it is about four kilometres up a windy beach track from Farm Beach—it is no mean feat to get along there, but many do and pay homage to the efforts of Australians overseas during not just the First World War, but all wars.

There was a fly-past, where nine or 10 light aircraft flew past at about 11am. There was a welcome to country from the Indigenous Neo people, a flag-raising ceremony, a wreath-laying ceremony, and the bugler played the *Last Post* and Reveille. There was a minute's silence, and there were the Australian and New Zealand national anthems, with, as I said, the New Zealand national anthem being sung in Maori.

I was invited to give the commemorative address. I am going to tell you that the Prime Minister of Australia was not the only one who spoke French that day. Unbeknown to me there was a French speaker in the audience and she gave me three out of 10. Anyway, we had a go. It was a very enjoyable day. My congratulations to the committee for all their work.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption (resumed on motion).

Mr MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:40): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Can I rise to properly congratulate you. I did so very briefly late last week when we resumed as a house for the first time in this session. It is a great privilege, but a heavy responsibility, being the Speaker. No doubt you will be chastised by the government for being too firm in keeping them on track and you will be chastised by us for not keeping the government on track enough. I wish you all the best with it. I know there

were some significant changes, particularly in the last session of the parliament, in which you and I were serving our first term under the former Speaker. I hope that we enjoy as good a relationship and as respectful a relationship as a parliament with you as Speaker as we did collectively as a parliament with the former Speaker.

I also congratulate the Chairman of Committees, or the Deputy Speaker. He has just departed after delivering his comments to the chamber. I congratulate all new members of the house. It is a great time for members generally to hear the contributions of new members, to hear how they tell their stories about themselves and how they tell their stories about how they came to be members of parliament, what they bring to the role and what is important to them. Just as importantly as both of those things is the acknowledgement of those people who have supported them, not just their constituencies but their family and friends who assisted them. I look forward to hearing many more to come over the coming days.

There are some new members I would like to congratulate on our side: the member for Playford, the member for Badcoe, the member for Wright, in particular, who are all good friends of mine. I congratulate all the re-elected members. Going through an election, regardless of margin, is no mean feat. There have perhaps been some easier travels on the path to re-election. It is perhaps timely that we were talking about the Chairman of Committees, the Deputy Speaker, and also some more difficult ones. I would not be the first to acknowledge the member for Mawson in that regard.

I commiserate with those former members who were unfortunately not re-elected; only to name two: Tom Kenyon, as the former member for Newland, and Annabel Digance, as the former member for Elder. Of course, on both sides, there were a large number of candidates who sought election and, unfortunately, were unsuccessful in doing so.

I know that I will miss people out and perhaps offend many, but while risking that can I draw attention to a close friend of mine, Rik Morris in Florey, Jo Chapley in Adelaide, Matt Loader in Dunstan, Julie Duncan in King, Angela Vaughan in Colton, Grace Portolesi in Hartley, as well as the many people who put their hands up for seats which are always harder for the Labor Party to win, particularly in regional and rural constituencies. I think it was terrific and perhaps more a privilege for us than it was for her to have Khatija Thomas running for the seat of Stuart. There was Sim Singh-Mahli in Chaffey, Julie Watson in Flinders, Mat O'Brien in Hammond, Douglas Milera in Narrunga, and there were the many others who flew the Labor banner out in those parts of the state where perhaps traditionally we do not poll quite as well. There were a large number of retiring MPs on both sides at the last election, and I know that they have been more fulsomely acknowledged in the final sittings of the last session of the parliament.

I would like to acknowledge a couple of people I worked more closely with than others: Paul Caica, who was the member for Colton for many years and part of whose former electorate now comprises my electorate of Lee; the former Speaker, whom I mentioned briefly earlier; and perhaps a couple of others from across the chamber. I also acknowledge the former member for Waite, Martin Hamilton-Smith, who was more recently on our side of the chamber; and somebody I always got along quite well with, the former member for Goyder, Steven Griffiths. I wish all of them, not just those I have named, all the best in the future.

It was a very different and very strange election from ones we have seen previously, driven really, I think, by two main factors: a very significant redraw of the state's electoral boundaries and also, perhaps, the emergence, so we thought, of a third political force running across the majority of seats. The redistribution was extraordinary. I do not know if there has ever been one that was so extensive. A shade under 400,000 electors moved from one electorate to another, and seven new electorates were created or, mostly, renamed.

The redraw was, of course, drawn in a manner to heavily favour the Liberal Party of South Australia at the expense of the sitting government. Notionally, 27 of the 47 seats were drawn in that way, with 20 notionally drawn in Labor's favour. The election result pretty much delivered bang on what the commission had set out to do: a change of government, with the Liberals winning 25 of 47 seats; two notionally Liberal electorates being won by Independents; and the Labor Party winning 19 seats, with one notionally Labor electorate being held by an Independent.

Despite being in for almost a record period of time in South Australia's political history, and also in Australian political history, where all orthodox political commentary would have perhaps supported the view that the Labor government would be thrown out at the recent state election, it was a remarkable result for Labor to lose government. As the member for Croydon and the leader has outlined to the house already, we enjoyed a swing towards us. It was a remarkable result that the vast majority of Labor and Liberal candidates, in the two-party preferred sense, enjoyed swings towards them. I am not sure that we will see an election result quite like that again.

Speaking more specifically about my own electorate, there was a very significant change there as well, with more than 10,000 electors being moved into my seat and losing over 11,000 electors to other adjacent seats. There are large new constituencies in the suburbs of Grange, the remainder of Seaton and Royal Park. Of course, with great sadness, I farewelled the former part of my electorate: the bottom half of the Lefevre Peninsula, including where I live with my family at Largs Bay, also Semaphore, Birkenhead, Peterhead, Ethelton, Exeter, Glanville and Semaphore South. These are tremendous parts of the western suburbs that I have been very privileged to represent in the past. It was a great shame to lose them in the redraw, but a great privilege to gain those other 10,000 new electors in the areas I mentioned earlier.

It was also a challenging election from my perspective, with the commission redrawing boundaries in a way that shaved the notional swing to lose margin quite significantly. While the commission came up with a notional swing to lose figure of 2.6 per cent, the parliamentary library here, as well as Antony Green, more accurately identified that as about 1½ per cent. Without going into the questions that raises about how well the Boundaries Commission had done its job in the first place in identifying demographic data and voter intentions in redrawing the boundaries, it did, suffice to say, set me quite a task in trying to hold onto my seat, but I was very, very lucky to do so.

I should count myself very lucky that I did not have the task ahead of me that several other MPs did, including the former members for Elder, Colton, the current member for Mawson and also the former member for Newland, as well as the Labor candidate for King, notionally redrawn from the seat of Napier.

In my seat, as it was in yours, Mr Speaker, there was a predominant three-way contest. I felt like I had a bout of this previously at the 2014 election, with the perennial candidate Gary Johansson running for the seat of Lee in 2014. I am trying to think of an acceptable analogy to put on the record about how many runs Mr Johansson has had and I fail to be able to come up with one. Of course, he ran yet again for the seat of Port Adelaide in the most recent election. I think it is accurate to say that the electorate got it very right in the decision they made to return the member for Port Adelaide, a close friend of mine and a nearby resident in the adjacent seat of Port Adelaide.

I do extend my regards and, in a desperately pleading way—not to be patronising—my commiserations with the other candidates who ran in the seat of Lee because there were many of them, including Steven Rypp from the Liberal Party, Andy Legrand from SA-Best, Patrick O'Sullivan from the Greens Party, Vicki Jessop from the Australian Conservatives, Tiffany Littler from Dignity for Disability and Aristidis Kerpelis, who ran as an Independent.

I thank the electors of Lee for the judgement they made in the lead-up to and on the day of the election. I regard it a tremendous honour and privilege to be a member of parliament and to represent them in this place. Like all western suburbs communities, ours is a diverse, hardworking and neighbourly community and, I think quite rightly, very proud of where they live, very proud of the lives they have established for themselves in the western suburbs. Bear in mind that my electorate, like many other parts of the western suburbs, was settled mostly, in comparison with the rest of the state, reasonably recently, usually from the 1940s, fifties, sixties and seventies, particularly as we saw large new subdivisions of suburbs, including the large master plan development of West Lakes and also tracts of Grange, Seaton and Royal Park be developed.

You do not have to knock on too many doors to find somebody who has lived in the community in their house for more than 50 years who can remember what it used to be like with the dirt roads and the swamps before housing development took hold in that area. It is a great place to live. I think that part of the coastal suburbs contains not just a great community but the best beaches. I do not know why people bang on about the beaches of Brighton and Glenelg when, if you head a little farther north you can get a much better beach and much more room while you are at it.

I worked very hard, as I must say at least one of my opponents did, in speaking to as many people as possible and finding out what was important to them. As I mentioned earlier, it would be orthodox thinking that after 16 years of government there would be a strong mood for change, that there would be an eagerness to move to another option, but I was at first surprised, pleasantly so I should say, that that was not generally the mood in my electorate.

I think that was the experience of many sitting Labor MPs in particular, that they felt the state had gone through some difficult times, particularly with the closure of automotive manufacturing industries, including Holden and component makers, that there had been some global and national economic headwinds which were strongly making their presence felt in South Australia, but as a state we were taking the right steps to weather those difficulties and continue growing the economy, growing jobs and improving services.

I think that it is timely to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution that the two premiers who served in the former Labor administration made to South Australia—firstly, the former member for Ramsay, Mike Rann, and, more recently the current member for Cheltenham. I was going to say that it is an extraordinarily difficult job. I do not know quite how difficult it is. I suspect how difficult it may be. It is an extraordinary commitment, and much more so than being a mere minister of the Crown.

I do not think that we could nominate two other relatively recent premiers of South Australia who have confronted the challenges that they did. You would have to cast your mind back a number of generations, I think, to find two premiers who deliberately sought to set out and change the economic and social fortunes of the South Australian community. First, under premier Rann, was the deliberate strategy to diversify the economy, to identify those future growth opportunities and to heavily invest in those opportunities. I think this was done in a manner that was continued right through the 16 years of government.

More recently, the member for Cheltenham in his time as premier weathered, especially in recent years, a federal government that started out with a particular ideology that Australian manufacturing was not important enough to protect, that was not fussed about keeping automotive manufacturing industries going in South Australia and Victoria, and that came within a hair's breath of sending a future submarine contract overseas, for overseas workers to build those platforms which would defend our nation.

I think it is incredibly important that we reflect on those two different contributions by those two former premiers and what it says about the sort of political leadership that this state requires. We are a smaller state and we do have to make sure that we take advantage of every economic opportunity that we are well placed to take advantage of.

Certainly, in the early part of the 2000s, we identified firing up again our naval shipbuilding industry. As a government, we invested well over \$300 million in a company, in the ASC, and built it a common user facility at Techport, now the most advanced shipbuilding facility in Australia. We also co-invested very heavily with mining companies to try to exploit the state's natural resources. Since that time, we have sought out those sectors of the economy and supported microeconomic reform in those industries or we have supported companies very directly to drive growth in their output and growth in the number of South Australians that they employ so we can continue to reap the benefits as a community.

I think that is a salutary lesson about what we are seeing right now in western democracies across the globe. We are seeing a wholesale rejection of the economic experiment of the 1990s and the early 2000s of neoliberalism and economic rationalism. There is a strong desire amongst western democracies now for governments to take tighter control of how public revenues are used to provide economic opportunity and social benefits for their constituencies, and it is manifesting itself in very different ways across the globe.

We have seen political upheavals in terms of election results both in the United Kingdom and in the United States in recent times. We have also seen very interesting election results in European countries, particularly given that they tend to be multiparty countries, where voters are taking the opportunity to express themselves away from the thinking that has dominated the last 20 years of democratic governance. That was also the case with the President of France, who was a recent

visitor to Australia. I think it speaks volumes about what we as a state need to seek and to continue to demand from our political leadership, from all of us as members of parliament and from the new government that has been formed.

That is perhaps a nice opportunity to segue into a genuine warm congratulations to the Premier, his team and members opposite for what they have achieved, both individually on their election but collectively on their achievement in forming government. As they are fast coming to grips with, particularly over the last couple of days of sittings, it is a heavy responsibility and sometimes one a little more difficult to execute than issuing a warm press release and basking in the warm glow of media attention afterwards.

It is incredibly difficult to ensure that every decision that is made—and ministers are confronted sometimes with hundreds of them per day—is reflective of the needs of the South Australian community in pursuing those parallel objectives of improvement in citizens' economic opportunity, as well as improving social services and people's access to those services. I think they have inherited a state that is in pretty good shape. There will always be things that need to be improved, and that will always be the case in any state around the country and, indeed, in any democracy around the world.

The fundamentals are there for a state on the upswing. We have seen the state's economy outperform the national economy in the last financial year, and the predictions from Deloitte Access Economics are that we are well placed to grow strongly again, and more strongly than other states, in the current financial year. We have a decent set of employment data, with nearly three years consistently of thousands of jobs growth each month, and we have strong levels of business confidence and strong levels of business conditions. This is a terrific platform for the new government to leap into South Australia's future and continue delivering on those two parallel objectives I mentioned earlier.

There has been a great deal of reform in the South Australian economy as well. We have seen changes in which industry sectors have become dominant and the business conditions under which they do their work. We have each year delivered nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars of tax relief during our time in government: payroll tax relief of well over \$200 million each and every year, land tax reform of more than \$100 million of relief for private land taxpayers each and every year, stamp duty relief for businesses and other stamp duty payers of more than a quarter of a billion dollars a year and, even though it can be a sensitive subject on our side of the chamber, WorkCover reform to deliver cumulative relief for the South Australian business community of nearly \$200 million each and every year. That is an extraordinary easing of the burden on the South Australian business community.

I note that the new Premier has made commitments about further tax relief and I am very pleased that our new leader, the member for Croydon, has committed to supporting some of those initiatives, most notably in payroll tax, and that it is the intention of the Labor opposition to keep an open mind when it comes to assessing the various policies that the new Liberal government puts forward.

It is not the only policy that the new government has articulated via the Governor's speech. Of course, there are other policies upon which the Premier and his government are looking to hang their hat. There is shop trading hours reform and also council rate capping. There is also the commitment to reopen the Repatriation General Hospital and, of course, many other commitments that the Premier has told the house he, all of his cabinet and his cabinet office are keeping a direct and close eye on with their implementation.

I will not go into too much detail about budget matters. We have a Supply Bill that we will be considering in the coming days. I will make my contribution about Treasury and financial matters when speaking on that, but it is important to bear in mind those comments I made earlier about the move away from the constituencies in western democracies and their desire for free marketeering and neoliberalism.

There seems to be an ideological bent with this new government very much in that manner. The language around shop trading hours is about deregulation, as if that is an end in itself. I appreciate the fundamental difference between Labor and Liberal Party philosophies. Liberal MPs

perhaps might express it as the right of the individual as being prime. We might perhaps express it as, 'I'm all right thanks, Jack, so bugger the rest of you.'

But when it comes to shop trading hours this desire for deregulation has already hit snags even within its own policy settings. Public holidays apparently are not important enough to enshrine no shopping hours. We see that the claim of the right of the individual to be able to shop when they see fit is more important than the collective public's opportunity to be able to take a break, to be able to take a breather, to spend time either by themselves or with their families or loved ones and perhaps reflect on the day which is being commemorated, whether it is ANZAC Day or whether it is more predominantly a religious holiday.

The inconsistencies that we are starting to see with this policy I think show how there is a break between this staunch commitment to deregulation and the political realities of what the Liberal Party is trying to achieve. They do not think public holidays are important enough to respect, yet we see Christmas Day being exempt from their deregulation, we see ANZAC Day being partially exempt from their deregulation and we also see one or two other part days.

Since the election, I have reflected on that and on what the Liberal Party is trying to achieve. How can we tell the public of South Australia that the public holiday of Christmas Day is important enough to down tools on—that we should be reflecting and spending time with our family on that day—but not Easter Sunday? Is the Premier telling us that the birth of Christ is important enough to reflect on but not the resurrection?

If you think of how these public holidays have come about, and if you think of what we are trying to give the public the opportunity to do on these public holidays, it quickly unravels for the opposition in terms of why some days are a free-for-all for shop trading but other days should remain exempt. ANZAC Day, given we have all just spent time with our local Returned and Services League organisations, is another one. It is important enough to remember the diggers for a couple hours of the morning but not for the whole day. Quite frankly, how culturally offensive is that position?

I also find it interesting that in the first days of this government we had a pronouncement, which I thought was reasonable, from the Premier that he would honour all contracts the former government had entered into. Then the very next day we had the Treasurer come out and say, 'We've got to get away from this cherrypicking, this picking winners, this direct financial assistance to companies in an effort to assist economic growth,' in direct contrast to the comments the Premier had made the day before.

We had the Tourism Commission debacle where ministers did or did not know or were or were not aware of a contract that had been awarded interstate, and the Premier came out and said, 'Well, we can't do anything about that contract because that would send a bad message to the business community.' Then the very next day the health minister comes out and tears up the contract for the site of the Repatriation Hospital, another example of inconsistency. I hope this improves on the part of the government because it is not a good start when ministers are out there running their own race in direct defiance of the government. Or maybe these things have gone to cabinet, and maybe they just cannot quite get their story straight on how they line up with this.

South Australia's economic history is one in which SA proudly invests in organisations specifically to grow economic opportunities. I have to say that one benefit of sitting on this side of the chamber is being able to look at that portrait over there of former premier Playford, somebody who almost wrote the playbook for South Australia with his investing heavily in nationalising electricity assets, something which the current member for Cheltenham and former premier also engaged in and for the benefit of the community, investing heavily in the Housing Trust, creating new suburbs attracting manufacturing industries here and directly subsidising their operations. This is how economic growth has been achieved in a small state within this federation.

If this government think that it is going to be acceptable to walk away from assisting businesses, whether metropolitan or regional, and think that there will not be negative economic consequences from that, then they are in for a nasty shock. Not only are they in for a nasty shock but South Australians, particularly in those communities around those businesses and particularly in regional areas, are going to be in for a nasty shock.

I am looking forward to seeing how the Treasurer is going to spend his Regional Growth Fund to grow jobs in the regions. Do we honestly believe that he is not going to give grants to individual regional businesses to grow jobs? This is one of the many things, Deputy Speaker, that we will be looking at—we will be looking closely even in your electorate—and I look forward to continuing my remarks in this vein when the Supply Bill is considered.

Mr BROWN (Playford) (16:10): I rise to support the Address in Reply. I would like to start by congratulating the Speaker on his appointment to high office. I know that he has a high regard for the rule of law and an appreciation of the importance of impartiality and consistency. I would like to place on record my intention to cooperate fully with the proper dispatch of the business of this house. The people of South Australia demand that we do our best to make this place deliver for them, and I intend to do so.

I would like to place on record my thanks to the Australian Labor Party for selecting me as its candidate for Playford and the people of Parafield Gardens, Mawson Lakes and Para Hills for electing me as their local member. I decided to nominate for endorsement for Playford because I want to be part of the bright future that we can have in the northern suburbs, and it is truly a privilege to represent the people of Playford in this place. I will do my best to advance their interests here.

I would also like to thank the three previous members for the areas that Playford covers—the members for Ramsay and Port Adelaide, and the previous member for Playford, Jack Snelling—for their valuable assistance and advice during the campaign. I would like to thank the Labor caucus, not only for the friendship of many of its members over the years but also for its confidence in electing me to the position of Opposition Whip.

In acknowledging the contribution that my parents have made in my life, I must quickly recount the circumstances of my birth. I was born at a recently opened Modbury Hospital and then placed into the care of the state by biological parents I have never known. Ron Payne, then the minister of social welfare, was my legal guardian until I was adopted by Dennis and Lois Brown whose love I came to know while always being aware that I was not their biological child. My love and affection for them and their children is different from that one has for one's biological relations, but it is just as deep and real. Words cannot express the gratitude that I have for the life that my mum and dad have given me, but I will say thank you just the same.

Growing up, my dad and I would talk about politics all the time. Watching the news together was one of our favourite things, and I remember as an 11 year old being disappointed in my mum for considering a vote for the Australian Democrats. Luckily, she did not. When I was a teenager, my school had a program for students to take a tour and learn more about parliament. A teacher suggested I might find it interesting, and so it was that on a cold day in mid-1991 I came to this place and was introduced to two people who would have an enormous impact on my life.

Michael Atkinson and Paul Holloway were both then new members of the House of Assembly. Talking with them that day about their values and philosophy not only inspired me to join the great Australian Labor Party but to learn from them both about how one can actually achieve change to make people's lives better and not just talk about it. Along with Senator Don Farrell, they have taught me the values of honour and loyalty in politics that I try to live by today, and I would like to thank them all for their inspiration and encouragement.

I would like also to acknowledge the many sacrifices made by my wife, Victoria, and our children, Elizabeth, Alice and Holly. Someone once said that we are all volunteers in politics, that there are no conscripts here. While I think that is true about those of us who are candidates, our families do not have a choice. I try to be the best father that I can to my daughters but, luckily for them, they have a mother who is one in a million. I would also like to thank my family for all their hard work on polling day, and I have no doubt that I would not have got as good a result in Mawson Lakes without their efforts at the polling booth.

I would also like to acknowledge the campaign run by Reggie Martin and his team. I have watched him grow from a wide-eyed, white-belted, clean-shaven kid to be one of the most respected and hairiest political strategists in the country. Thank you for all your support. One person who needs particular thanks is my campaign manager, Caleb Flight. He is a young man with a very bright future.

Wise beyond his years, he is also calm under fire, and I predict that he will go on to much bigger and better things.

Before I address His Excellency's speech, I would like also to thank my union, the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association, of which I have proudly been a member since beginning work as a busboy at Sizzler when I was 15 years old. Sonia Romeo and Josh Peak have both been very supportive, and I look forward to working with them to promote the interests of workers in the retail, fast-food and warehousing sectors.

His Excellency's speech talks about a desire to support an economy that is diverse, thriving and fully internationally engaged. In my opinion, one important part of this is industry assistance and the bringing of new industries and companies to South Australia. Mr Deputy Speaker, as a member of the Liberal Party, I am sure you are aware that my electorate is named after former premier Tom Playford. Although we do not have much in common, given that Tom Playford was a Lutheran orchardist from the Adelaide Hills after all, I would like to think that there are some things that he and I would agree on if he were personally here in the chamber and not just gazing down at us from a portrait.

Most importantly, that would be a recognition that our state needs to actively get the attention of industry and then work to bring them here to South Australia to establish. Simply tinkering with policy settings and then sitting back to wait for it to happen is not enough. It is always easier for them to be in the Eastern States, and we need to be prepared to get involved to create new capability in our state by attracting international leaders in different sectors and bringing them together with local talent. For example, just as Tom Playford was prepared to work with Holden, Hills and other manufacturers to create our heavy manufacturing base, the former government, led ably by the member for Cheltenham, worked with Tesla, Tindo and Sonnen to make our state a leader in renewable energy technology.

He also saw how you can use a project that helps citizens to create new business, such as the previous government was doing with its plan to install solar panels and batteries on social housing. I urge the state government not only to see the pilot project through to completion but to continue Labor's plans for a complete rollout. I believe it is what Playford, the man who created the electricity trust to address market failure, would have done.

When one is talking about efforts to attract investment in South Australia, one must acknowledge the good work done by Investment Attraction SA, a dedicated agency established to do just that. Over the last 18 months of the previous government, it created more than 9,000 jobs and injected \$2.5 billion into the economy, attracting the likes of Boeing, Technicolor, Datacom and cybersecurity giant VeroGuard, who are based in the member for Taylor's electorate.

During the last few days of the campaign, it was announced that over 500 jobs will be created in my electorate by the expansion of Saab and Raytheon, expansions that were facilitated by the Investment Attraction agency. I was disappointed to hear the new Treasurer say that perhaps these contracts would not be honoured, and I have written to him urging him to honour these arrangements. I reiterate that call today. The attraction of this new investment will not only bring direct employment to my electorate but create opportunities for our local businesses to benefit from supply chain contracts and the provision of services.

Another important area to concentrate on, I believe, is the space sector. As a parliament and as a state, we must also build on our existing advantages to provide future employment opportunities. In my electorate, that means more research and development, a key driver of which will be the Australian space industry. It already generates revenues of around \$4 billion annually and employs an estimated 11,500 people, with these numbers consistently growing by around 10 per cent a year.

Just as Tom Playford worked with the commonwealth government to build the DSTO and other research capabilities in the north to drive the government's space sector, so we must expand the involvement of our local companies and universities to provide jobs in the expanding commercial space sector. The Salisbury region has always been a leader in defence in space innovation, and when Australia launched its first-ever satellite from Woomera in 1967 it was developed by the weapons research establishment at Salisbury. Fifty years on, and the northern suburbs are again

home to a thriving defence and space ecosystem that is building momentum, momentum that I hope the government assists.

Beyond exploring new frontiers and colonising Mars, the global space community is preparing to transform how we live. It will improve service delivery and productivity in the workplace—from communications to medical science, mining and agriculture. Data capture and collection and data processing and analysis will form the foundation of an industrial revolution that will fundamentally alter the way that we live, work and relate to one another. Space technologies will help us bridge the gap of distance, connecting people more closely than ever.

These possibilities will be multiplied by emerging technology breakthroughs in fields such as artificial intelligence and robotics, the so-called Internet of Things—the interconnection via the internet of devices embedded in everyday objects, which enables them to send and receive data. This is already being used to improve crops and harvests on South Australian farms. Material science and renewable energy are driving changes to our everyday lives. Autonomous vehicles, 3D printing, nanotechnology, biotechnology and quantum computing are all fields that were relatively obscure only five to 10 years ago, but they are now things that we either use regularly or are just around the corner.

In yesterday's federal budget, funding was allocated for the establishment of an Australian space agency. I believe that Technology Park at Mawson Lakes, in my electorate, is perfectly positioned to be the industrial hub for our nation's new space agency, and I call on the state government to do everything it can to make that happen. South Australia is home to a concentration of national defence and space assets and research organisations. Our state's thriving space ecosystem is growing in strength, with around 60 organisations already working in the space sector in South Australia.

Mawson Lakes and Technology Park are already well connected to high-tech industry, universities, research centres and government. My electorate is home to some of the most technologically advanced and innovative companies in the world, including Codan, Topcon, Speedcast, CA Technologies, Airbus Defence, Lockheed Martin and Saab Technologies, along with more than 100 businesses in Innovation House and Endeavour House. Playford recognised that for new business to thrive, it needed a competitive price access to land and power. Even more important than this in the 21st century is fast access to the internet. I believe that the northern suburbs can be a leader in innovation and research, but this is impossible without world-class connectivity.

Many of my constituents have told me how disappointing their experience has been with the NBN, particularly since the current mixed technology model was introduced. The previous government had introduced a program known as Gig City, based on a model from the United States. By engaging at the wholesale level, the private sector was assisted in the provision of very high-speed internet access at prices significantly lower even than the slower product provided by the NBN. For example, where the high-speed network has been rolled out, it has delivered speeds 50 to 100 times faster than previously available at these sites for around half the price.

Around a dozen innovation precincts, including Technology Park in my electorate, are currently connected. Over 100 businesses use this service. Had it been successful in re-election, the previous government intended to extend the program to business and residential customers outside the current precincts. This new internet access model was to be known as Fishbone and had the capacity to be a game-changer for information-based industries in our state.

The leveraging of the existing state-owned fibre network to create new capacity for the private sector to deliver better access across the metropolitan area would be a great leap forward for our start-ups and other businesses. I do not just say that because my electorate has most of the backbone infrastructure already in place but because, if the government is serious about creating the right environment for business, this is an example of the sort of infrastructure that needs to be invested in.

Finally, I would like to address the issue of urban planning. I have spoken about the changing nature of our economy, but what about the changing nature of our suburbs? I have spoken about the need for investment to drive jobs growth, but what about when that investment is in the form of new development? All of us in this chamber have come across constituents with different views on

planning. I have encountered people from Parafield Gardens who are concerned about the extra pressure that new estates are placing on local infrastructure. I have met people from Para Hills who are very concerned about the extra traffic and lack of car parking in their street because of the subdivision of blocks, and I have learned that living in Mawson Lakes means always being conscious of where you can find an empty car park.

These issues come to the fore when another development is proposed that local residents feel is only going to make their current issues worse. Objections get lodged and lawyers engaged, then deliberations occur, often behind closed doors. After the smoke has cleared, the development is either going ahead or it is not. If it is, then the process and the delay have probably cost considerable money, which is often recouped by scaling back on public amenities. If it has been refused, then there will probably be an appeal on a technical issue.

Planning is one of the most contentious things that governments can be involved in, and all of us in this place have a responsibility to keep trying until we get it right. I know the previous government introduced reforms that should come into effect next year, and I am optimistic about them. However, we must continue to find a way to properly balance the rights and needs of local residents with our state's need for further development.

I look forward to making a contribution to the deliberations of this house and the betterment of the lives of not only the good people of Parafield Gardens, Mawson Lakes and Para Hills but of all South Australians. I thank members for their indulgence.

Honourable members: Hear! Hear!

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (16:26): Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I, too, congratulate you on your appointment, as I have also congratulated the Speaker. You hold important positions in our democracy and I am sure you will discharge them with honour and distinction, with the assistance of table and chamber staff. I particularly want to thank them for their assistance during my time as Deputy Speaker. Thanks also to the Serjeant-at-Arms for her work in the mammoth transition of office accommodation following the election.

Thanks also to our Governor for delivering the opening address last Thursday and to His Excellency and Mrs Le for their unstinting service to the people and the State of South Australia. Congratulations to all new and returning MPs in this place and the other place. I acknowledge all the retiring MPs and those defeated at the election, along with election candidates who were not successful. Public triumph and public defeat are two sides of the same coin that is tossed into the air at every election.

Politics can be, and in fact should be, a robust exercise. It is not for the faint-hearted, but I would like to think at the start of a new parliament that we see each other as colleagues—colleagues with genuinely held principles, values and aspirations, perhaps different from our own, but principles, values and aspirations nonetheless. At the beginning of this 54th parliament, I thank the electors of Florey for their support at the recent poll on 17 March and everyone who helped me achieve this result.

To all the people of Florey, my promise is this: I will serve you to the best of my ability. I will do this by working with all members in this place and the other place, regardless of political persuasion. We all have a duty to strive towards a better South Australia and we have a duty to work together whenever we can.

My electorate, the new Florey, is actually much like the original Florey first created in 1970. I take my seat in this place on behalf of the people of Pooraka, Ingle Farm, Walkley Heights, Valley View, Para Vista and Modbury North, as well as parts of Modbury and Northfield. The electorate goes from Hungry Jack's at Golden Grove Road in the east to the Pooraka fruit markets in the west. Where I come from, we are good, decent, hardworking people, some of whom are finding it harder to make ends meet and really only want a fair go. When I stand in this place, I stand for all of us.

My political circumstances have changed and this is a matter of common knowledge. George Bernard Shaw said, 'Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.' I am here to help change things for the better. The change I

made was difficult. I thank the hundreds and hundreds of people who sent me messages of support and encouragement over the past 12 months.

These last months have forced me to look at politics through a different prism. I was and remain determined to stand up for the people I represent in this place to ensure that they have access to the best possible opportunities and the best possible services, particularly in the area of health. The people in my electorate are entitled to higher care options at the Modbury Hospital. Selective quoting of reports from eight years ago, factional manoeuvring and all the clever spin doctoring in the world will not change that.

I am immensely grateful to the people who fought alongside me during the election to secure this result, and I am grateful to the new government for making this a major election policy. We all acknowledge that there will be challenges involved in delivering this commitment, but I look forward to working with the new government to deliver its promise sooner rather than later.

There is much to be done in other important areas of human need. Good child care and decent aged care, among other critical policy areas, should not be held hostage to reviews, ICACs and whistleblower legislation. Our society should be judged by the way we care for our vulnerable: the young, the disadvantaged and our elderly. What sort of society spends millions of dollars on a footbridge to connect a casino and a football oval while our elderly citizens sit around in soiled pants, all because we have allowed our aged-care institutions to be driven by profit rather than care? I am reminded of Henry Lawson's great poem, *Faces in the Street*:

They lie, the men who tell us in a loud decisive tone

That want is here a stranger, and that misery's unknown;

If we are to eradicate want and misery, we have to start seeing ourselves as Australians, not just South Australians, Victorians or Tasmanians. We have to see ourselves as Australians, and we need our federation to work better. It took years to build the original federation, and we cannot shirk the responsibility of overhauling it to be match fit for the 21st century. We need to have a good hard look at how we integrate the three tiers of government. The administration of our national affairs should be an exercise in intelligence, generosity and cooperation, not a turf war predicated on cost shifting. We cannot use jurisdictional differences as an excuse to harbour Henry Lawson's want and misery.

Almost all of us here know that want and misery exist in our own constituencies. It is not good enough to say, 'That's a local government issue,' or, 'That's not us, that's the commonwealth's responsibility.' We are all Australians and it is our responsibility. This brings me to Newstart. I am not given to quoting Americans, particularly these days, but Teddy Roosevelt's observation that 'far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing' deserves some reflection.

Those politicians who pay more attention to the problems of their constituents than to factional turf wars know that every day an ever-growing number of our constituents bring us problems not of their making, problems flowing from cost-of-living expenses, homelessness, poverty and unemployment. They cannot get financial counselling because it has been cut in state and federal budgets. Without financial counselling, they cannot even start to try to get the help they need to get by. It is hard to ask for help and worse to wait weeks to maybe begin getting it.

We know that one of the biggest issues confronting South Australians is unemployment and, as well as that, underemployment. Data shows that there are 770,000 unemployed people in Australia, with only 200,000 job vacancies nationwide. Those of us who actually listened to the people we represent during the election know that secure, fairly remunerated employment was foremost in their minds. Most people want to work. Most people want to achieve to reach their full potential. Nobody wants to send their kids to school poorly clothed and hungry. Most people want to work so their children do not grow up in self-perpetuating poverty.

Starting each week having to live on \$273, which is \$160 below the poverty line, is not Newstart: it is a no start. Earlier this month, we were all lost in admiration for a federal MP when she declared that she could live on Newstart. I have served in this place for over 21 years, but I know that a dollar is a lot of money if you do not have it. In my time here, I have seen dramatic increases

in the cost of food, petrol (do not start me on petrol this week), housing, health insurance, water and energy—pretty much everything—but I have not seen a dramatic rise in Newstart.

Most of the people who do not have work want to work. We have to face the fact that, in 2018, Newstart is little more than a dirty spark plug and a blocked carburettor. We should be calling it 'no start', not Newstart. It is not good enough to say, 'Newstart is a commonwealth responsibility.' A 2015 survey by ACOSS should make all of us hang our heads. The report declared that 20 per cent of Newstart recipients do not have enough money to pay for food and electricity, 40 per cent cannot afford to see a dentist, 44 per cent are living with crippling levels of debt and 25 per cent are deemed to be in a housing crisis—all this in a supposedly First World country.

Ten of our local councils here have raised their voices calling for a rise in Newstart: Port Adelaide Enfield, Streaky Bay, Salisbury, Playford, Onkaparinga, Mount Gambier, Kangaroo Island, and Copper Coast, Clare Valley and the Adelaide city council. Newstart is not within their jurisdiction, but they have the courage to argue responsibly for a rise in Newstart. These local councils acknowledge that it is not just a federal issue: it is an Australian issue. These councils are in seats held by Independents, Liberal and Labor members. I am very proud that a council looking after part of my electorate, Port Adelaide Enfield, became the very first to advocate for an increase in Newstart, and I commend them on the call.

And it is not just councils calling for a Newstart rise. ACOSS, Uniting Communities, Anglicare, St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army also support a rise. Yes, well, a pack of do-gooder NGO charities would say that, wouldn't they? But what about the key members of the economic community—Deloitte Access Economics and the multinational accounting firm of KPMG? Putting aside for a moment the possibility that these organisations might want to bring humanity and compassion to the argument, I think we can rest assured in the knowledge their argument for a rise in Newstart is based on sound economics, the fact that leaving Newstart at its current level will cost the economy much, much more than increasing it. It is a no-brainer.

As we start this new parliamentary cycle, I call on my colleagues from all points of the political compass to work together to ensure a rise in Newstart. Yes, Newstart is ostensibly not in our jurisdiction, but unless people in our position raise our voices and demand justice for the least advantaged in our community what are we doing here? Leaving Newstart where it is, \$160 a week below the poverty line, is neither humane nor compassionate, nor does it make the slightest bit of economic sense. There is momentum for this change elsewhere on the political landscape, especially interstate.

Let us add to this momentum. Let us raise our voices. Let us advocate and let us work together for a new Newstart, one marked by justice, decency and the Australian fair go. Let us add our power and influence to providing better basics in health and aged-care services. That means an increase in real help for the staff ratio for elderly reliant on nursing home care, not just an increase to put a dent in the number of people on waiting lists for in-home packages and a better reporting mechanism for a new aged-care authority or for those on operating lists, where the increase in funding allocation will help with the backlog of elective surgery, or for those for whom denial of mental health services means real life-threatening crises.

While welcome, these tinkering on the edges do not address the everyday living conditions of those in nursing homes waiting to be changed or those unable to get about while waiting for a cataract or hip operation. The time to act is now. The time to make a difference is now. Let us unite and make better basics a priority. We know what needs to be done. Let's just do it.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (16:37): Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker, and congratulations on your appointment as Chairman of Committees, sir. It is an honour to serve in this parliament as the new Liberal member for Waite and only the third person to represent this seat in this parliament. I come here today encouraged by the support from my electorate and determined to represent the interests of my community with integrity, energy and renewed optimism for our state's future. I thank the large number of volunteers who supported my campaign over many months of grassroots campaigning and community engagement, giving their time and effort to a range of activities that underpinned our ultimate success on election day.

From the outset, I give my personal commitment to serving my electorate as a member of the Liberal Party as a mark of respect for both my constituents who voted for me and the party membership who afforded me the opportunity to serve. It is a privilege that I will not cast aside for personal gain or political opportunism. I also must acknowledge the mandate that has been given to the new Liberal government to serve the people of South Australia in a new era, with a new direction and with renewed energy and vigour.

My late grandma, Halina Konieczny, was an avid reader of Polish literature. One of her favourite books was *Quo Vadis* by the Polish author and 1905 Nobel Laureate for literature Henryk Sienkiewicz. Quo vadis means, 'Where are you going?' This is a question that babcia often posed to me over many of our long discussions about life. She would invariably ask, 'Sam, where are you going?' Indeed, in a political context we must always ask ourselves: where are we going? What is our purpose and what are we trying to achieve as individuals, families, communities and as a parliament, government and a state?

Before we know where we are going, we need to know where we have come from. Our founding fathers, like Wakefield and Angas, were radicals for their time. They had a vision for a new colony, a new system and a new democracy. George Fife Angas wanted the new colony of South Australia to be driven by individuals who believed in free trade, free government and the freedom of religion. The vision and drive of people like Angas saw South Australia become a self-governing colony in 1856 with the ratification of a new constitution by the British parliament.

Our democratic institutions that underpin our democracy and safeguard our property rights, liberty and freedoms are drawn out of the values of the British Westminster system. The fledgling experiment that was the colony of South Australia further enhanced the Westminster tradition of democracy and political liberty by enacting legislation that created the secret ballot in 1856 and the universal franchise in 1894.

Today, we as members of the 54th parliament are custodians of those political freedoms and those that we enjoy today as well: the rule of law, our constitutional monarchy, an independent judiciary, an impartial Public Service and free speech. Unfortunately, over the past few years and decades, we have slowly seen the erosion of many long-held freedoms and traditions in our society. In recent years, we have dangerously eroded the value of free speech in this nation. Surely, I ask, in this wonderful, modern, pluralistic society that Australia is today, individuals and organisations have the right to publicly debate matters of importance.

It has been free speech, and open debate on contentious issues, that has for hundreds of years safeguarded the rights of individuals in the public square. As members of parliament, we must do all that we can to protect the value of free speech, ensure that parliament remains sovereign and ceases handing power to unelected and unaccountable institutions that, whilst well intended, have created detrimental consequences for the value and fabric of our society.

The South Australian colony was an experiment. It was an idea, a colony of independent, property-owning individuals who saw rights as universal, a colony built on free enterprise not convict labour. Since self-governance, our colony and state has seen boom and bust, depression, recession and drought. However, we know that our best days are always in front of us. My vision for South Australia is to see free enterprise as the foundation of economic prosperity.

Over the last 16 years, we have seen the state government become the number one company in town, the number one employer, the number one provider of services and the number one provider of corporate welfare. None of this is sustainable, as is evident by our current budget position, low population growth and underperforming vocational and educational sectors. This can no longer be the case. It was never the ideal for our founding fathers and it is not sustainable for a modern and prosperous South Australia.

We have much to be proud of, and, as a younger parliamentarian, I am driven by the need to retain young people in our state for employment opportunities and genuine career pathways. We need to match the quality of our enviable lifestyle with economic outcomes to avoid the loss of young professionals and families who are forced to relocate interstate to pursue job prospects. The role of the state government is in supporting private enterprise, and therefore we must recast this definition and our role.

His Excellency the Governor in his speech to the 54th parliament last week highlighted that this Liberal government will be a government focused on small business as the driver of our economic prosperity, focused on removing taxation that is an impediment to economic growth, and a government focused on its people throughout the entire state, not just the CBD. I am excited to be part of a Liberal government that will restore confidence in our state's future. South Australians have voted for change and have given a mandate to our economic agenda and our value in this parliament.

Our legislative priorities include lowering the cost of doing business through regulatory reform and cutting tax while developing new policy settings to attract investment. That will be our legacy over the next four years. I would like to briefly touch on four important policy directions that I believe we should take in this state and become our *quo vadis* to ensure our future economic and intellectual prosperity: small business, infrastructure, education, and the arts.

Just as a South Australian company drove private investment growth, infrastructure spending and development in the early South Australian colony, we in the 21st century must once again look to the private sector to drive and develop South Australia into a hub of economic activity. Private capital will flow back into this state if we aim to become a low-cost jurisdiction with sensible regulation that is not a handbrake on economic activity. Reforming and reducing payroll tax, stamp duties and land tax are the first steps to becoming a low-cost jurisdiction and investing new capital into South Australia. Failure to achieve these reforms will continue to see South Australia lag behind our Eastern States and Tasmania.

Investment attraction is not about picking winners. It is about providing opportunity—opportunities in the secondary financial services and advisory sector, new technologies and start-ups and in biotech and opportunities to value-add in the agricultural and horticultural sectors. To drive this growth agenda, it is imperative that this Liberal government invests in its people to build the capacity and skills required to support business growth, as well as continuing to invest in critical infrastructure. Continued investment in infrastructure is an imperative for any state government.

Adelaide has been known for many years as the 20-minute city with affordable residential housing. Ensuring that we remain the 20-minute city, the envy of the nation, whilst also ensuring that we have population growth, means that we need to seriously look at the planning of our city to encourage density of living in our suburbs whilst at the same time maintaining our sense of open space, natural environment and suburban community. Infrastructure spending needs to look beyond the four-year political cycle and focus on the long term, long-term sustainable infrastructure growth.

Our commitment to Globe Link, for example, by creating a long-term freight solution for this state, is the forward-thinking planning that is required. Short-term vanity projects are not the solution. Infrastructure building in this state also needs its *quo vadis* moment. Benjamin Franklin said that an investment in knowledge pays the best interest. Correctly and positively investing in our schools, both public and private, our institutions, technical colleges and research institutions, such as SAHMRI and the Waite Institute in my electorate, will ensure that South Australians have the skills, knowledge and tenacity to make a positive contribution to our state, nation and international community.

South Australia produces some of the best university graduates in all academic pursuits in the nation. It is our obligation that these bright minds have a home and career here in South Australia if they choose. It is no longer acceptable simply to talk about the brain drain and bemoan the exodus of young South Australians from this state. This government's policies, investments in education, skills and new industries will ensure that South Australians have genuine choice and opportunities.

I am a great supporter of the liberal arts and the role that art and creative minds play in our society. In my maiden speech to this house, I spoke about how the value of the arts needs to be recognised not only for the intrinsic value of both enhancing and enriching our emotional lives but also for the far-reaching effects on the economy, health, wellbeing and education. In recent years, we have rightly seen our primary and high schools focus on the benefit of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), but the teaching of STEM should not be at the expense of the teaching of history, music, the classics, art and design. Successive budgets have failed to invest in a liberal arts education. Some of our most disadvantaged students in the classroom greatly benefit from music therapy and the sanctuary that the great composers provide to mind and soul. An investment in the liberal arts is an investment in our community and our society.

As the local member for Waite and as a member of a Marshall Liberal government, I know that our reform agenda will directly benefit my community with our values and policies. It was recently said in this house by my predecessor that a Liberal government could not deliver for the people of my community. I am very proud to say that a Liberal government will deliver for my beautiful and diverse community. We have a plan to invest in our local roads through our Mitcham Hills road corridor funding announcements.

Our investments in the environment with Glenthorne Farm and Brownhill Creek, as well as in local sporting clubs from the user groups of Hewett Reserve (the Unley Jets Football Club, Unley Cricket Club, Blackwood Bowling Club and Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club) will ensure that my local community receives much-required grassroots rejuvenation via a Liberal government—rejuvenation and investment that can be delivered only by a Liberal government, a government that is committed to investment that will drive jobs, export and infrastructure growth, community and participation. This is investment that will grow our state and that will be our local *qu vadis*.

As I draw my remarks to a close, I would like to briefly say a few words about our local election campaign in Waite. Firstly, it has been an honour to be the former member for Davenport since 2015, and I wish the new member for Davenport all the best. I am very sad to be no longer representing the wonderful people of Flagstaff Hill, Bellevue Heights and Bedford Park; however, I know that the new member for Davenport will not let his constituents down.

The 2016 Electoral Commission of South Australia boundary redistribution saw my seat of Davenport significantly altered, with the majority of my constituents finding themselves in the new electorate of Waite, together with my electorate office and home. It was on this basis that I stood as the Liberal candidate for the newly redrawn electorate of Waite at the March 2018 election. As the endorsed Liberal candidate for Waite, my attention was immediately focused on two electoral outcomes: regaining the seat of Waite for the Liberal Party and ensuring that on 17 March 2018 we ended 16 years of failed Labor administration.

The challenge in front of us was not always easy. In Waite, we initially faced off against the incumbent and long-serving member and then, increasingly, the popular and populist Nick Xenophon and his SA-Best party. Mr Speaker, personally, congratulations on becoming truly the lion of Hartley in defeating the Xenophon threat in your seat. Statewide, as always, we have had to battle against the Labor Party and their shameless campaign and trade union machine. I am so proud and happy that together we achieved both electoral outcomes.

This was due to the extraordinary efforts of my dedicated campaign team led by Malcolm Post and Travis Monckton, together with Jenny Hembrow, Ross Mullan and John Hepworth; hundreds of grassroots Liberal Party members; my colleagues, in particular the Hon. Terry Stephens in the other place and the President of the Legislative Council, the members for Schubert, Boothby and Barker; members of our state executive who worked so hard behind the scenes including Alex Antic, Caroline Rhodes and Nicola Centofanti; former members for Davenport, Iain and Stan Evans; the fantastic and incredibly hardworking Young Liberals, led by their president, Jocelyn Sutcliffe; Brendan Clark, Charlotte Edmonds, Tut Tut and Heidi Gerolamo, who took two weeks of annual leave in the lead-up to the election; my family, especially my brother who I love dearly and who is a great campaign asset; and my dedicated staff, office volunteers and supporters.

Waite is back in Liberal hands and South Australia has a majority Liberal government with a mandate to reform. Whether it was letterboxing, doorknocking, stuffing envelopes, handing out how-to-vote cards or simply making a small donation, the work undertaken by volunteers was extraordinary. Without your tireless support and encouragement, we would not have been able to win the seat of Waite. I cannot express my gratitude enough to those who supported me and the Liberal Party throughout this campaign. I trust you are proud of our efforts and this Liberal government does not let you down.

In conclusion, South Australia has a chance to reshape its future under a Liberal government, a government that stems its policy settings from the Liberal conservative tradition, a government that supports small business and our regions, a government that supports families and their communities and a government that co-invests with business as the generators of

jobs and prosperity for our state. I thank the people of Waite for the opportunity to be part of this future.

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (16:52): Thank you to the Governor for his speech. Of course, it was great to have him come to the parliament in the other place. He does a fantastic job in carrying out that role for South Australia. I probably do not agree with everything he said in his speech, which is to be understood, of course. However, I do not think that is a reflection upon him at all, but more a reflection on the advisers who sit opposite. I think that he was getting much better advice a few months ago, but he does a tremendous job.

I congratulate the Speaker on his ascension. Congratulations also to the Deputy Speaker on taking that role. It has been great to work with you over the past four years, particularly when we were on the Natural Resources Committee together. I think many people on this side in particular have affection for the great role you play in your community, and I am sure that you will take that on as Deputy Speaker. From my four years in the parliament, it seems that the Deputy Speaker has to do quite a lot of work in the house, and I am sure that you will take on that role with relish.

Essentially, all of us are in this house first and foremost as local representatives. That is a role that I undertake with great honour. There is a lot of work, in particular helping constituents, helping the local community, attending events and functions and really trying to work with your community to achieve the best possible outcomes. These are our first and foremost jobs. It is a job that I have really enjoyed over the past four years, and I am delighted that I have been able to return here as the member for Kaurna, representing what is an amazing part of the world.

The area stretching from Seaford up to Hackham is now the electorate that I represent. As other members have noted, we had quite a dramatic redraw of the boundaries during the last parliament, so I have sadly lost quite a bit of the electorate that I represented previously, namely, Port Noarlunga and Christies, which have transferred to the member for Reynell but, probably most notably, the areas of Aldinga, Aldinga Beach and Port Willunga, which have transferred to the Mawson electorate.

When most people looked at that transfer, I think they thought, 'This has basically been done to ensure that Leon would not be able to win the Mawson electorate,' but those people do not know the current member for Mawson, Leon Bignell, and the tremendous amount of work that he puts in. He took what I thought was a good result in the Aldinga area in the 2014 election and turned it into a remarkable result, as well as going out into those communities down the Fleurieu and on Kangaroo Island, working door to door and working issue to issue to address the concerns, which I think, sadly, have been neglected in the previous decade of representation down in those areas. He got some amazing swings to him and ended up achieving a great result in that area, so amazing credit to him.

We have worked together on a great number of projects down in the area that will have a great impact on my electorate as well, which I think are really important, namely, first and foremost, the duplication of Main South Road between Seaford and Sellicks. This is something the local community has identified time and again, since well before I was a candidate in the area, as a dangerous and congested road, and only becoming more dangerous and more congested as time goes on. That is something about which the member for Mawson and I listened to the people in the community and took action. Particular thanks to the member for West Torrens, the previous Treasurer, who listened to those concerns and was able to ensure that we were able to get funding in the budget to ensure that we will have a dual expressway between Seaford and Sellicks. That is a great result that Leon has been able to achieve.

Another excellent thing will be a new school for the Aldinga area. Aldinga does not have a high school, which obviously impacts on my current electorate, in that a lot of kids from the Aldinga area cannot go to school locally so they will come up to the Seaford primary schools and high school. To have a school down in that growing community is absolutely essential. I think that people will know that Leon is a very hard worker and is achieving great things in that community, but we work together very well, as do all MPs in the southern suburbs, to achieve great things for our southern community.

One really important thing we were able to achieve in the past year for the state was a very significant amount of money to upgrade schools, with both the STEM program and the Building Better Schools program. This was very well received in my community. All the high schools in the south are due to receive substantial upgrades out of those programs, and this is absolutely essential. Going back to my first speech in the parliament, I know how important education is, and that will always be a high priority of mine for as long as I am in the parliament, to defend and try to improve our education system as much as possible. We know that a lot of these schools' facilities have not been up to scratch. A lot have not had upgrades for many decades; some have not had a substantial upgrade for more than 50 years.

These upgrades around the whole state will significantly improve our education system. The government has now made some commitments in terms of not changing those funding allocations, and I hope it does that. We will certainly be keeping it to those pledges, because those upgrades are very important. In particular, in my electorate and in neighbouring schools around my electorate, over \$40 million in infrastructure is going into our local schools, and that is something we talked about a lot in our election campaign as one of the very important things that we want to deliver, and I will continue to fight for that in the electorate.

We also want to make sure that our health services are excellent in the south. Certainly, over the previous term of government we saw two new ambulance stations being built in my electorate or thereabouts, one at Seaford for the first time and another at Noarlunga, replacing an ageing station. So we have more services and more ambulances being able to respond to people in times of need. We also were able to upgrade the Noarlunga Hospital so that we can get more operations happening there. Two additional operating theatres have now been built at that hospital so that we can get more elective surgery happening in the local community. That is a very important priority as well.

Nearby to Noarlunga Hospital, the government had plans to build a new Metropolitan Fire Service command centre adjoining where the ambulance station is. This is something that I know, from my previous ministerial role, the MFS saw as a key priority, so we will certainly be keeping the pressure on the government to make sure that that is delivered in the future as well.

There were also a number of very important community assets that were improved in our area, one of the most important ones being the Seaford Soccer Club in my electorate. The Seaford Rangers had been seeking upgrades for their facilities for many, many years, perhaps decades, and had been unable to get anywhere with the council. The council, I have to be frank, put every possible roadblock up to try to stop upgrades happening there, even to stop them being able to apply for upgrades through state government grants.

This was an area where the previous government was able to step in with upgrades for soccer clubs across the state. I am lucky that Seaford, as well as South Adelaide Panthers, were recipients of that funding. So we now have a new synthetic pitch at the Seaford Rangers' club. The really important thing about this is that we are going to get more kids playing sport and more kids being active, and it is going to enable Seaford in the next year or so to have women's teams, which will be great for the local community as well.

Another commitment that we put in the Mid-Year Budget Review was funding for a new recreation centre at Noarlunga. I know this is something that the member for Reynell was very keen about as well. We have very ageing recreation facilities and indoor sports facilities in the Noarlunga area. We want to make sure that that funding goes to fruition. The council is very keen on seeing that happen, and we will be keeping pressure on the new government to make sure that that happens as well.

Surf lifesaving is another very important area in my electorate, not only in terms of community and recreation but also as an emergency service. Most recently, we were able to get \$150,000 for some upgrades at Moana Surf Life Saving Club. To explain my bias, I am a member at Moana Surf Life Saving Club. I have previously said that I am the worst patrolling member at Moana; other people assure me that that is not the case. We have also seen, in previous years, upgrades to Southport Surf Life Saving Club. Upgrades are about to begin at Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club. We want to make sure those upgrades continue to happen and that there is additional support for our surf lifesavers in the south, who do such a remarkable job.

Last but not least, we also saw some beautiful and really enriching upgrades to the Onkaparinga River Recreation Park and Onkaparinga River National Park in my electorate and nearby. These facilities are now getting new walking tracks, new canoe ramps and new campgrounds due to that investment from the state government. That investment will be welcomed by not only local people but people across the Adelaide metropolitan area.

We also had plans to invest significantly in the coast park, not just in relation to an issue that the member for Reynell and I have been working on where there is a gap in the coast park at Witton Bluff but also further down in my electorate between Moana and Port Willunga, where there is another significant gap. We had a plan to make sure that we could address all those gaps and complete the coast path. Unfortunately, we have not heard anything from the government on that, and we will be keeping pressure on them to make sure that that is delivered in the future.

Every campaign is a huge amount of work. It is a huge amount of work to go out and talk to a wide range of people. Essentially, you want to try to talk to as many people as possible before an election campaign, help them with their issues, letterbox, doorknock, make phone calls—whatever you can do to connect with people.

You cannot do all that by yourself. I rely upon great support from volunteers who have helped my campaign over the years. In particular, I pay special tribute to the Douglas and Byrne families who gave above and beyond the call of duty in support of my campaign, in particular Kylie Douglas, Alastair Douglas, Laura Byrne and their extended families. They gave such amazing logistical support in getting us out there, connecting with people in the area.

I also want to thank some up and coming people who have recently graduated from high school who are very keen to be involved in politics, which is great to see young people doing. Josh Yeend and Nathan Fiedler have given a huge amount of effort in terms of my campaign, and I am sure we will see great things from them in the future. I also want to thank my electorate office staff who have done a huge amount of work, in particular Jason Byrne and Lucy Fordham, as well as trainee Ellie Stenner and my previous trainee, Jasmin Webster, both of whom will do great things in the future. I think they are a credit to that trainee program in the work that they have done and the skills that they have.

We had a good result in the seat of Kaurana, and I am very pleased with that. I would like to thank all the people who did not just vote for us but also lent support by giving an endorsement or telling their friends or being public about the reasons why they were supporting me and my campaign. Thanks to each and every one of them.

There are a number of issues that still remain unresolved in my electorate that I will continue the case for in this parliament. I think one significant issue that people have concerns about is the Onkaparinga council. The City of Onkaparinga was raised very regularly with me by people across my electorate. People feel that the council has lost touch. They feel that the spending is out of control. They feel that the leadership has the wrong priorities. They feel that it is disconnected from the role it should be playing as a council, and that is something I will continue to speak about as those issues emerge and as we lead into the council election that is happening this year. I think that we will see a significant increase in the number of people voting in the Onkaparinga council election, given what has come out over the past four years in that area.

One issue that has been raised with me by many hundreds of constituents is the discrepancy in collection of green waste, and that is something we ran a petition on in recent months. We have presented that to the council. To be honest, I am expecting them to ignore that as they have ignored every other call for this to happen over the past decades. This is an issue where residents in Onkaparinga are getting fewer services than every other metropolitan Adelaide council, yet they are paying no less in rates. So we are calling on them to reduce their own wasteful spending and to bring in green waste spending to fund fortnightly collections like every other council. We will keep the fight up to them and the pace on that.

Another issue that has been of significant concern to a lot of residents in my community has been the sale and then the subsequent proposals for development of a paddock of land on Commercial Road at Seaford Meadows. This is something that was owned by the Housing Trust, and the Housing Trust Board decided to sell that property. They have sold it to Hickinbotham Homes

which is proposing a development on that area. It is going before the state Planning Commission as we speak.

I hope that the Planning Commission listens to the concerns of the community about that and listens to the concerns where people specifically want to make sure that there is as much open space preserved as possible and also to make sure that we are caring for the environment in terms of the marine park that is adjacent to that area, the recreation park that is adjacent to that area and also the significant number of kangaroos that live in that paddock as well. Also, they want the serious recurrent planning issues addressed, in particular about traffic but also about the design of the development to make sure we get that right and that the infrastructure is there to support that. That is something I will continue to advocate for on behalf of the community about their concerns.

I think it is worth reflecting for a bit on the Weatherill government and, I think, the significant achievements of that government. Sadly, it has, of course, come to an end. The Rann-Weatherill government lasted for 16 years, which is a very significant period to be in government. I am sure that back in 2002 not many people expected us to be in government for that long. I think it is a credit to a number of things: firstly, the commitment to the state that that government displayed over that period of time, and secondly, the renewal that happened within that government over that period of time. It continually brought in new people to refresh it while it was still moving, to make sure that we were continually updated and new perspectives were brought in at every turn.

It really did achieve a huge number of significant things for this state. We only have to look at the transformation in terms of infrastructure in South Australia, the vast number of significant road projects that have been delivered, the number of very significant rail and tram projects, the upgrade to our riverfront that has been delivered, with the Adelaide Oval, stretching down to the new hospital, and particularly including things like the SAHMRI, which is now a hallmark of international medical research. Significant reforms happened over that 16 years. I give particular credit to the member for Cheltenham for his leadership of the government over the 6½ years that he was premier and thank him for his service there.

I was lucky enough to serve in two roles in the last two years of the government. Firstly, I became the assistant minister to the treasurer, which was a role that I took on a bit over two years ago. I really enjoyed that role. It was a great opportunity to get up to speed in terms of being involved in the running of the government. I give particular credit and thanks to the member for West Torrens for his support and guidance during that process and thank him for the opportunity that he gave to me to be involved in so many of his discussions and deliberations leading up to the two budgets that I got to be involved in. I had never been involved in that side of things from a budget perspective before. It really showed me what difficult decisions have to be made and what a professional process leads up to them. I give credit as well to the Department of Treasury and Finance, which I think gave excellent service to the government. I really relished that opportunity; it has given me excellent experience.

I also had the opportunity to lead a number of projects, one in particular being involved in the work of the Industry Advocate. We made that position permanent through some legislation through this house. I give credit to Mr Ian Nightingale, who I think gives the state tremendous service in that role as the Industry Advocate. I hope that we will see that role continue to prosper and increase over time to make sure that our state is getting the full economic benefit it can out of every dollar of state government spending, particularly on those significant infrastructure projects.

I also got to be involved in a number of the government red tape reductions and business transformation projects that were underway, which are not necessarily the newsworthy projects but which I think are very important. I absolutely think that it is part of Labor's mission to make sure that we make government as efficient as possible, so that we can deliver as many services as possible for the people that we are concerned about and we are here to represent. I was glad to be involved in that, in getting rid of a number of acts of parliament and making things easier for business in a number of different ways.

The other area that I had some involvement in during that period was the lead-up to Our Energy Plan and its development, which I think will be seen as a landmark piece of public policy achievement. I think already around the world it is being noticed in terms of the leadership role that

we are playing on energy policy in South Australia. I congratulate the members for Cheltenham and West Torrens on their roles there.

A bit over six months ago, maybe eight months ago now, I got the opportunity to become a minister, which is a very humbling experience. I became the minister for police, emergency services, correctional services and road safety, which are very important portfolios. I absolutely loved every day working in those portfolios, trying to make sure that we improved services for the community as best as possible. They are areas where we are very well served as a state by very professional police officers, firefighters, emergency workers and corrections officers. I found it thoroughly enjoyable getting to meet as many of them as possible, both across the metro and regional areas.

Keeping our community safe always has to be one of the top priorities of government. During the time I was minister, we increased that goal in a number of ways, through completing the recruitment of our R313 project for the police, getting an extra 300 police into our service across the state; starting the process in terms of getting a new control centre for the CFS and SES, which is a very important role, as well as more equipment such as trucks rolling out for the CFS and starting the plans for more aerial bombers for the CFS; developing a counterterrorism plan for South Australia with the police and other services; and developing the Road Safety Action Plan.

In addition, we announced a ban on smoking in prisons, to be implemented by the end of next year; opened a new unit at Port Augusta Prison; expanded the prison greyhound program and rolled out a number of projects being delivered in the area of making sure that we can reduce recidivism in our corrections system, which is a project that was started under my predecessor in the role, the member for Croydon. I think it is an excellent piece of public policy and something that I hope the new government continues with much gusto.

In that role, you have a heavy responsibility in terms of what is required and the risk that South Australia faces. That was certainly foremost in my mind, particularly when it comes to things such as bushfires or other major emergencies we might come across in the state. During my time in the role, we had the Sherwood bushfire, which was quite a devastating fire in that area of the state. If that had been in a more densely populated area of our state, I think we would have seen, sadly, much worse outcomes for people in terms of potential casualties happening from that fire.

Getting the opportunity to visit that fireground and meet a number of the volunteers and a number of the people affected was certainly something that I saw as a very important part of my role, as was visiting Murray Bridge after we had had the Thomas Foods fire, which was one of the most significant fires that the MFS and CFS jointly have had to face in an industrial context in a number of years. Working with the member for Hammond in that area, and then leading on to the recovery, I think was a very important thing to do.

The other thing that continually weighs on your mind in that portfolio is the road toll. Sadly, last year we saw an increase in the road toll, and I think that forces us to consider what additional measures we can employ to try and make sure that does not happen again. One of the things that I kickstarted was a review of motorcycle laws, and implementing that, and we re-established the motorcycle reference group to start consideration of a report that we received. I hope that the new government takes that and runs with it because I think that there are a number of very important ways that we can improve our laws in terms of motorcycle riders to improve safety and to avoid what we saw last year in relation to the very significant increase.

I would particularly like to thank the staff I had working in my office at the time, in particular Julia Sumner, Jo Wilkins, Gerda Jezuchovski, Gemma Paech and Aaron McDonald. I would particularly like to single out Julia Sumner, who was my chief of staff. I used to work with Julia back when we were both chiefs of staff in the Rann government, and I was delighted that she was able to come back and be my chief of staff in government.

The one piece of advice I will give to ministers is that you really want to make sure that you have a good chief of staff because in that role, where you are so busy dealing with so many things, you need somebody you can rely upon and you know is going to be able to make a number of important calls and give good advice to you at every turn. I thank Julia for her service in coming back to provide that to me.

I would also like to thank Gemma Paech, who has worked with me in the electorate office right from the beginning when I became a member of parliament. She became my researcher and adviser when I was assistant minister. She then became adviser when I was minister in the corrections area, and she has now continued with me as an adviser in opposition. I have always relied upon her in terms of her expert advice and also her incredible work ethic, which is so important as well. In addition, I would like to thank all the chief executives, commissioners and chief officers with whom I worked in that portfolio and who I think have always given very good advice to the minister. I am sure they will continue to do so in the new government.

In closing, I would like to say a number of things about where we are now in terms of the new parliament. In particular, I would like to congratulate the member for Croydon on becoming the Leader of the Opposition. I have no doubt that he is going to do an incredible job as Leader of the Opposition and Labor leader and, one day, make an incredible premier of South Australia—hopefully, before too long. I think that he has not only a great leadership perspective and a great ability to connect with people but a great mind for public policy, using that to better the outcomes for the people of South Australia. I have seen that in the work he has done as a minister, and I am sure he is going to carry that through.

I would like to congratulate the new members of parliament in this chamber and, in particular, the people on our side: the member for Playford, who I think gave a fantastic first speech just before, as well as the members for Badcoe and Wright and, in the other place, the Hons Emily Bourke, Clare Scriven and Irene Pnevmatikos. I think they are all going to play an excellent role in our parliament.

In the last minute, I would like to thank for their service a number of members who lost their seats, in particular Tom Kenyon and Annabel Digance, who gave great service to this parliament and to the party in advancing the interests of the people of their electorates. In particular, I think that over a long period of time Tom showed what an amazing impact he had on this parliament. He was a fantastic whip for our side of the house and gave us great leadership and great organisation. He is a wonderful person and wonderful family member, and he also cares deeply about people and improving our state.

I would like to say a number of things about the portfolio that I am going into now in health, and I will save that for when we launch into the budget discussion.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Member for Unley.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (17:22): Thank you very much, sir. Before I start, may I congratulate you on your new position as the Deputy Speaker in the South Australian House of Assembly and, of course, on your return for your third term. I rise to support the address of the Governor, Hieu Van Le, to the joint sitting of parliament last Thursday. I will also take this opportunity to thank Mr Le more broadly for the work he does as Governor in South Australia. I think we are all very pleased with the work he has been doing since he was appointed Governor, close on four years ago now, and how he opened up the services of the Governor and Government House to so many more South Australians than previously.

Certainly, he and his wife, Lan, are a man and woman of the people. I have been to many occasions at Government House when a local Scout group would be there, having been invited for the very first time to experience hors d'oeuvres and drinks at Government House. The Governor is just as enthusiastic in making them feel welcome as he is with business leaders, community leaders or even members of the royal family. He is an extraordinary Governor, and I thank both him and Lan for their work in representing the monarch here in South Australia and for being so accessible to South Australians as a whole.

It is a completely different Address in Reply speech from those I have given previously on three other occasions coming back after an election. They were speeches about being in opposition and about the wasted and missed opportunities with that position. I think those who have been close to me over the last seven or so weeks would know that it has been difficult for me to hide my enthusiasm about my new job because I actually have a chance to do something about all those things I have been whingeing about over the last 12 years.

I was very pleased to be approached by the Premier after the election with the opportunity to get back to my roots. Those of you who may at some time—when you felt the need to torture

yourself—read several other members' maiden speeches may have come across mine. In it, I went into some detail about my start in life as an apprentice and about how it was a process of nine months for me to get that apprenticeship, from starting to look for a job when I was a student at Salisbury High School.

I think it is fair to say, not only for me but for many other South Australians who have gone on to careers in broad areas, whether they be managers or whether they have gone on to university or have run their own businesses, that the apprenticeships they did as teenagers were a very good start for them and gave them the tools and the life skills they needed to move on to wherever they wanted to go. I think it says a lot about the opportunities we have here in South Australia and about how we need to ensure that those opportunities are available for as many South Australians as possible.

As the Minister for Industry and Skills, I am very pleased that I am responsible not only for reinvigorating the apprenticeship system here in South Australia, bringing more apprenticeship opportunities to South Australia, but also for lifting the profile of apprenticeships in the state. For years, we have seen the education sector talk down a vocational entry into the workforce, encouraging people to go to university. At the same time, we have seen much higher dropout rates at university, and we have seen people with university degrees who cannot use those degrees in South Australia.

We also have skills shortages in very crucial areas and those skills shortages are going to be even more prominent as we start to see the work rolling out from the massive investment that the Turnbull government has made here in South Australia with the defence contracts—the submarines, the air warfare destroyers, the offshore vessels. Work will be starting before the end of the year on those. They are what I like to call updated traditional skills that are needed on those projects. We need people who can weld and people who can put electric cables together. We need people who can run radio technology, people who can manage air conditioning and people who can offer all sorts of the skills that were around when I was doing my apprenticeship back in 1980, the same sorts of apprenticeships.

Of course, those apprenticeships have changed, and how those jobs are done has changed enormously over the last, I am sad to say, 38 years. However, it has been a very pleasant 38 years. I have certainly enjoyed getting to this stately part of my life. There are massive opportunities, and it is the responsibility of this government to make sure that as many South Australians as possible have the skills they need to deliver these projects for the federal government.

We do not want to be in a situation where South Australians are applying for jobs and they are told they do not have the skill level needed for those jobs. There is an enormous risk that that will happen because we have seen a shocking management of vocational education in South Australia, over the last five years in particular. In 2012, around about 25,200 or so apprentices and trainees started in South Australia. Just five years later, those commencements dropped to just over 15,000—a shocking drop in apprenticeship numbers. You have to ask: why is that happening? There are several reasons.

Of course, we are working busily in my department to identify those reasons and remove them if we can, or at least minimise them, and then make apprenticeships much easier for employers to commit to. Group training is a terrific mechanism. It removes a lot of risk for small employers in particular to take on an apprentice. They were unheard of in my day. I was indentured to one employer for four years, and that employer needed to have in the back of their mind that they would be able to commit to the completion of that apprenticeship.

We heard stories of apprentices who were made redundant halfway through their apprenticeships, and then they had a very difficult situation because they had invested two years in learning a trade. Obviously, their first preference would have been to be transferred to another trade, or they had written off those two years in that particular area and had moved on to do something else. The beauty of group training is that that is all managed by the organisation, which is usually a trade base or a combination of industry, mainly not-for-profit. They have an independent board in many cases. For example, the Motor Trade Association has a very successful group training organisation.

As a small proprietor, if you are someone like I was and you start your own business at the age of 21 and you think that maybe you might give an apprentice a go but you are a bit nervous about a four-year commitment, it does not matter. You ring a group training provider and they will provide you with the person with the right skills who has gone through a six-week intensive course to make sure they understand the requirements that somebody in that area needs. It may be a mechanic, for example.

They make sure they understand the mathematics that are needed in that area. They make sure they have had hands-on tool use. They understand what the tools are and what they do. They have a strong interest in what they do. They will move into your business and, if at some stage you cannot continue to make those payments, that apprentice will then be moved on to another group employer. So they do not lose their job. You are able to continue managing your business without a burden, if you like, that has been created because of a change in circumstances, and it does not put you off having another go when you have recovered, perhaps 12 months down the track.

What you have done is to start a kid off in an apprenticeship, they are now in the system and they could be in two or three others. There are advantages in modern workshops because some workshops specialise in a narrow field. So, if you are an apprentice, you can move to several different workshops and have a much broader experience. I see the member for Morphett nodding. As an engineer, he would understand how important that broad experience is.

It is on this basis that we announced, in the lead-up to the election, the flexible apprenticeship program that we will be rolling out into schools, which will deliver an alternative pathway into the workforce for school leavers. In year 10 and 11, it will be identified whether they want to move into a university path or into a vocational or technical education path. Once they have made that decision, if it is a technical education or a trade path, their year 10 and 11 subjects will be tailored towards preparing them to start that. Then, in year 12, they will be on the job, full-time, earning a salary in a workshop—a full, on-the-job apprenticeship. Their off-the-job training will give them the SACE points they need to get their high school education.

This is something that was not available to me. When I left school before finishing high school, it was the done thing to usually start an apprenticeship after year 11. There was not the option of getting a high school certificate without going back to school full-time, which was never going to happen. Once you are in the workforce you might consider some part-time study, but you certainly would not consider going back to no salary and going back to school. What our flexible apprenticeship program will do is give those students the best of both worlds. It will get them started on their career and give them their high school certificate.

So, if by the time they finish their apprenticeship they wish to go on to university, they have the piece of paper in their hand that gets them in the door. I think I could name about six mechanical or electrical engineers who started off as fitters or electricians or toolmakers who have gone on to further study and have become engineers in those particular fields. It is another entry point into engineering, but at the same time it is another entry point into the workforce.

Many people would argue that they would prefer to have an engineer that has that practical experience, who not only knows how it works on paper but how it works on the factory floor and how it works on the building site—a very handy skill. For some reason, I think over the years we have discounted that on-the-job training, which not only sets up a very strong work environment but also introduces the apprentice to the culture of the industry.

Different industries work in different ways. For example, in the building industry, many small contractors will work, particularly during the summer, a 12-hour day for three days a week and have a four-day weekend. They are in control of their own lives and they can do that. So if that is the culture, it is important that the apprentice is introduced to that because they will do that as contractors as they move on. On-the-job training is very valuable. Our flexible apprenticeships will give those young South Australians who want to take on that technical path the opportunity to do so and to get started early.

I want people to think about what a good deal an apprenticeship is. You are paid to learn. In many cases, particularly if you end up being an electrician or a plumber, by the time you are 20 or 21 years of age, you are earning \$60,000 to \$80,000, even before overtime; whereas someone who

may be one of the 700 law graduates every year may have to start on \$45,000 a year with a \$50,000 HECS debt. So the apprenticeship system is a pretty good deal. I know that a lot of kids may be put off by the fact that it is a lower salary, but you are being paid to learn, the boss is picking up your VET fees, you are getting a salary, and, if you are smart, you are putting some money in the bank, and you end up having the skills to be ready to start your own business in your early 20s.

This is where South Australians are going. They are becoming more independent. They are prepared to go out on their own. That is why we are so focused on delivering at the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site Australia's largest entrepreneurial innovation centre. When people talk about innovation, when they talk about start-ups, when they talk about hubs, most people talk about tech. Yes, a lot of it comes from tech, a lot of it is connecting research with industry, connecting research with venture capital, identifying markets and commercialising that research, but also a large proportion of entrepreneurs will design or come up with a new system of delivering pizza, for example. I remember that in the 1980s.

I do not know whether anyone in this chamber would remember, but Steve would be old enough to remember Domino's Pizza when it first came to South Australia and the controversy on talkback radio. It was the first time that pizzas were delivered in Adelaide and people would ring up the ABC and they would say that that they did not like those illuminated phones on the top of the cars because they could confuse them with ambulances. Extraordinary!

Mr Mullighan: Dial-A-Dino's.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Dial-A-Dino's, was it? That was it. It was new to Adelaide. This is the sort of innovation that we want to encourage, that we want to back through our innovation centre at the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site. Work has already started on that site. They are beautiful buildings. If you ever get a chance to visit them, they will remind you of places like Carpet & Home in New York. You have the pillars, the timber floors, the cornicing. It is a great atmosphere for being creative and innovative and it is going to be a huge success. It will generate a lot of interest, a lot of business and a lot of opportunity here in South Australia.

We are a small business state. We are a small enterprise state. There are 147,000 small businesses here in South Australia. Many of them do not employ anybody, and we would like to change that. Just recently at the last COAG meeting of industry and skills ministers, we agreed to participate in a pilot to be the lead state to encourage businesses that have never employed anyone before to take on their first employee.

I can remember when I was in that position. My first employee was actually an apprentice. It is a big jump from being responsible just for yourself and not necessarily having to worry about a number of regulatory requirements of having staff. A big jump for so many people when they run their own business is employing their first employee, so we want to analyse what the barriers are to doing that here in South Australia and then we want to remove as many of those barriers that we can.

We also want to give those potential employers, those businesses that currently do not employ staff, the confidence and the help that they need to employ their first staff member. We know through our own experience, because on this side of the house we know about business. We are all from business. We have either worked in business or we have started businesses. We have put our own money on the line. People say to me that this job must get very stressful, to which I reply, 'It's nowhere near as stressful as a small business.'

One of the things that I looked forward to, that I rejoiced in the most when I was elected into the parliament—and I closed my business as a consequence of that—was that I no longer felt that what I was doing was connected to a risk on my house. All of us on this side of the chamber understand what that is like. You never knock off. When your house is providing the security for your overdraft, you never knock off.

I can remember that when we had a shop in Sydney I used to get calls—Sydney people are quite brash compared with Adelaide people—at 7.30pm because I had the shop phone diverted to my mobile. Someone in Sydney said, 'We went into your shop today and we saw a dining room suite. We want to order one of those.' So I would always have a pad and pen and ask for their credit card

number, and then I would stop what I was doing and go and process it in the shop just in case they changed their mind the next day.

Mr Mullighan interjecting:

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: You get the authorisation, member for Lee. You get on the phone and get the authorisation. It is a bit like when people pledge to give you money for your campaign and when they actually hand over the cheque; they are two different things. We are very excited about this project because we think that this will encourage businesses to grow in South Australia as more people who have had enormous business experience but have never taken that next step of employing their first employee will be given that opportunity or encouraged to do so. This will see more growth in South Australia.

The government has made a very bold and measurable promise, I would argue, for delivering on traineeships and apprenticeships—20,800 over a four-year period. It is from a low base. I explained earlier in my contribution in this place that we saw a massive drop-off, from approximately 25,000-odd in 2012 to just 15,500 in 2017, and we have seen the consequences of that. We have seen that people cannot get tradespeople in the building industry and, even though we are not in a boom—things are getting better, but we are not in a boom—it is still difficult to get tradespeople.

Of course, that pushes up the cost of doing business here in South Australia. I do not know whether you have called a plumber recently, member for Lee. Our hot water system went the other day—\$2,500. The hot water system itself was about \$900 and the plumber was there for about three hours. I thought, 'I spent four years doing a cabinet-making apprenticeship. I reckon plumbing could have been a good one for me.' And he was my regular, I knew him. But I say good luck to my plumber, who does a great job. These things happen, that is, once every 10 years or so, you jump in the shower and wonder why it is not getting hot, so you go outside and see that there is a big pool of water.

I would like to close my remarks by speaking about a local issue I dealt with or I have been involved with over the last few weeks. We all understand that, if we are sitting on this side of the chamber and we are members of the executive, we still of course have very responsible jobs representing our constituents. There is an issue on the corner of Duthy Street and Edmund Avenue in Unley, where the old MotorLab Mechanics was. It had a single fuel pump, and I used to have my car serviced there many years ago, but it has been closed for six, seven, or eight years. The old house next door has been purchased, and now there is an application in for about an eight-pump or even a 10-pump United fuel stop.

Of course, Duthy Street is a feeder street. It is not a main street. It is not like Fullarton Road, it is not like Unley Road, it is not like Goodwood Road. The residents see this as a threat to the amenity of the local area because we know that discount fuel businesses operate by bringing people in from miles away. People forget that they have to spend a few dollars in petrol to get to the destination to get the discount petrol. That is the model that works. Of course, they also know that with the mixed model, the modern service station, there is a lot of other retail activity as well.

This is causing enormous concern. It is noncompliant. Fifty people turned up at the Duthy Street deli last night and I popped in to hear their concerns. There is one thing that is certain if that development does go ahead: it will not sell anything to anyone within a couple of kilometres of that petrol station. They simply will not support that business. If part of the business plan of that developer is to pick up local business, it ain't gonna happen. My advice to that business is perhaps to take that element out of your business plan and see if it still works. I do not think it will because you are not going to get those people of Unley using your product.

Finally, I would like to thank very much Mr Rob Fitzgerald and his wife, Anne Fitzgerald. Rob is a very longstanding member of the Liberal Party. He has worked on every campaign of mine as the campaign manager from 2006. I do not know how he has done it. It is incredible really. The 2006 election was a very difficult election. I have to say that the other elections have been slightly easier. It is much better to win by 5,300 votes, as I did in this election, compared with 437 in my first election.

Rob has been a pillar of strength as the campaign manager and also for that time as the State Electoral Commission (SEC) president in Unley. He has now decided that he is going to hang up his doorknocking boots and retire from that role. I put on *Hansard* my tremendous appreciation of

the work he has done not just in Unley but also for the campaigns for the federal seat of Adelaide. He and his wife have been terrific. Thank you so much, Rob and Anne Fitzgerald.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Gee.

At 17:53 the house adjourned until Thursday 10 May 2018 at 11:00.