

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
Wednesday, 19 September 2018

The **SPEAKER** (Hon. V.A. Tarzia) took the chair at 10:31 and read prayers.

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

Bills

ROAD TRAFFIC (DRUG TESTING) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 4 July 2018.)

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (10:34): I move:

That this order of the day be postponed.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will not interject.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: It is highly out of order to interject when a vote is taking place.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members will cease interjecting. Let's not start the morning like this.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will cease interjecting.

The house divided on the motion:

Ayes 23
Noes 18
Majority 5

AYES

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

NOES

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

PAIRS

Gardner, J.A.W.

Wortley, D.

Motion thus carried; order of the day postponed.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I acknowledge Trinity Gardens School's year 5 students, who are guests of the Premier. We hope you enjoy your stay in parliament today.

Motions

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (10:41): I move:

That this house—

- (a) recognises that National Police Remembrance Day is held on 28 September 2018;
- (b) acknowledges that this day honours the memory of police men and women who have given their lives in the service of the community;
- (c) appreciates the ongoing dedication of sworn and non-sworn SAPOL members across the city, suburbs and regions of South Australia; and
- (d) thanks all South Australian police for the great work they do in making South Australia a safe place to live.

I rise today with great pride to speak on this motion. National Police Remembrance Day will be held on 28 September this year. It provides a great opportunity to reflect and honour those police men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty. For the record, Police Remembrance Day is normally held on 29 September. However, SAPOL will officially hold their memorial service on Friday the 28th, which is a working day. This year, Police Remembrance Day will be celebrated with ceremonies in all states and territories across the country.

I have had the great privilege to serve as the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services for the past six months. My respect and appreciation for the work that police do, in often very difficult and challenging circumstances, has only grown in that time. I have been lucky to go out and see police operations on the beat. On one of those most insightful evenings, it was somewhat enjoyable to see police operating on Hindley Street. I know others in this place have been on a similar journey. They are difficult circumstances. Young people are out and about having a good time and being merry, but police are there to keep South Australians safe.

The way they interacted with people throughout the course of the evening, the way that the mounted police were present and kept that presence on Hindley Street as well, and the way that police were received by the people who owned the nightclubs and the establishments along Hindley Street was wonderful to see. As a whole, all the people who were out and about really did enjoy interacting with the police, knowing they were there to keep them safe. That is just one of the operations that I have been able to see.

I was also out with the dog squad and the mounted horses over at the old police barracks where they are housed and stabled. These arms of the police force are also wonderful to witness. They do great work. The PAD dogs—drug detection dogs—are quite fascinating in the way they operate. These labradors are very intelligent, and the relationship they have with their handlers is absolutely outstanding to see. It is a different arm, of course, and there are other arms of the police force as well.

I have gone out and witnessed the STAR Group training and the work they do is outstanding. We know that going forward we will have the rapid response capability as well, which I think is very

exciting for all South Australians. All the police in all those different departments right across the board do an outstanding job and we thank them very much for that.

It has been a pleasure going to the regions as well and seeing how the police operate out there. I was in Port Augusta recently. What is amazing is the number of cadets who go through Port Augusta and really like to experience a more rural region that is still a large metropolis where they can get all those wonderful worldly experiences. It was pointed out that the way they are set up in Port Augusta really is the ideal training ground, so that is very much enjoyed up there as well.

I have also had the privilege of going to a number of cadet graduations at the Police Academy to watch these young people—and some of them not so young—commence their policing career. We recently had a graduation for the community constables as well, and that is another great initiative to keep police engaged with the community and delivering the great services they do.

Having had the opportunity at those sorts of events to speak to the officers face to face and get a feel for the job they do was truly inspirational. It can only be described really as one of the best parts of the job when you get to go out and speak to people face to face, hear what they are doing and listen to how much they love the work they are doing as part of our South Australian police force.

It is also a great honour to be standing here in this house wearing the SA Police Legacy ribbon in honour of those who have been lost along the way. Police Legacy do an outstanding job helping the families of people who have been lost along the way, and I commend the work they do. In addition to those officers who have lost their lives whilst on duty, there are countless police men and women who have been injured whilst on duty. I would also like to pay tribute to them here today.

While fortunately it has been quite a number of years since we lost a police officer in the line of duty, the reality is that most of our police officers encounter risks every day. SAPOL officers are dedicated to protecting our community, and today is a day to acknowledge and thank our police officers for their selflessness and commitment to ensuring South Australian public safety.

I also want to take the opportunity to convey my sincere condolences to members of the Victorian police who tragically lost one of their own officers last weekend. Detective Senior Sergeant Vic Kostiuk was killed when a car travelling in the opposite direction veered into the path of his motorcycle. This tragedy occurred while the officer was participating in the national Wall to Wall charity ride from Melbourne to Canberra in honour of officers killed in the line of duty. It is very sad that someone was there recognising National Police Remembrance Day by taking part in an activity and died on this ride. Sadly, his son was also alongside him when that happened and he is also a Victorian police officer. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to that family of course.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the non-sworn police employees and volunteers around the state who contribute to making SAPOL one of the most respected organisations in Australia. Next week, I will have the privilege of attending and laying a wreath at the Wall of Remembrance at the Remembrance Day memorial service at the Police Academy at Fort Largs. They do wonderful ceremonies out there. I have been to a number of graduation ceremonies for police cadets.

I was there just last week with the shadow minister for the graduation of the community constables. It was wonderful to see these young people, who had gone through the 16-week training course and are now going out into the community and working in that role, specifically and more particularly in the work around Indigenous liaison, which is wonderful to see. We are looking forward to growing community constable engagement with SAPOL and the work they do in localised communities right across the state.

I also have a close personal relationship with SAPOL. My brother-in-law was a member of SAPOL for a number of years as part of the STAR Group. I would always enjoy catching up with him and hearing the tales of the work that he did. I have admiration for all the STAR Group officers and, for that matter, all the police. Whilst the STAR Group would do day-to-day on the beat operations as well, when they were called to stand up and take part in quite big projects it was quite phenomenal. It was very dangerous work they did, highly respected work and very much valued work as far as South Australia is concerned.

My niece has also joined the police force. She has not been in all that long but she is doing an outstanding job, from all reports, and is absolutely loving her work, loving the camaraderie, the engagement she has with the community. She is a very forthright young woman who is a very confident person and ideally suited to the role. I have no doubt that every day she puts on her uniform and goes to work her heart and soul are totally committed to delivering better outcomes for South Australians right across the board.

I know she is a highly valued member of her team and, while still only quite young, she has the confidence, the skills and the abilities, from going through the training at the academy, to deliver for our police force. However, when you have someone so close who goes to work in that environment you are always conscious, watching from the outside and having a little look from the inside, that it is a dangerous environment, and you want to make sure they come home safely at the end of the day.

No-one wants to see our police put in life-threatening situations. Of course we want to minimise that at every turn; however, the nature of the job is that it is a difficult job and there can be those types of situations. We want to make sure that police and other people who go to work get home at the end of the day, because we can only imagine how devastating it is for people who have lost someone in the line of duty.

It is a great opportunity on the 28th, the day that SAPOL acknowledges and remembers police who have fallen in the line of duty, to spare a thought for those who do go to work often late at night and into uncomfortable situations. I go back to walking Hindley Street with some officers recently: I was there with their protection, following us along, but we went down through some the backstreets and looked at what happens and how people operate in those sorts of environments. I was there with their protection, but they go there every day for work. They put themselves in those environments to make sure that South Australians are protected. I truly personally admire that, and I think that collectively, as a parliament, we need to acknowledge the wonderful work they do.

It is a privilege and an honour to be police minister and have oversight of that portfolio area. Right across the board, to all police officers both sworn and non-sworn, I thank them for the great work they do in keeping South Australia safe. Again, I take this opportunity to recognise all they do, all they give over and above their work commitments, to make sure that those of us in this chamber and the greater population of South Australia have what we all know to be a wonderful and safe environment in which to live, raise our families and do business.

Again, a big thankyou to them. It is a great opportunity to acknowledge National Police Remembrance Day on the 28th of this month.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (10:53): I rise to support the motion brought today by the minister:

That this house—

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I will make a brief contribution to this motion today. I have spoken on similar motions many times in this house. South Australia Police have, of course, been serving our community for well over 175 years, I think 178 years now, and over that time we have lost 61 of them while on duty. As people will know, this is a subject close to my heart. I used to serve as a police officer. It is a tight-knit family, and even after you have left it is a tight-knit family, as the minister alluded to.

My time was spent almost entirely on patrols in Elizabeth, with various stints in Salisbury and the occasional sojourn in Hindley Street, as we were called upon to do from time to time. As I said, it was entirely on patrols and, on reflection, notwithstanding some of the comments of the minister, I

think that the patrols perform probably the most difficult and most dangerous task of all the sworn police officers.

This is not to denigrate for a second the contribution of other members, particularly the STAR Group, as the minister alluded to. They do an extremely dangerous job at times. The tactical response groups and those specialists who go into meth labs from time to time do an enormously dangerous job. But general patrols have a particular role to play in keeping our community safe, and it almost goes without saying how dangerous it is. Almost every aspect of the job has hidden risks: the driving, the firearms, the other equipment police carry to protect themselves and protect others and, of course, the people police encounter from time to time in the course of their duty.

General patrols almost never know exactly what is going to confront them when they go to a job. Often, the job comes up as a simple disturbance with very little detail. Although the comms people try to give patrols as much detail as they can, there is often very little detail. Every house they visit, every car they stop, every person they meet in the street is a potential risk and, indeed, could be the difference between life and death. Every copper knows that this is the case going into every job, and still they go in.

That is what we should be celebrating on Police Remembrance Day, remembering those who gave their lives but celebrating those who are prepared to do that every single day. We are all safer for their efforts, the risks they take and the sacrifices they often make. This is why we need to equip our police to face any situation. That is why, under the previous government, SAPOL became the most well-resourced police force in Australia. It is also why police need the latest equipment. It is why every front-line police officer should have access to a taser and a light ballistic stab-proof vest.

The Hon. C.L. Wingard: Why didn't you supply it?

Mr ODENWALDER: Well, I was about to say, but there is bipartisan support in this chamber—there has been in the past, and I hope there will be in the future—for properly equipping our police. I hope that the minister is true to his word and wants to equip them. I am sure he is. I am sure he wants to equip them to the best of his ability, and I am sure he wants to keep them as the most well-resourced and safest police force in Australia.

As I said, 61 of our officers have died since 1847 in the line of duty in various ways, most commonly involving a motor vehicle. Of the 61 deaths, 28 have involved motor vehicles. The last police officer to die was Senior Constable Bogdan Josef Sobczak. He was killed in 2002 on his motorcycle. He was a long-term career police officer from the age of 19. He left behind his wife, Julie, and children Renee, Luke, Kara and Cain. It is people like him we should be remembering on this day.

National Police Remembrance Day is traditionally held on 29 September and this year is commemorated on 28 September, a Friday. It is the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, I am advised, the patron saint of police. It is a time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I want to express my personal thanks to the sworn and non-sworn SAPOL officers who serve us every day, and I express the thanks of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition to those men and women who serve and protect our community every day, knowing the risks but go out anyway.

I want to echo the minister's thanks to SA Police Legacy. They do a fantastic job assisting the families of police officers who have either passed away or are facing serious health issues. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of the Police Association of South Australia, with which I have been involved for a very long time, and their president, Mark Carroll, and new secretary, Bernadette Zimmermann. I want to acknowledge the service of the outgoing secretary, Tom Scheffler, who is having an endless retirement party, it seems, but I am sure it will end soon. He has served the Police Association well. I commend the motion to the house.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (10:59): I also rise to support the motion of the Minister for Police, Correctional Services and Emergency Services regarding this year's National Police Remembrance Day, which takes place on 28 September. Certainly, this house should recognise this day and acknowledge its importance in honouring the men and women who have dedicated and given their lives to serving the community and also maintaining law and order, not only within Australia but, importantly, in South Australia.

On 28 September, there will be ceremonies all across Australia celebrating the incredible work that our police officers do. It is also important to reflect upon the great sacrifice that some members of the police community have made, and therefore on National Police Remembrance Day we will remember the lives of 61 South Australian police officers who have passed away in their line of duty.

Today, I am wearing a Legacy ribbon honouring those who have lost their lives, but it also pays tribute to those who have been injured and who have put their lives at risk keeping our community safe. Members of the police force and their families are aware of the unavoidable danger that their job entails, yet they go in and keep the community safe regardless. When an officer makes the ultimate sacrifice in their line of duty, the wider police community provides ongoing support to loved ones and those left behind.

I support the minister's motion strongly and would like to emphasise how important it is that this house acknowledges its appreciation of the ongoing service that both sworn and non-sworn members of SAPOL provide to both metropolitan and regional South Australia. I mentioned before that many of those police officers are out on mobile patrols in cars or on bikes. This is certainly the case in regional areas on long roads, and it is vital that they are given the recognition for the work they do to keep our community safe.

It is because of these hardworking police officers and staff that our wider community is able to live their lives without fear of danger, knowing that they have an emergency service that they can rely on when needed that ensures their public safety. This is why so many South Australians were disheartened when the previous Labor government reduced the operating hours of many police stations throughout metropolitan Adelaide in 2016.

In the seat of Morphett, the Glenelg Police Station saw its hours reduced and slashed to become 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Our community, especially those most vulnerable, such as senior citizens and young families, deserves a greater and stronger police presence. However, when these operating hours were cut, this presence ceased to exist on the weekends in many major areas with high traffic volumes.

A physical police shopfront for people to walk into is vital in terms of maintaining citizens' feelings of safety, especially during the busiest times. In Glenelg, often this is at weekends during the summer months, and it sees large numbers of visitors coming to the area. Both locals and visitors should feel safe to walk around and enjoy the beach and local businesses. However, this safety is not always felt without a strong police presence on the weekends.

Glenelg is a thriving local area, and almost 80 per cent of all visitors who come to Adelaide visit the area and enjoy the small boutiques, cafes, restaurants and bars. This has led to over 1.3 million visitations per year into the precinct. Residents and tourists alike want to feel safe and enjoy our vibrant community.

On days of national celebration, such as New Year's Eve and Australia Day, the crowds flock to Glenelg beach. New Year's Eve sees up to 40,000 revellers taking part in the celebrations that culminate in the fireworks display at midnight. These events have been well supported by a strong police presence, and this has enabled these occasions to be family friendly, with families able to attend with children in a safe environment. Again, I thank the police for the work they do, when they could be spending time with their loved ones but instead put themselves out and work to keep our community safe.

In May of this year, just in Glenelg, not taking into account the surrounding suburbs which the Glenelg Police Station also services, there was a total of 38 total criminal offences. These ranged from serious criminal trespass to common assault and theft. What I would like to address specifically is that there were two assaults upon police officers within this number of 38 total offences. This is alarming because we know that police officers take genuine risks in the line of duty to uphold the safety of our community and protect our citizens.

I am pleased that the 2018-19 state budget dedicates \$12.9 million to implement a new staffing model in all metropolitan police stations, enabling more sworn police officers to be available for patrols and to enable police stations at Henley Beach, Norwood and Glenelg to be open when the community needs them. This strong police presence also includes mobile patrols; foot patrols,

especially along the busy Jetty Road in Glenelg; and bike patrols along the coastal foreshore as well, which is not as accessible to cars and mobile patrols. Sworn police officers will be maintained at these police stations.

This was a key election commitment that I fought for on behalf of our community in Morphett. It emphasises that the government is maintaining the commitments it took to South Australians at the recent election. This commitment will ensure that police resources will be used effectively and that residents and visitors of Glenelg and the wider area will enjoy the safe and vibrant community that Glenelg has to offer. The commitment also enables sworn officers to be redirected to a new rapid response capability to prevent and respond to terrorism-related incidents and domestic high-risk taskings, and to safely manage major events in South Australia, including in Morphett.

I would like to close by reiterating the hugely important role that SAPOL plays in South Australia. Police officers and the wider law enforcement community ensure that we can go about our lives without fear. We are able to go out and enjoy the cafes and bars in Glenelg at night and then walk back to our cars without fearing for our safety because we know there is a strong police presence.

I strongly support the minister's motion for this house to thank South Australian police officers for the incredible work they do every day to make South Australia a safe place to live. National Police Remembrance Day is important not only for current police officers but also for their families, retired officers and importantly, the families and friends of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (11:06): I rise today to support the motion put forward by Minister for Police, Correctional Services and Emergency Services outlining:

That this house—

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I certainly do not think we can say enough about South Australia's police force, their dedication and their commitment to providing us with an absolutely essential community service. The work they do is certainly far and wide. There is a great breadth of services that are delivered by SAPOL across a range of different areas, and I just want to take the time to highlight a couple of the services that may not be at the forefront of everyone's minds.

Each and every one of our SAPOL officers are valued for the services they deliver to our community, no matter what that service is. I regularly attend Neighbourhood Watch meetings in Henley, West Beach and other suburbs around the electorate. The value that SAPOL officers—usually community constables—provide in coming in to those meetings to update on the goings on in the area over the previous quarter is really appreciated by those who attend. They feel like they are part of a wider service that is providing for the community through those organisations.

While often they are young members—they are members who have just joined the police force—I think that contribution early on, to be able to interact with our community, is one of the most grassroots points of policing. The other aspect, which is close to my heart for a number of reasons, is the work of the water operations team and divers. It is often not really talked about, but they show dedication in training and in the service they deliver, often in very dire circumstances.

Through the campaign, I came across a couple of people involved in the Water Operations Unit. Through my time in the pool and in my swimming career, I also came across quite a few friends who took a very different pathway from me in later years and used their swimming careers and skills to become police divers. The service that they deliver, the risks that they take every day, and the dire circumstances that they face in their day-to-day operations are things the community more broadly respects and admires.

Earlier in the year, I had the opportunity to visit and represent the Minister for Police at a SAPOL recruit transition course graduation at Taperoo. This graduation is a bit different in the respect that the cadets are not usually at the same level as most cadets. They are officers who are coming across from different jurisdictions across Australia to become members of the SAPOL force, so theirs is almost a bridging course. Those people who had served in different police forces around Australia and who had moved here to South Australia to continue to serve a different community were still very passionate about what they were doing and their vocation, and it was certainly a great honour to be there to see them graduate and enter our SAPOL force.

I would also like to say that the facilities down at Taperoo are certainly first class. Police officers are given a fantastic facility to come through to learn their trade and to graduate from. The last time I was at that particular facility was in the very early days of my swimming career, when there used to be a pool, a very cold pool from memory. I asked the Assistant Commissioner on the day where the pool was now located. Apparently there is no pool; the new building was erected on top of it, but they have fantastic facilities. As has been said, across this chamber there is a want to provide our police force with appropriate infrastructure and everything they need to do their job.

I will not touch on this point in any great detail, but the reaction in my community to the recent changes in the police operating model demonstrates how much my community values the work that our police force do. They appreciate it, they are respectful of the work that they undertake, and are thankful for the service that SAPOL provides across all their services. On Police Remembrance Day, we are reminded on a day-to-day basis really that the moment we have an issue, we have a safety concern and we have people breaking the law, the first people we turn to, the first people we look for, the first people we want to make contact with are the police. As has been said, they are putting their lives at risk for the benefit of our greater community.

In the context of this motion, I think it is also appropriate to recognise the families who are supporting our police officers. Often in the force, the officers are working shiftwork, they are working late, they are working on call, and it is something that the family has to deal with both in having their particular loved one leave every day with an element of risk and in the way that they have to accommodate the rigours that come with serving in SAPOL. I think it is appropriate at this time to recognise, as has been mentioned, not just the 61 police who have died in service but also the families of those affected, certainly a much larger number.

The police are those go-to people, they give us a sense of security, they give us a sense of safety, but they also give us a sense of duty, and that is what SAPOL's dedicated officers do on a day-to-day basis. I do commend this motion put forward by the Minister for Police and thank other members in the chamber for contributing to this important motion recognising National Police Remembrance Day and thank our police officers for the service they provide.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:14): I rise to support the motion by the Minister for Police:

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I come from a regional electorate, with police stations spread far and wide, and as the electoral cycles rotate police stations come in or go out, but over time I have represented the Mallee stations of Pinnaroo and Lameroo. With the redistribution, they went into Chaffey for four years. My southern boundary is very close to the Coonalpyn and Tailem Bend stations and there is also Murray Bridge, which is the main station servicing the area. That station services an area right up through the Riverland, connecting to Berri, Renmark and Loxton. With my boundary moving up towards Mount Barker, I am having a bit more to do with linking through to Goolwa and the Goolwa Police Station, as I did in the past when I represented Goolwa for two terms.

I am actively working with police on issues, some of which are civil matters, and it is nice to know I can ask for a contact and meet with those police and they bring in other officers as needed. The other day, I met with the officer filling in for the superintendent in Mount Barker and a couple of other officers, which was very handy. It was more than I expected. I expected to meet with just one officer on the issue that I had brought to their attention.

I acknowledge all the superintendents I have dealt with over the years, including the ones I dealt with pre-politics. I mention retired superintendent John Attwood. I was involved in a large fundraising activity in the upper South-East with the sand blasters. We have really good dialogue when operating with police at all levels, whether dealing with licensing here in Adelaide or local police like John. The other day I ran into John at an awards night for Neighbourhood Watch recognising the valuable service that citizens play in assisting police in being the eyes and ears out in the community.

Even though the police do absolutely magnificent work, they cannot be everywhere all the time. John and I reflected on those times years ago when we worked together. He was talking about how we dealt with the Hells Angels at Ponde. I said, 'How did you manage that, mate?' He said, 'I just let them know that I would be walking in unarmed,' and you work it out. I think that takes a certain amount of courage—I think that takes great courage. I absolutely salute him for doing that, and other police officers who work in challenging environments, to say the least.

During my time as a member of parliament, it is so good to have the mobile number of the current superintendent in Murray Bridge in my phone and the acknowledgement that if I need to ring them at any time of day or night I can do that. I have done that when I have been driving home to Coomandook and I hear something on the UHF radio that there is (as there was one night) a truck on the wrong side of the road, heading against the traffic. I contacted the super and said, 'You have to get a patrol out here pretty quick.' They may have been contacted in other ways, but it is nice that I can just go to the direct number and say, 'What's happening?'

I would like to acknowledge the current superintendent out there, James Blandford, and the work he does with his officers right across the community. We have a really good and open relationship. We have regular meetings, but at any time, if I need to find out what is going on with a certain issue, I make that contact. Sadly, we have seen some evil crimes in the Murraylands where people have been murdered. I acknowledge the work that the police have to do around these evil crimes, but I also want to acknowledge the general work that they do.

It has been mentioned before that police do not know what they are coming up against. I know that for a recent murder they raided 100 houses in Murray Bridge. Who would know what they would get on the other side? I know they were out in force but, at times, when police officers go out to an event—and sadly sometimes these are domestic violence related—they do not know what they are going to find, especially if they are going out to a relatively remote farmhouse or a house at the end of a street. Anything can happen.

Sadly, as we have seen over the years, we have lost 61 members of our police force who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I think not only about them but about the families left behind, who have to live with the fact of that lost loved one who is never going to walk in the door again because they made the ultimate sacrifice.

They are doing the job to keep our community safe. You may not think that if you happen to creep over the speed limit and they pull you over to have a chat about why you might have crept over, but that is what they are there for: to keep you safe. Although, in saying that, I acknowledge that we have a policy to bring our rural roads back to 110 km/h—and the sooner the better for our regional members.

The Hon. Z.L. Bettison: Hurry up and do it.

Mr PEDERICK: I note the interjection of, 'Why don't we do it?' I am glad I got that interjection, actually. There is a simple reason: 16 years of neglect in the regions, 16 years of absolute neglect by the previous Labor government. Instead of keeping roads up to the standard that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure wants to have them at, they just run them down and say, 'That's alright. We'll just call them 100 km/h roads now.' That is, simply, why we cannot do it. As I have had the community—

Mr Odenwalder: Is that a promise?

Mr PEDERICK: Absolutely. It is in our policies. Read them and weep.

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr PEDERICK: We will fix this issue absolutely. Members on the other side would not know what a rural road was if it hit them in the face. They would not know what a rural road was if it hit them in the face because it was easier just to neglect the regions of South Australia in every way, shape and form, whether it is to do with our transport, our health, our education or the wellbeing of our regional citizens. However, we over on this side do care, and we care that people need to get to places through productivity and all other matters.

There were 16 years of neglect and \$1 billion of waste in our road network, where the previous Labor government let a \$1 billion backlog in our road funding just go out the window because they were not committed to working on those roads—but I digress. In my final few seconds, I want to totally acknowledge the sacrifice of our police men and women—not just them but also their families and colleagues.

Ms LUETHEN (King) (11:24): I rise to support National Police Remembrance Day, which will be held on 28 September this year. The day provides an important opportunity to reflect on and honour those police men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty. I am glad to know that Police Remembrance Day will be celebrated with ceremonies in all states and territories across the country. With sadness and gratitude, we pay tribute to the 61 members of the South Australian police force who have made the ultimate sacrifice while performing their duties as police officers.

All police officers and their families know that policing can sometimes be a dangerous job, but when a life is taken the police family pulls together to support and care for one another. I acknowledge and thank all South Australian police and pay a special thanks to the Golden Grove, Salisbury, Holden Hill and Elizabeth police stations that keep the people safe in King.

As I have been serving the local community as a councillor and now as the state member, the local police, our Golden Grove Police Station, have been a terrific support in not only working to keep our community safe, not only patrolling the drop-off and pickup times at our local schools, but also providing me their advice, views and collaboration on projects such as the council project, when I was collaborating with the local community to explore the feasibility of adding lights to the local skate park. They supported this and, through this conversation with local police and the community, I found out that they often open their doors on hot days to the local skaters when they need a cool drink.

Also, I have friends who have worked at our local police stations. These individuals are very community focused and have provided me with sound advice on many topics, including when the former government was looking to reduce the operating days and hours in our local police stations. It is a dangerous job our local police do. Recently, I witnessed a person resisting to go with two female police officers, as they instructed, and one officer was sprayed in the eyes with the spray that they used, as was the person they were trying to detain. As I was watching this, it struck me what officers go through on a daily basis and that when they arrive home from work and someone asks how their day has been, it might be a little different from ours. I feel for them and thank them for what they do in the line of duty.

On Police Remembrance Day, we are reminded of the reasons we may go to police on a daily basis and how lucky we are that they choose to serve us in this role. I also recognise all sworn and non-sworn officers for the work they do. My own my mother, Maria Hannam, worked for over 10 years in an admin role in the DNA section of SAPOL. Every person in the police force, sworn and non-sworn, plays a very important role in keeping our state safe.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the police officers who give their time to attend the local Neighbourhood Watch groups. We have great dialogue and collaboration in the Golden Grove, Wynn Vale and Greenwith Neighbourhood Watch. This is an interesting and useful way for our local community to share information, ask questions and give information back and forth. I thank Councillor

Sandy Keane for volunteering to be the chair of these meetings for many years, and also certainly acknowledge my previous co-councillor, Councillor Bernie Keane, for his contribution over many years. I commend this motion to the house and I thank the minister for putting this very important motion forward to recognise the great work and sacrifice of our police officers across the state.

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (11:28): I rise today in support of this motion to recognise National Police Remembrance Day on 28 September. The motion also acknowledges and honours the memory of police men and women who have given their lives in service to the community, appreciates the ongoing dedication of sworn and non-sworn members of the South Australian police right across the state and thanks all South Australian police for the great work they do.

When I was briefly reading up on the background of the South Australia Police, I realised that the police force is 180 years old. It is the oldest in Australasia and, in fact, one of the oldest established police forces in the world. Police Remembrance Day is a very important opportunity to remember those 61 police officers whose lives were taken in service to our community, ultimately working to keep us all safe. When most of us would be moving away from danger, it is often their job to head straight towards it. I would like to pay tribute to those who were taken in the line of duty.

I would also like to pay tribute to all those police who are doing that very important work at the moment. I would like to echo some of the comments the member for Elizabeth made around the patrol officers and the very important and difficult work they do with the acknowledgement that they head into any situation, often without knowing a great deal about what is before them. From my interactions with friends and family and others who have worked in the police force, I know it can range from a neighbour complaint about noise, playing loud music on a Sunday afternoon, to a domestic violence situation to someone who is off their head on a horrible drug like ice or being first on the scene during a major crash situation.

I am a little hesitant in naming and listing the different sections of the police force when I obviously do not know all of them and do not want that to be any reflection on having an opinion of one versus another. But of those I know, the STAR Force and others who are involved in those acute situations are at incredible risk. I would also like to acknowledge those who work in other areas such as the Major Crash Investigation Section where they are dealing with horrific scenes and having to collect evidence and also inform families that they have lost loved ones on the roads. I would also like to acknowledge those police who are involved in some very horrific investigations.

I know one former police officer who was involved for about 12 years in investigating cases of child sexual abuse. Talking to him, I understood the impact that that had on him over time; in fact, it was one of the reasons for his leaving the force in the end. I think it is very important for us to always do everything we can to ensure that police officers are supported beyond their time in the force to make sure that, when they are dealing with these very difficult and horrific situations, there is always a helping hand out there for them.

I would also like to recognise the families of police officers. I know that police work takes a toll on families and it is important that they are recognised as well. Lastly, I want to thank all members of the police, sworn and non-sworn, for the work they do and recognise those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. I commend the minister for bringing this motion to this house and I commend the motion.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:33): I rise to support the motion and commend the minister for bringing the matter to the attention of the house. May I first say that, in the work that our police do in respect of the personal protection of our community, their investigative role in relation to crime and the very challenging aspects of the security of our state in relation to terrorist activity and the like, at whatever level, these men and women place themselves at risk, particularly on the front line in relation to high-level squads that are important to the protection of our community.

Sadly, I do not have any police stations in my electorate. We rely on the Norwood Police Station, so a big thankyou to the police commissioner and the police minister for their cooperative work in ensuring that the extension of trading hours is respected and, of course, the new government has introduced the funding to support that.

What we have, though, is a memorial to Constable Hyde at the Leabrook Playground, at the back of the site of a former primary school, which came about as a result of the early Police Association, which has been recognised, I think by the member for Newland, as one of the oldest police operations in Australia, but particularly their association was the first of its kind in Australia.

They have been very active in supporting the recognition of Constable Hyde. Why? Because he was the first police officer who died from injuries as a result of attempting to arrest, in this case, two highwaymen who were attempting to rob, and I think successfully did rob, the Marrayatville Hotel. Constable Hyde was shot and wounded. He staggered to the other side of the road but later died of injuries from that assault on him. For the information of members, he is buried in the West Terrace Cemetery.

Again, the Police Association was active in securing a significant upgrade to his grave in recognition. He is a symbol of all that our men and women in the police force risk to carry out their duties, and on a day such as this and a commemoration such as this we recognise them for their efforts. There has been a bit of a challenge in relation to the maintenance of this but, as a member of the National Trust, a member of the history branch in Burnside and a member of the Geographical Society, I am personally committed to ensure that the recognition of these memorials is maintained. It is a very important expression of what we are proud of and what should endure for future generations.

Sadly, however, it came under a bit of attack, I have to say, because under Ms Portolesi's time in the parliament she made a commitment, I think just before the 2010 election, to ensure that this memorial would be maintained. It was on land that the government wanted to sell. All sorts of commitments were made to protect it, including by the former member for Norwood at that stage, but subsequently changed to Dunstan, and the member for Hartley; both those members were involved in obviously supporting the position. The now member for Dunstan, our Premier, of course was active in this, and indeed our Speaker, as the candidate for Hartley at the time, was very active in ensuring that we maintain this.

All sorts of promises were made by the previous government, but of course as soon as they were re-elected they were abandoned, and guess what has happened? The land transfers occurred and it was necessary for us to save this memorial and for the Burnside council to step in and acquire the property to ensure the continuation of this memorial. I am a ratepayer and a taxpayer and we got slugged both ways; nevertheless, I think it is fair to say that in our district we are proud of this memorial. It symbolises everything that we should recognise in relation to the police force and the community's appreciation for what they do. It has come at a cost, but that memorial is intact and I am proud to say that it will certainly be there in my lifetime.

Mrs POWER (Elder) (11:39): I rise today in support of the motion of the Minister for Police, Correctional Services and Emergency Services:

That this house—

- (a) recognises that National Police Remembrance Day is held on 28 September 2018;
- (b) acknowledges that this day honours the memory of police men and women who have given their lives in the service of the community;
- (c) appreciates the ongoing dedication of sworn and non-sworn SAPOL members across the city, suburbs and regions of South Australia; and
- (d) thanks all South Australian police for the great work they do in making South Australia a safe place to live.

This is a very important motion indeed. National Police Remembrance Day, as I mentioned, to be held on 28 September this year, is an important day. It is an important opportunity to reflect and honour all the men and women who serve in our police force and to pay our respect to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice whilst on duty.

We often think of police in terms of law enforcement, but their role extends beyond this, with police officers bringing citizens and communities together to prevent crimes from happening in the first place, solving neighbourhood problems, witnessing documents and promoting public safety. More broadly, our police officers enhance the quality of life in a community. I stand today in

appreciation of all the work, sacrifice, bravery and commitment of our sworn and non-sworn SAPOL members across the city, suburbs and regions of South Australia. I would also like to pay tribute to the 61 members of the South Australian police force who paid the ultimate sacrifice while performing their duties as police officers.

On National Police Remembrance Day, I hope that everyone in our community pauses to think of our South Australian police force and to imagine what their working day or working night might look like. As the member for Newland quite poetically put it, whilst most of us are running from danger our police officers are running towards it. Whether we have had cause to call upon the police or not, simply knowing that we have a reliable, trustworthy, dedicated police force brings great comfort, safety and peace to our community and our state. I commend the motion to the house.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): If the minister speaks, he closes debate.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (11:41): Thank you very much, Mr Acting Speaker. It is lovely to see you poised in the chair doing such an outstanding job. I note the Speaker has just got married, and I am just checking to see how you are travelling—good to know—but I digress, Mr Acting Speaker. Thank you for the indulgence; I do apologise.

I would like to thank all the members who spoke on this motion to acknowledge the great work that SAPOL do and to acknowledge National Police Remembrance Day that is being rolled out on 28 September this year. I would like to acknowledge the Deputy Premier and the member for King, and the members for Morphett and Colton, who I know are very passionate about police presence in their area as well, as is the Premier, the member for Dunstan. The member for Newland spoke wonderfully well, as he always does.

The member for Hammond is a very passionate advocate for the regions of course, as is the member for Elder as well, a very hardworking member. More specifically, I acknowledge the member for Elizabeth, the shadow minister, who again supported the motion on behalf of his side of the chamber, and I thank him for that and note his words about the importance of police on the beat. I know that he has a very close affinity with South Australia Police, having served for a short period of time as a member of SAPOL, and that he understands, as we all should, the great work that police do.

As we commemorate National Police Remembrance Day, I would like to take a moment to think about what police actually do when they go to work every day. I mentioned before that they put on the uniform and go to work knowing that they are going into a potentially dangerous situation or dangerous circumstances. It is a difficult job, and I think it is good just to take time to acknowledge that because, when we do not deal with it day to day, we do take it for granted. We love to know in the back of our heads that we have that support, comfort and reassurance of having such a wonderful police force. It allows us to get on and do all the things we do. Taking the time to think about what they do, the work they do, the dangers they put themselves in, is very important. To have members in the chamber acknowledge that and recognise that is truly fantastic.

As was pointed out by a number of members, 61 members of the South Australian police force have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, and that should not go without notice as well. We must think about their families, friends and associates when we talk about that number of 61. When you extrapolate it out to family members and close friends, it really has a far and wide-reaching net across the state of people who are impacted, and of course we do not want to see those things going forward. Thankfully, it has been a long time, touch wood, since we have had a death of one of our police officers whilst in the line of duty.

I mentioned the great bond and friendship that exists amongst all SAPOL workers, and I have been lucky enough to experience and witness that firsthand, as I am sure many other members in the chamber have through friends and associates who are involved with SAPOL, and the bond there is so incredibly strong. That should be acknowledged as well because, as a unit, a group, they look after each other and that is incredibly important as well.

The member for Newland made a very poignant point: the work SAPOL officers do is very unnatural. When there is an incident, they run towards the danger and not away from it, and that

must be truly commended and acknowledged at this point as well. I cannot stress enough the privilege and comfort we have of living in a safe community because of the services provided by South Australia Police; it is something for which we should all be truly thankful, especially on days like this, when we acknowledge people who have passed in the line of duty and when we take a moment to think about the work the current members do.

As simple as it sounds, when you walk down the street and see someone in the navy blue uniform, give them a smile, say hello and say thanks, because they do a marvellous job. It is a great opportunity on 28 September to acknowledge and remember. Again, I thank all members who have supported this motion on both sides of the house, and I commend the great work done by SAPOL.

Motion carried.

WORLD TOURISM DAY

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (11:46): I move:

That this house—

- (a) acknowledges that 27 September is World Tourism Day; and
- (b) acknowledges the importance of tourism for the culture and economy of South Australia.

This morning I was delighted to host a morning tea with our diverse tourism stakeholders. Small business, peak bodies, owners and operators all came together to acknowledge this day. Some have stayed on, and I welcome them to the house.

The United Nations World Tourism Day is celebrated on 27 September every year. The theme this year is tourism and the digital transformation. The digitisation of our work and personal lives is often referred to as the fourth industrial revolution. Tourism was an early adopter and a digital pioneer. It was seen first when hotel and flight booking was accessible online, and it continues to impact tourism in many ways: logistics, distribution and marketing.

Access to information has transformed how we connect and how it informs our decision-making, particularly that of a potential tourist. When we talk about the impact, the World Tourism Organisation notes how much information has changed our behaviour. We can see the impact on user-generated content and feedback and the integration of social media. When describing a new world tourist, the United Nations says that that tourist is more autonomous, hyperconnected, demanding and expects personalised customer service.

It is a really exciting sector, and it is considered to grow at 4 to 5 per cent this year globally. Tourism is a key sector of the South Australian economy and contributes \$6.7 billion to the South Australian economy, that is, the visitor economy, with more than 56,000 direct and indirect jobs alone. We have a transparent goal in South Australia to achieve an \$8 billion visitor economy by 2020. This is an exciting goal, and we want to get there. It is truly a whole-of-state industry: 60 per cent of tourism expenditure is in the metropolitan area and 40 per cent in the regions.

However, this is a competitive arena. We are competing not just with other states but globally. The theme of this year pays attention to one of the significant disruptors for the industry. Disruption, like a crisis, can bring opportunities and threats. Already we have seen the challenges in the sharing economy, such as Airbnb and Uber, which both share accommodation and ride-sharing services, removing the middle layer and increasing the direct relationship between the user and provider.

Long gone are the days when a trip to your travel agent was the only way to book a holiday. We know that online bookings disrupted the travel agent. Relying on information in a pamphlet, with pictures of the scenery and various hotels to choose from, has been replaced by real-time commentary from recent travellers. As disruptions enter the industry, it does not shrink it; in fact, the opposite has occurred. What we see is that tourism is a supergrowth industry, with room to increase globally and, of course, here in our state.

One of our key challenges is to create an awareness of South Australia. Globally, people know of Australia: the Opera House, the Rock, the reef and Kangaroo Island. Kangaroo Island is our arrowhead. Already it is known, but we must continue to build on its reputation. While you and I know that South Australia is a great place to live and work—we love the sea, the city and the Hills, our

wine and food are fabulous and our diverse events attract something for everyone—tourism is about selling the destination to others.

The digital transformation of tourism enables us to share the image of our state across the globe. We may recall the prize-winning Barossa ad, drawing awareness of the uniqueness and quality of our wine region. It was all about the experience, conveying the depth of richness to be experienced. Southaustralia.com is the portal for all things tourism in our state. It is the one-stop shop for the potential tourist to be inspired, to plan and to book. Just as important is the experience of tourists who are here. Within an instant, an amazing photo of you swimming with sea lions in Port Lincoln is instagrammed around the world, and so is the TripAdvisor comment you made about poor service or lack of amenities.

The disruptive world of the digital transformation is here to stay. To compete, we must embrace the opportunity to increase awareness and build the number of tourists and their length of stay. In recent years, many important investments were made to increase this awareness: new direct airline routes to Adelaide via Emirates, Qatar and China Southern and more than 1,100 new hotel groups, with 14 more hotels in the pipeline. The cruising market has developed strongly, with 69 ships last year and an expected 84 this year, and looking at new ports to come online: Port Lincoln, Penneshaw and Robe. The Adelaide Oval redevelopment brought footy to the CBD, as did the revitalisation of our inner laneways. The d'Arenberg Cube is a hero attraction.

Increasing our international student population by providing a great lifestyle, quality education and accommodation leads to more of their family and friends visiting Adelaide. Of course, just recently, we saw The Bend Motorsport Park opened to hold another event, to invite people who are car racing enthusiasts. Of course, I cannot go by without mentioning the important investment in the extension of the Convention Centre.

We also need to be innovative, such as the Chinese movie star Huang Xiaoming, with around 54 million followers on social media. How we build awareness is now multifaceted. What we want is to have a young Chinese professional thinking about their holidays. When they think about South Australia, we want them to be aware that their cousin studies here, that their favourite movie star loves South Australia and that they want to take the same selfie at Seal Bay that he did. They want to say, 'I can hug a koala at Cleland, the sky is blue, the dirt is red, the beaches are beautiful and there's a place called Kangaroo Island,' that their favourite wine is from the Barossa Valley and, most importantly, that they can get to Adelaide on a direct flight.

This is the connection we need to make to a diversity of ages, ethnicities and income levels. It is what speaks to them that will make them put South Australia on their list. The Labor government believed in tourism and committed to the development of this sector. Events to attract people were supported. The Adelaide 500, in its 20th year, is the most important event for the hotel industry in the CBD. With the drawcard of Robbie Williams performing for the 2018 post-race concert, numbers were up. WOMADelaide has kept on performing also over many, many years, and of course the Tour Down Under brings us an international audience and showcases our natural beauty to the whole world.

These events happen because of the support of government. I am very concerned that the same level of support is now not there. The goal is still shared. The plans are the same; however, this year, there will be \$11 million less spent in tourism than there was last year. That is \$11 million less for supporting our events, creating an awareness of our state and developing the capacity of our tourism industry. This will have an impact. In an article, headed 'To be a tourism leader, we must be aggressive', South Australian Tourism Industry Council CE, Shaun de Bruyn, states that there must be 'ongoing investment towards global marketing' to ensure that South Australia 'remains on the tourism map'.

This seems entirely the opposite of what our competitors are doing. The Northern Territory government's new turbocharged tourism package of \$103 million increases their spend in 2018-19 to more than \$246 million. The New South Wales government significantly increased their spend to \$209 million, up from about \$180 million last year. Wow! The competition is out there. We cannot afford to take our foot off the accelerator at this time.

There are exciting investments happening in our state. Last week, Wirra Wirra announced their luxury five-star winery resort, a partnership with Greaton—a \$30 million investment targeting the health and wellness market. It will open in 2022, but what will the tourism budget be then? Labor committed to a tourism budget of \$100 million in 2020-21. Without a focus and a dedication to destination marketing and the money to support it, will this new investment be opening at a time of growth or not?

In a time of digital transformation, information and choice have increased exponentially. Let's make sure South Australia is that choice. As we acknowledge the United Nations World Tourism Day in South Australia, we celebrate the opportunities that digital transformation have brought to us, but we must continue to understand the challenge and the competition that requires the full support of the government of the day. I support this motion before the house.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): The member for Hammond.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:58): Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker. What a fine job you are doing, and I will not reflect on any other status that you may have.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): Competent.

Mr PEDERICK: I acknowledge that this motion brought to the house:

- (a) acknowledges that 27 September is World Tourism Day; and
- (b) acknowledges the importance of tourism for the culture and the economy of South Australia.

World Tourism Day is celebrated to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value. Tourism is a supergrowth sector and a major economic priority for South Australia. We have our sights set firmly on an \$8 billion visitor economy by 2020.

Tourism currently sits at a record-breaking \$6.7 billion spend as more than 6.8 million international and domestic visitors flock to our state. Chinese travellers are the fastest growing inbound market for our state, with 57,000 visitors spending a record \$415 million. Tourism directly employs 36,000 South Australians. When you add up the number of people who are indirectly employed, the total employment rises to 56,000 jobs in the tourism sector.

I would like to acknowledge some of the beautiful spots in South Australia and certainly some in my electorate as well. A lot of opportunities are coming our way because of foresight and vision, not the least of which is the major spend by Sam Shahin and his family, of the Peregrine Corporation, on The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend. Only the other day they hosted a world-rated go-kart event. Recently, they had the Supercars event, which I attended, and there have also been motorbike events. I think the best days are the self-drive days. They are good. I have managed to get out there in my old V8 ute and test the cobwebs once again.

It is exciting to have this sort of development in our community, and there are so many spin-offs. There are the connections through to the rest of the Murraylands, the Hills, the fantastic Langhorne Creek wineries, right down through the Upper South-East heading south towards Coonah, just outside my electorate, and out to the Mallee. People can go there to look at some of the national parks, such as Ngarkat, Billiatt and others.

Flow north of Tailem Bend and you get to Murray Bridge and Monarto. Obviously, Monarto Zoo is world renowned. If it is not one of the largest, it could be the largest free-range zoo in the world, but I would have to check. They do a magnificent job out there at the zoo, and I congratulate Elaine Bensted and all the staff. She works with both Adelaide Zoo and Monarto Zoo. They work out there with different species and on breeding programs.

In the future, we are going to have a major accommodation site set up. There is a fantastic benefactor who is going to pour in a lot of money for glamping. If you do not like camping, you might like glamping, which is sort of supersized camping. That will give so much opportunity out where the lions are. You can certainly go to the Lions 360 experience. I have been there before with the member for Mawson.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: Yes. We were too big to eat.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): Order!

Mr PEDERICK: They were looking at the member for Mawson and thought, 'What a nice morsel that would be.'

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): It is inappropriate to reflect on another member.

Mr PEDERICK: Yes, I would have been more than a mouthful. I must commend the builders of the 360 experience. They did a fantastic job. You can have multiple lions on top of the cage looking down at you, looking quite hungry. You can also have the opportunity to feed the lions. It is a fantastic experience to be involved in.

The opportunities in my region are only going to grow more and more as we see the new Murray Bridge racing track open up early next year. This has been coming for a long time. The track has been down for a long time, but it was just a matter of getting the funds together to get it completed. It is close to a \$40 million investment. We also have a greyhound facility, which is about a \$7 million or \$8 million investment, which will open very soon as well. I note that next year the Bridgeport Hotel redevelopment will happen, where we will have a six-storey, 4½ star hotel development in Murray Bridge.

The beauty of things like the Bridgeport project and the new racing club venue is that our area will be able to attract large conventions to the area. Apart from the already fantastic accommodation we have highlighted with this 4½ star accommodation, we will also manage to get conventions of up to 500 or 600 people and accommodate them in the regions so they can see the benefits of the River Murray, which is a great tourism venture in its own right.

It is said that something like \$500 million a year is spent on river-related activities in the tourism sector. Whether you are into boating, canoeing, houseboating, skiing or wakeboarding, there is so much enjoyment that can be had on the river. As long as it is done appropriately and everyone obeys the rules, then everyone enjoys themselves.

There is so much opportunity in regional tourism right across our great state. I have been up north through places like Leigh Creek and Marree and even further south to Rawnsley Park and Wilpena Pound. They are just fantastic. You can stay at Rawnsley Park in accommodation where the roof rolls back. This is better than glamping, I can tell you. You can lie there and look through the see-through roof and look at the stars. It is just magnificent. It is a great delight to go to Wilpena Pound. I have been camping there multiple times. There are so many sites.

As far as domestic travel goes, we should be promoting these sites more and more with what we can do with tourism in this state. What we are doing as a government is investing an extra \$21.5 million over four years in the event bid fund to secure more lucrative major events right across South Australia. Certainly, \$4.9 million has been directly invested to support the hosting of major events in South Australia, in addition to the increased funding provided for the major event bid fund. I note that we are investing an additional \$10 million in 2019-20 to invest in marketing South Australia as a tourism destination to key international and domestic markets, so we are doing what we need to do on this side of the house to promote tourism in all shapes and forms, both domestically and internationally.

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (12:08): Thank you to the member for Ramsay for bringing this motion to the house. Her passion to ensure that our former Labor government's strong focus on supporting tourism operators and tourism is not diminished is outstanding. As the member for Ramsay has said, tourism contributes around \$6.7 billion to our local economy. It creates tens of thousands of jobs, brings 6.8 million interstate and international visitors to our metropolitan area and to our regions, and it highlights the unique beauty and many wonderful events, venues and places our state offers.

It is right that we mark and celebrate this day. It is also right that we thank and celebrate the many tourism operators, businesses and workers right across South Australia who welcome and look after people when they arrive and stay in our magnificent state, who provide them with great venues, events and experiences and who fly or drive them here.

I acknowledge the many tourism operators and representatives of South Australian organisations who support tourism and who have been here with us in parliament today, people from Emirates, our Adelaide Zoo, the Adelaide Convention Bureau and so many others. I thank them for their passion for our beautiful state, for showcasing our state day in and day out and for ensuring that visitors continue to flock across our borders, enriching our community, enjoying our state's offerings, and helping small and other businesses in our economy to flourish and to create jobs in this growing industry.

As has been said, World Tourism Day takes place each year on 27 September. Its purpose is to build awareness amongst the international community about the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, clinical, political and economic value. The day also aims to address global challenges outlined in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and to highlight the contribution the tourism sector can make in reaching these goals.

Every year, the United Nations World Trade Organization invites people everywhere to mark World Tourism Day in their respective country or holiday destination by organising and participating in local celebrations. World Tourism Day is timed to coincide with the end of the high season in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of the season in the Southern Hemisphere, when tourism is on the mind of millions of people worldwide.

Over the past decade, our state's tourism industry has grown. Our former Labor government secured and helped several major world-renowned sporting events to flourish, which enabled our state to be showcased on the world stage and enabled aspiring athletes to be inspired by world-class athletes to follow their sporting dreams. Our Tour Down Under and Women's Tour Down Under are remarkable events lauded by the UCI, embraced by locals across our state and attended by people from all over the world. In 2008, the Tour Down Under became the first UCI ProTour in Australia, and following that it became the inaugural event of the UCI world ranking calendar.

When the peloton flew through the Esplanade at Aldinga and made its way up Willunga Hill, burst through the streets of Lyndoch, or made its way from The Bend Motorsport Park to the summit finish at Mengler Hill, visitors and locals present on those days marvelled at the cyclists' grit and determination, and people from all over the world saw the beautiful landscape through which they rode. Tourism operators all over our state welcomed these crowds and ensured that as well as enjoying these world-class sporting events, they drank our extraordinary wine, ate our fine food and visited local attractions.

Visitors have also come to Adelaide in droves for our ISPS Handa Women's Golf Open, with more than \$3.7 million being added to our visitor economy in its first year, and with a massive flow-on effect for hotels, taxis, hospitality and small businesses. This event also gives us international media exposure which, in turn, attracts more visitors to our state. Visitors also flocked to our Adelaide 500, to our test cricket, to our world-renowned Fringe, WOMAD and Adelaide festivals and so much more.

Again, it is tourism operators and associated businesses like those with us today who turn people's experiences into memories that will last a lifetime. They make sure that when someone talks about South Australia they talk about it with fondness, about their favourite Swell Brewery beer that they enjoyed on our mid coast after catching some waves at Southport, about seeing Katrin Garfoot conquer Mengler Hill, about the show they saw at our Fringe, about the time they saw Jin Young Ko at our golf open, or about how beautiful Christies Beach was when they stayed at the tourist park.

It is our venue, restaurant, accommodation and hotel owners and event organisers and workers who enrich the experiences and memories of those visitors so that they return again and again to South Australia. The federal Liberal government helped to chase the car industry out of town. We on this side did not agree with that, and we fought so hard for that industry. We on this side of the house also got on with attracting and supporting growing industries in our state.

One of those industries is, of course, tourism, an industry that is critical to small and other business operators, jobs and visitation in our regions and metropolitan areas alike. It is an industry that has huge potential to grow even further. It is an industry that helps us to build and grow our reputation as a hub for world-class sporting events and the arts and for the best food and wine in the world served at some of the most breathtaking places people have ever visited.

World Tourism Day is a time to celebrate this industry and its impact on our state, to grow it and to thank all who have helped tourism in South Australia to flourish. That is what I do today, and that is what all on this side of the house do today. It is terrible that those opposite, instead of appreciating and celebrating this industry and all who work in it, have announced through their cruel, cutting budget that the spend on tourism will be \$11 million less this financial year than previously.

It is a cut that sits alongside the massive cut to the arts sector, the \$20 million cut to sport and recreation and the slashing of so many job creation programs. It is another cut, however, that we will work with our community to reverse because our tourism operators, the many businesses and workers who grow tourism in our state and who support and serve our visitors, and the visitors to our state themselves deserve so much better.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (12:16): I also rise to acknowledge the importance of tourism for the culture and economy of South Australia. I think it is a bit rich to say that this side of the house does not acknowledge that, because it certainly is a very important element of our economy.

Members interjecting:

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): Order! Member for Morphett, please be seated. The member for Morphett, like all other members—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Duluk): Member for Reynell! The member for Morphett will be heard in silence.

Mr PATTERSON: World Tourism Day is recognised on 27 September each year. The United Nations created World Tourism Day in 1979 to increase awareness of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic values. 'Tourism and the digital transformation' is the theme of this year's World Tourism Day and will explore the opportunities provided to the tourism sector by technological advances, including big data and digital platforms. Tourism was one of the first sectors to digitise business processes on a global scale, bringing flight and hotel bookings online to become a digital pioneer.

As information and communications technology became a global phenomenon, tourism was a consistent early adopter of these new technologies and platforms. By continuing to innovate and generate new business opportunities, the tourism sector will ensure the continued competitiveness, growth and sustainable development of the sector. Tourism Australia's 2020 strategy has an ambitious target of doubling the value of the visitor economy to the nation from \$70 billion to \$140 billion by 2020, to be driven by the growth in inbound international travel and supported by continued growth domestically.

Equally, in South Australia, tourism is an important element of the economy. Tourism in South Australia has over 17,000 businesses across the state and directly employs approximately 36,000 South Australians, with many more indirect employment opportunities being created because of this. Tourism expenditure has reached \$6.7 billion this year. There are many types of visitors to South Australia, ranging from international, interstate as well as intrastate and domestic daytrippers.

While many are taking a holiday, others come to see their friends and relatives or to attend festivals and events. It also includes non-leisure activities, including undertaking business, conferences and education; therefore, tourism is a key contributor to not only the South Australian economy but also the local economy of Morphett. Being so close to the beach and to the Adelaide Airport—only a five-minute drive away—tourism is one of the key industry sectors in a local economy that is thriving and vibrant.

Glenelg is a destination for tourists visiting Adelaide, with approximately 80 per cent of visitors who come to Adelaide taking a trip down to Glenelg. It is made easily accessible by the tram that goes directly into Moseley Square. This has led to over 1.3 million visitations per year into the precinct and wider council area. The majority of visitor expenditure in the region is generated by domestic overnight visitors.

Interstate and international leisure visitors represent the largest growth opportunity, as they tend to stay longer and spend more money while on holiday. Attracting international and interstate

visitors, teams and associated spectators, and convention audiences to South Australia keeps our restaurants and shops busy, increases occupancy in hotels and provides business for tourism operators across the entire state, including the regions.

In Morphett, it is important to ensure that the visitors' expectations are balanced against the needs of the local residents. With 1.3 million visitations, we have to balance that with the people who are living there as well, because it is certainly an area where people not only live but also shop. When tourism is well managed, it generates widespread benefits to the local community. This also needs to be reinforced. Not only do the local businesses benefit financially but local residents benefit from improved employment opportunities, infrastructure and facilities.

One of the attractive aspects of living in Morphett is the impressive calendar of public events. These play a vital role in increasing visitation and economic development in the area. Events include New Year's Eve, when up to 40,000 people come along to celebrate the new year as the sun goes down; the Adelaide Cup at Morphettville Racecourse, and other race day meetings; recently, the beach polo played down at Glenelg beach; and the impressive beach concerts. Last year, we had both Missy Higgins and the John Butler Trio play to a packed beach, and it certainly attracted many people from interstate as well.

Importantly, the Tour Down Under stage start from Glenelg is another fantastic drawcard to the local area. It is not only the race day start, it is also the fact that Jetty Road is closed the night before. There is a big street party there that brings a lot of the traders out onto the street and attracts a lot of people. Usually, the weather is great. It helps grow the businesses, but it is also fantastic for the residents to have such a great event on their doorstep.

The recent state budget is investing an extra \$21.5 million over four years to the event bid fund to help secure lucrative major events and conventions, and shows this side of the house's commitment to tourism in this state. It will help increase visitation, create employment and drive economic growth. In addition to this increased funding that is provided for the major event fund, \$4.9 million has been provided to support the hosting of major events in South Australia. The Marshall government is investing an additional \$10 million in 2019-20 to invest in marketing South Australia as a tourism destination in key international and domestic markets. Despite what those opposite are saying otherwise, there is certainly a strong commitment to tourism on this side of the house.

One of the local councils in Morphett is the City of Holdfast Bay. They won the tourism award for local government in 2015 and should be congratulated on their strategic planning to help grow tourism in the local economy. Expenditure has grown from \$181 million in 2012 to \$262 million in 2016, and visitations have increased to 1.3 million. These tourists have been aided by having the visitor information centre relocated to Moseley Square. It was relocated in 2015 to the Glenelg Town Hall and has become much more accessible, especially to those visitors who are arriving in Glenelg on the tram.

A percentage of the increasing visitation has been from the emphasis on attracting over 500,000 event-specific visitors, which has generated \$16 million with the media coverage and reached an audience of 54 million people. These events often showcase the pristine coast and help market Glenelg and South Australia to those audiences for their next holiday. The theme of this year's World Tourism Day, 'Tourism and the digital transformation', further emphasises the opportunities to use technology to grow this audience further and engage with them.

The natural environment along the coastline is a valuable asset and provides a compelling reason for interstate and international visitors to choose this area over others. Morphett is bordered by five kilometres of coastline and there is a diverse range of natural experiences, including dolphin tours, swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, snorkelling and scuba. Local businesses take advantage of this. One such business, Temptation Sailing, is often seen taking people for a sunset cruise along the coast, and if they are particularly lucky they will be able to see either dolphins or seals swimming alongside them.

Another local business, Adelaide Scuba, provides unique underwater snorkelling and dive tours. Further, The Beachouse is a terrific local business that provides world-class attractions such as waterslides, bumper boats and the classic carousel, which many will remember from their

childhood. Branching out from The Beachouse, the operators provided a fantastic attraction in recent years called The Big Wedgie, which is the world's tallest inflatable waterslide.

This is a classic example of a local business that started up in Glenelg and, because of its success, has been able to branch out. Recently, they have set up The Big Wedgie near Sea World in Surfers Paradise and also in New South Wales. That is a terrific success story of what tourism can do, not only to provide local jobs but also provide dollars into the South Australian economy.

It is the local people who also help make it such a fantastic tourism experience. You can have all the scenery you like, but if you have welcoming people, then all the tourists go back to their families and say, 'It's not only the scenery but the fantastic people there.' It causes others to come along and visit. Finally, I would like to say that we are looking forward to the Lifesaving World Championships, which will be held in November this year. Up to 250 clubs from around the world will be represented, and will bring along thousands of interstate and international competitors and spectators. I wish them all the best when they arrive.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (12:26): It gives me great pleasure to support this motion, having spent five years as the tourism minister in this state. It was a wonderful privilege to work with so many fantastic tourism operators and local governments right around our state. Tourism is one of those sectors that does not rely on a big factory or a big mine in one particular part of the state. It is a sector that employs people and brings money into the entire state; in fact, 42 per cent of the tourism spend in South Australia is out in our regions.

I am particularly pleased to represent the wonderful Fleurieu Peninsula, McLaren Vale and Kangaroo Island. They are some of the best tourism regions you will find anywhere in the world, with great high-quality food, wine, craft beer and spirits, and of course spectacular scenery and wildlife—the likes of which you will not find anywhere else in the world.

The tourism operators I am speaking with are really worried about the cruel cuts the Liberal Party are delivering to tourism in South Australia. They know the \$11 million cuts will eat into and reverse the wonderful growth that we have seen in the past five years. From 2013 to the March quarter, we took tourism from \$4.9 billion a year to \$6.7 billion a year. That did not happen by accident; it happened because we had a cabinet that believed in tourism as a growth sector. We believed in putting more money into it, not taking money out of it.

When we put the money in, the sector grew. When you take the money out, you watch—this sector is going to shrink. That is a terrible shame for the private sector, which has invested so much off the back of our government's investment. It was not just the capital investment of \$535 million that we put into building Adelaide Oval, making it the best stadium in Australia and one of the best anywhere in the world. It has attracted the Rolling Stones, Adele, and all sorts of world-class events. It has also hosted some amazing sporting events such as the Danny Green v Anthony Mundine fight and Liverpool playing Adelaide United.

There was a \$535 million spend that we put in as a government. We spent \$400 million building stages 2 and 3 of the Adelaide Convention Centre. Again, without that space, without having the room to fit 4,000 or 5,000 delegates, you cannot host these big conferences. Last year, we had some of the leading people from the space industry right around the world here for what was then the biggest conference that we had ever staged in South Australia.

We also went out and won the World Routes conference, which I know is being held right now up in Guangzhou, and this time next year everyone is going to be over here in Adelaide because we went out and won that conference. It will be the biggest conference we have ever hosted in South Australia, the first time that World Routes has ever come to Australia. For Adelaide to be out there and winning those sorts of conferences is a testament to the hard work that the South Australian Tourism Commission put in and also the hard work our government put in.

As I said, you cannot go and win these events, whether they be conferences or sporting events, without some money on the table. We started these bid funds for conferences, we started these bid funds for major events, and the criteria that we put around conventions and conferences were that we had to have a return of at least 35:1 for every dollar we put in to get these conferences and conventions down here.

We have heard from previous speakers on our side about when we have major events here, how it focuses the world and the rest of Australia on Adelaide, on South Australia and on our regions through media coverage. It is also really important that we give people a reason to come because we know that it does not matter where you are in the world when you are trying to sell your part of the world, you will always get people who say, 'I've been meaning to get there,' but if you put an event on it gives people a reason, a call to action, to jump on a plane or a ship or however they are going to get here, to come to South Australia. It has been a really important thing and, as I said, the people I am speaking to in my region are really worried about this new government's lack of commitment to the visitor economy.

What happens when you spend \$535 million on building Adelaide Oval, and then money on a bid fund to get major events there, and when you spend \$400 million on a convention centre and you spend money on a bid fund to get conventions and conferences there, is that people in the private sector come along and say, 'You know what? We are going to build a hotel in Adelaide.' We have seen unprecedented growth in the number of hotel rooms that have come online in South Australia in the past four or five years.

There is still more to come because people are looking at how we spent the money, how we marketed South Australia, how we went after China Southern Airlines. It was not a cheap exercise to get China Southern to come here. We got Qatar to fly direct into Adelaide from their 140 ports throughout the world. That does not happen by accident. That does not happen without a government that is there putting money in, and spruiking our wonderful state and everything that it has to offer.

What investors are telling me, what tourism operators are telling me, is that they are really worried about the forecast for what is going to happen in South Australia because when you stop putting the money in you see the growth slow to a trickle because everyone else in the world is out there trying to sell what they have. We have some of the finest attributes that you will find anywhere in the world, but if we are not in the marketplace telling people about it, then we are not going to get the sort of visitor numbers that we have.

We smashed through the billion dollar mark in international dollars coming into our economy two years ago. We took it, as I said, from \$4.9 billion a year for the overall tourism spend in South Australia to \$6.7 billion a year. That is unprecedented growth in that sector. It is a little like when you put water and fertiliser on a plant: you see it grow. As soon as you stop putting water and fertiliser on, it will start to wilt, and that is a real concern. As we prepare to celebrate World Tourism Day, I think there are a lot of people who are not as happy as they were over the past four or five years when it comes to talking about the visitor economy.

I would like to turn my attention to a few developments down in my part of the world. The Cube opened last year, and the premier of the day, the member for Cheltenham, opened it because we put in \$2 million of taxpayer money to a \$15 million build. Since then, we have seen huge growth in the visitor numbers coming down to McLaren Vale. We had an announcement last week that Wirra Wirra are joining with a hotel developer to build 40 luxury rooms in wonderful, high-quality, high-end retreat style accommodation at their winery in McLaren Vale. When I hear Premier Marshall and other ministers say, 'We don't back winners; we don't give money to help people along,' it does not make any sense. That would not have been built to the scale and standard that it has been built without a contribution.

We have heard the member for Hammond talking about The Bend Motorsport complex. It is a fantastic thing, but it would not have happened if our government had not commissioned CAMS to do a report on where the best spot was in South Australia to build a motorsport complex. When the Shahin family announced it, it was originally going to be about a \$50 million development. We committed \$7½ million to it from day one. I think it ended up costing Sam and his family more than \$150 million. We put that initial \$7½ million commitment in to help them get that idea off the ground. As the member for Hammond said, it is an amazing addition to South Australia. I thank and commend the Shahin family for their investment.

On the opening weekend, I said to Sam that he was a bit like David Walsh in Tasmania, a man who made a lot of money but who invested it back into his state through the MONA. I think 40 per cent of people who go to Tasmania visit the MONA while they are down there. Most South Australians do not yet have a grip on how big and how transformational The Bend Motorsport

complex is going to be, not just for the Tailem Bend region, which deserves every economic success it can get, but for our whole state. It is going to transform motor racing in South Australia.

People are buying plots around the track so that they can house their very expensive cars and, when they come over, they can drive directly out of their garage and race around the track. It is one of the few places in the world with a hotel above pit lane. It is a magnificent development and one that our government helped along. That is what we believe in.

We believe in giving those small grants of \$25,000 out to cellar doors so they can spend \$50,000, \$80,000, \$250,000 or \$800,000 of their own money to develop world-class experiences for people who visit our world-class wine regions—all 18 of them in South Australia. Governments have a huge role to play in helping the amazing tourism operators in South Australia. You are not going to help them by taking money away from them; you are going to damage our wonderful visitor economy.

Mrs POWER (Elder) (12:37): I rise today in support of the motion acknowledging that 27 September is World Tourism Day. World Tourism Day is an important day, celebrated to foster awareness among the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic values. Tourism is a super-growth sector and a major economic priority for South Australia and we have our sights set firmly on an \$8 billion visitor economy by 2020.

Tourism currently sits at a record-breaking \$6.7 billion, as more than 6.8 million international and domestic visitors flock to our state. Tourism directly employs 36,000 South Australians and, when adding the number of people who are indirectly employed, the total employment rises to 56,000 jobs in the tourism sector. The Tour Down Under, Tasting Australia, Fringe, WOMAD and many other events and festivals continue to strengthen our reputation for staging world-class events.

As of January 2018, 54 events have been secured through the event bid fund, which are forecast to inject more than \$245 million into the South Australian economy and provide significant broadcast, media and branding opportunities. The \$400 million investment in the redevelopment of the Convention Centre is transforming the state. As of January this year, the convention bid fund has secured 73 conventions and conferences, with around 89,000 delegates estimated to generate an economic benefit of over \$431 million.

Further, when tourists come to our state and post beautiful images on social media of their experiences in our state, it acts as an inspiration for others to visit and create their own experiences, giving visitors an inside view of the culture of the destination. Experiencing a different culture is considered a key aspect of a holiday. Culture makes a destination authentic. It represents the unspoilt nature of the destination and its personality. Tourism and cultural experiences build goodwill and create ambassadors for the state and act as a strong trigger for visitation.

The visitor economy, however, is so much more than tourists coming to our state. The more visitors we attract, the more money they spend, which flows into other industries such as wine, agriculture, transport and retail. This in turn creates more jobs not only in the tourism industry but potentially other sectors as well.

Tourism and the visitor economy are vital to our state, and the Marshall Liberal government is taking proactive action, having brought a number of policies to promote tourism to the recent election. We are extending the Cape Jervis breakwater, investing in developing a world-class cycling trail, creating a new national park at Glenelg, creating ecotourism opportunities, investing in funds to protect our precious coastlines and reinvigorating the Glenelg jetty. This is just to name a few of our strong policies for real change related to tourism.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to invite all South Australians to consider marking World Tourism Day by being a tourist in our own home town, whether that means visiting a recognised tourist location or just stopping and seeing old sites with new eyes and the wonder of a tourist. After all, such beauty surrounds us in South Australia, from the sunsets at Glenelg to the vineyards of the Barossa and McLaren Vale regions, or the jacaranda trees in full bloom in our suburban streets, creating a purple wonderland. I commend this motion to the house.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (12:40): I will keep my remarks on this motion reasonably short. I rise to support the member for Ramsay's motion on World Tourism Day. Here in South Australia, we are home to some world-class tourism destinations. Our state is bursting with culture, wildlife

encounters, exceptional food and wine, events and entertainment. People can venture their way through world-famous wine regions that are only minutes away from the Adelaide CBD and then soak up the sun at some of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Visitors have the opportunity to get up close and personal with sea lions, dolphins, koalas and kangaroos at wildlife parks and reserves. We are also home to some of the country's best festivals, including the world-famous Adelaide Fringe. As well as this, our state also offers a thriving restaurant and bar scene, serving some of the finest food the country has to offer. With all this in mind, it is very easy to see why people flock to South Australia.

From a more local perspective, the western suburbs of Adelaide in the electorate of Colton rely on tourism to sustain our many local businesses and destinations. Colton is home to one of South Australia's most visited holiday parks, West Beach Parks (previously Adelaide Shores). West Beach Parks is the largest of its kind in South Australia, with over 340 caravan sites, 130 self-contained cabins, several eco tents, a water park, a mini golf course and much more, including the recently opened Mega Adventure park. We also offer a premier shopping and dining precinct at Henley Beach and Henley Square and beautiful beaches that are frequented by many tourists over the summer months.

Much has been said about the major events fund and major events held in this state, but I also want to take the opportunity to highlight the importance of some smaller events that have been attracted to South Australia. Events such as the Pacific School Games, the SAPSASA national exchanges and the swimming championships make fantastic use of the facilities at West Beach, Marion and other places and venues around South Australia. They allow families to travel and stay at Adelaide Shores and bring with them their family and friends to watch. I think we must also highlight the importance of these smaller events and recognise that their contribution is also notable.

I have it on great authority that the Minister for Transport and his family take frequent holidays in the electorate of Colton. It is great to see him holidaying in our own backyard. This is something I encourage all South Australians to do. There is much to see and do in this great state. Tourism is an incredibly important sector and opportunity for us into the future.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (12:43): I thank those of my colleagues here who spoke in support of this motion: the members for Hammond, Reynell, Mawson, Morphett, Colton and Elder. World Tourism Day is an important day for us to acknowledge, and I thank them for their support. However, the most important message that I want to leave is that we have all talked about how important tourism is to our economy—we have built it up and we have a fantastic visitor economy—and now is not the time to take your foot off the pedal.

The government has allocated \$11 million less this year than last year. We will go backwards, yet this is a fantastic part of our economy for all of South Australia. We all know what is great about South Australia. Think about the last time you went to Kangaroo Island, to Seal Bay, and had a great family holiday. There is great gin there and animals. We know that. We love going to West Beach. However, we need to sell this message interstate and to the rest of the world. The only way we are going to sell that message is through destination marketing to create that awareness. Any cut to the tourism budget, any less spend, impacts on that.

I say to my colleagues who have stood up and supported this motion today that we must reinstate the same spend that we did in 2017-18. I want to thank the former minister for tourism for his dedication to this area of our visitor economy. He has been there for five years. He has seen the diversity of people that we have backed. As a government, we have to back people because we know that this is such a big part of our economy.

We have some great stories to tell of companies that started in South Australia that have gone national. Two that come to mind are SeaLink and, most recently, Discovery Parks. It is because we do tourism really, really well. We build our skill set, we build our experiences and then we go out to the rest of the nation. We should be proud of those businesses, but they would not have been able to get to where they are now, and we would not be able to employ 56,000 direct and indirect South Australians in this industry, were it not supported by government.

Today is about the United Nations World Tourism Day. It is about a focus on the digital transformation. As I said in my speech, this is an opportunity, but it is also a challenge, because we

need to be out there more than ever before, and \$11 million down on our budget stops us doing that. Of that \$11 million, more than \$5 million comes out of our events programming.

The question I have is: what are we going to cut? Are we going to cut the concert on the Sunday night at the Adelaide 500 that attracts extra people here? Are we going to say to WOMADelaide, 'You've been great. It's fantastic and people love you, but we can't help you this way, this time.' Or are we simply not going to be out there enough saying to people, 'Come to South Australia. Come and experience our natural beauty'? These are my concerns as we come together and celebrate World Tourism Day. Please think about our economy, think about all South Australians and reinstate the \$11 million in this budget.

Motion carried.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (12:48): I move:

That this house—

- (a) acknowledges the valuable support provided by breast care nurses to women who are experiencing breast cancer;
- (b) recognises the importance of the use of lymphoedema compression garments in the treatment of lymphoedema; and
- (c) calls on the state government to introduce a scheme that subsidises the cost of lymphoedema compression garments.

The Cancer Support Group in Mount Gambier offers assistance and support to people who are undergoing or have undergone treatment for cancer. Organisations like these, which are mainly run by volunteers, are vital to our region and are a lifesaver to someone facing a cancer diagnosis. Cancer affects everybody, and it is a fact that the older you get the more likely you are to be affected by several types of cancer, including breast and prostate cancer. One in 10 South Australian women will develop breast cancer before the age of 75.

Once treatment is complete, cancer survivors often face developing a condition called secondary lymphoedema. Secondary lymphoedema can occur when lymph nodes are removed during surgery or damaged from radiation therapy. It is a chronic condition that causes swelling in parts of the body, mainly the arms or legs. It is caused by an accumulation of lymphatic fluid caused by a problem or blockage of the lymphatic system.

In severe cases it is very painful and can affect the patient's ability to use their affected limbs, work and live a full life. It is important to recognise that this is a lifelong condition. There is no cure. The rates vary for different types of cancer, but it is estimated that around 20 per cent of people treated for breast cancer will develop secondary lymphoedema. The condition can occur months or even years after treatment has finished. In order for patients to live a normal and comfortable life, the condition is managed using a range of therapies including physiotherapy, medication and lymphatic massage.

However, on a day-to-day basis, most patients rely on compression garments to bring the swelling under control. These are tightly fitting elastic garments that compress the affected area and stop the fluid from building up. To do their job these garments have to be professionally fitted and a patient needs two garments—one to wear and one to wash. Some patients also require an additional garment to wear at night. Worn every day, the life of these garments can be around six months each, so each year the patient has to replace them.

Depending on how many garments you need and the severity of the condition, the costs can range from \$200 to more than \$3,500 per year. Over a lifetime, this can add up to thousands and thousands of dollars, tens of thousands of dollars. This means that many patients do not replace the garments when they need to, which can lead to health complications such as skin infections and, more seriously, cellulitis. An international study conducted by the Lymphoedema Framework in Australia found one of the key issues to improve the treatment and management of the condition was addressing the high cost of compression garments. After paying out thousands and thousands of

dollars for cancer treatment, you can imagine how this would be an additional cost burden at a time when most people would be struggling financially.

Mount Gambier's Dulcie Hoggan was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in October 2015. A month later, she had a mastectomy and 23 of her lymph nodes were also removed. She underwent six months of chemotherapy and five weeks of radiation therapy. Dulcie's attitude was positive: cope with the cancer, cope with the radiation and then cope with whatever comes later. During the radiation therapy, her hand went numb—an early sign of lymphoedema. She developed the condition in her right hand, arm and underarm and was told she would have to get fitted for compression garments. She wears two—one on her hand and a sleeve—and she has a separate garment for night-time.

In the past year, Dulcie has paid \$1,600 for her garments which have to be specially ordered from Germany. The garments shrink with washing and, after a few months of daily wear, the stitching starts to fray. She is currently on her third daytime set in a year. To fit them under her clothes, Dulcie cuts her right sleeve open and then re-stitches it. Dulcie just considers herself lucky to have survived cancer and lucky that her lymphoedema is confined her right arm. She is still able to work. Some people who get a serious case are not able to walk properly, let alone work. Dulcie works as a customer liaison officer at the Mount Gambier Target and had to take 13 months off work to get back on her feet.

Although Dulcie lives in Mount Gambier, she was treated at the new South West Regional Cancer Service in Victoria and her treatment was bulk billed. Mount Gambier sits right on the South Australian-Victorian border. If she lived just 20 kilometres away across the Victorian border, her compression garments would be subsidised. South Australia is the only state in Australia that does not subsidise these garments. In Victoria, eligible patients can purchase up to six compression garments each year, with 40 to 60 per cent of the garment's cost subsidised. In the ACT, patients can purchase two garments per six-month period, and 100 per cent of the costs are subsidised.

Monique Bareham is the President of Lymphoedema Support Group South Australia. I think Monique is in the gallery today. She tells me that they, in conjunction with the Australasian Lymphology Association, have been lobbying for a state scheme for more than two years. In 2017, she met with then minister for health, Jack Snelling, who said he would talk to SA Health to develop a business case for the subsidy scheme and also for a dedicated public lymphoedema treatment clinic for the state. It was expected to be included in this year's state budget but then obviously there was a change of government.

I agree with Monique when she says that this is a basic issue of inequality for South Australian patients. Monique is 47 years old and has lived with lymphoedema for eight years. This is a battle she is taking on on behalf of every South Australian with lymphoedema. Some private health insurers offer small rebates for compression garments but limit the rebate to once every few years. Mount Gambier's Pam Moulden has been privately insured with Medibank for 40 years and is waiting until April next year so that she can claim some rebate. Pam is now 69. She has had breast cancer twice in the last four years and has had a bilateral mastectomy.

After the treatment, she developed a severe case of lymphoedema in her right arm and describes the pain as horrendous. She cannot hold anything in her affected hand and struggles to write. She wears a full-sleeve garment and has had to replace it several times before the holes and stitching come apart, which makes the garment less efficient. Pam has also developed fibrosis in the arm, which now requires further medical garments to be worn at night. Pam and her carer husband, Ian, are pensioners and have had to plan for the cost of the garments months in advance.

Many people in need of support are being left out of pocket. A diagnosis of lymphoedema often comes at a very difficult time for people both financially and emotionally. At the end of a long and torturous treatment for cancer, when someone is trying to get back on their feet, paying for these garments is just another cost they have to deal with. An estimated 300,000 Australians will deal with lymphoedema at some stage in their life.

I ask the state government to introduce a scheme to subsidise the cost of these garments to bring South Australia into line with other states. This measure will have flow-on benefits to the state's healthcare system. Best practice protocols indicate that early intervention and treatment of the

condition in its early stages is vital to reduce the long-term physical and psychological impacts. Compression garments are an important part of this early treatment.

If lymphoedema goes untreated, it can cause a serious health condition known as cellulitis, which often requires hospitalisation. The impact on the Australian health system from complications arising from lymphoedema is enormous. It would be far more cost effective for the state government to subsidise compression garments and ongoing therapy than having to support patients during hospital stays. I could go on and on, but I know that there are two other speakers, so I am going to conclude here and put the rest of my speech on my website.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (12:57): Again, as the member for Mount Gambier has indicated, I will be very quick. I want to support everything the member for Mount Gambier has said here today about lymphoedema. All women undergoing surgery for breast cancer should be informed of the risk of developing lymphoedema. Services and information are really lacking in regional South Australia.

I especially highlight the great voluntary work being carried out by a small group of people, with special mention of Monique Bareham, who herself has suffered pain and is now advocating for a subsidy for the special clothing for these people to assist with their suffering. As the member for Mount Gambier said, South Australia is the only state not to have a garment subsidy.

Back in August this year, I wrote to the Minister for Health asking for the Marshall Liberal government to reinforce its commitment to progress development of a business case for the compression garment subsidy and designated public lymphoedema services, and I have had no response at this stage. Again, I urge this state government to establish a garment subsidy for sufferers of lymphoedema.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (12:58): I rise to also acknowledge the member for Mount Gambier's motion and I fully support it. In the lead-up to the election, I was doorknocking in Belair, as I quite often do, and I came across a lady who was passionate about this issue, and we certainly talked about it. I cannot stress enough the importance of it and awareness of it. I also call for this government to play its part in assisting all South Australians with lymphoedema.

Mr PICTON (Kurna) (12:59): We support the motion and thank the member for putting it forward. I have met with the lymphoedema support associations and we support their call for subsidies. There was a business case in development; the government would have that business case now and they should release it, and we believe that they should take action on this, as other states have done.

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (12:59): I would like to thank all members who spoke on this matter and proceed to a vote.

Motion carried.

Sitting suspended from 12:59 to 14:00.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens has a point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I refer to standing order No. 70. I understand the media have been asked to leave the public galleries. May I inquire if that was your direction?

The SPEAKER: Standing order No. 70 states:

At the request of any Member, or at the Speaker's own discretion, the Speaker may order all or any strangers to withdraw.

I was recently informed that members of the media intended to film from the galleries above. At that time, I did not have any notification of that and so I respectfully advised one of the attendants that they were to leave. However, if any media does wish to film, I am happy to look at any request.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: As a further clarification without wishing to debate the matter with you, will the Speaker contemplate on an ad hoc basis applications by the media to film from the gallery, or is it a permanent ban?

The SPEAKER: It is certainly not a permanent ban. There are current provisions in place for both photography and videography. Recently, certain past practices and precedents that have been established, in my opinion, have been breached. Notably, in one of the last sitting weeks, for example, members of the public gallery were filmed, which is completely out of order. I am more than happy to talk and have quite a cordial relationship with the media and entertain any future request down the track, but it is certainly not a permanent ban, no.

Mr Malinauskas: But they have been asked to leave anyway?

The SPEAKER: Today, they have been asked to leave, but I am more than happy to work in a cordial manner with any media organisation about any request.

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Exactly right; there has never been a permanent ban, but any use must be authorised, absolutely. It is certainly not a permanent ban. If anyone in the media would like to have a chat about anything in regard to photography provisions or media provisions, I am more than happy to do that, but we will not come here and have members of the public gallery be filmed without their express consent. But I am more than happy to look at anything that the media want to look at in that regard; my door is open. The member for Enfield.

The Hon. J.R. RAU: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I also have a point of order. I recall some years ago Speaker Gunn in his great wisdom ordered the then member for Ross Smith to remove a pineapple that was sitting in front of him on his desk on the basis that he was engaged in a display, and so it does appear that the member for Adelaide might be engaging in a similar matter. In order to be consistent with Speaker Gunn—

The SPEAKER: I personally find any North Adelaide memorabilia completely outrageous, especially in the week of a grand final that they play Norwood, whether they have 18 players on the field or 19. Obviously, it has been a past practice of the house that, during grand final week, there is some indulgence. So, on members' indulgence, I am allowing the member for Adelaide to have that scarf there today; however, I expect a much a stronger showing of strength from the Redlegs supporters in this chamber tomorrow.

The Hon. J.R. RAU: Mr Speaker, I was just hoping that you might have wanted to show some support for your team as well.

The SPEAKER: I intend to do so tomorrow, as the former Speaker before me had no hesitation in showing his true colours as well.

Petitions

SERVICE SA MODBURY

Ms BEDFORD (Florey): Presented a petition signed by 200 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government not to proceed with the proposed closure of the Service SA Modbury branch announced as a cost-saving measure in the 2018-19 state budget.

Parliamentary Committees

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:06): I bring up the seventh report of the committee, entitled Subordinate Legislation.

Report received.

*Question Time***HOUSING TRUST RENT**

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:07): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to Felicity, a 69-year-old Housing Trust tenant who lives in a one-bedroom cottage in Noarlunga Downs, how she is expected to pay for the government's rent increase of up to \$30 extra per week? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: Felicity recently contacted her local member of parliament with a message to the Premier, which reads as follows:

Can you please ask what should I do: become homeless; stop eating; or not buy my medication in order to avoid paying the increase in my Housing SA rent? I do not have heating or cooling so cannot save money that way. I do not smoke or drink either. I already live below the poverty line.

The SPEAKER: That question is wide open, and I would expect a very broad answer from the Premier. I will not be entertaining points of order on debate or relevance unless they are very explicit. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:08): Thank you very much, and I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. Of course, we have great concern for every single person in South Australia who is struggling to make ends meet. This was one of the principal things we spoke about in the lead-up to the election.

While we were out talking to people about our strong plan for real change in South Australia, people had told us about the incredible burden that they were under because of the previous government's complete disregard for cost-of-living issues. Under the previous government—and they certainly do not want to refer to this at the moment—we saw a massive increase in the cost-of-living burden for every single person in this state. Electricity prices went through the roof—through the roof; the highest priced electricity in the nation with the least reliable grid. In terms of water prices, the rort that those opposite perpetrated on the people of South Australia was absolutely extraordinary. That's what they did. Emergency services levy, what a massive increase for most households—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Not in that case, but I'm talking about across the board for the people of South Australia. Emergency services levy increases for the new government have already been dealt with. But the biggest issue that has been perpetrated against people in this state was the lack of jobs. That was the major issue and, of course, we are doing everything we can on this side of the house to grow the size of our economy. As you—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Premier, please be seated one moment. There are a number of members, especially on my left, that are about to be called to order and warned. I expect the Premier to be heard in silence. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: As I was directed by the Speaker, the question was extraordinarily broad, and the Speaker in fact instructed me to deal with the breadth of the issue regarding cost of living. I am happy to return to the specific issue raised at the beginning of the question before the Leader of the Opposition inserted a whole pile of other barbs into his question. It is difficult, and I am sorry that we were left such a mess by those opposite. Let's not forget, in December last year the member for West Torrens told the people of South Australia that we were heading for a surplus last financial year.

What actually happened on budget day? The full catastrophe that those opposite presided over was revealed for every single person to see: a \$400 million deficit. And we've got to do the responsible thing by all South Australians and bring the budget back into balance. That was a commitment that we made before the election. Unlike those opposite, when we make a commitment in the lead-up to the election, we deliver it. We know what you did after the 2014 election. There was no indication whatsoever to the people of South Australia about a massive increase in the cost of

living with regard to the emergency services levy, no forewarning whatsoever, just a nasty surprise afterwards.

The reality is that a small number of people that are living in public housing will have an increase in their weekly rent. That will be phased in over a period of time. It will not be, as the Leader of the Opposition incorrectly pointed out to this house, a \$30 hit in a single year—absolute rubbish, but that's what we are used to from this learner-plate Leader of the Opposition opposite. We know that we are setting this benchmark of 25 per cent of a person's income. That is what the vast majority of Housing Trust tenants actually pay, and that is a fairer amount. But I tell you the commitment from this government, sir, that we will be working every single day to reduce the cost of living of all South Australians in this state, and that is our commitment.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Before I call the Leader of the Opposition, I call the member for Hurtle Vale to order. The member for Reynell is called to order and warned, as is the member for Kaurna, the member for Lee, the member for West Torrens, the member for Wright, the member for Mawson, the member the Badcoe, the deputy leader and the leader. The member for Playford is also called to order, as is the Minister for Child Protection and the member for Waite. The Leader of the Opposition has the call.

HOUSING TRUST RENT

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:13): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to Rex, a Housing Trust tenant who lives in a small, one-bedroom cottage flat in Morphett Vale, why he must forgo life's basic necessities to try to pay for the government's rent increase of up to \$30 per week? With your leave and that of the house—

Leave granted.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: Rex relies upon the age pension to make ends meet from week to week. Because of the Premier's cruel decision to jack up the weekly rent, Rex will now need to somehow find hundreds of extra dollars each year to go to what would otherwise be groceries, utilities or, indeed, his medication.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:14): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for the question because it gives an opportunity to identify the rank hypocrisy at the highest level that is coming with this line of questioning from the Leader of the Opposition. Some—

Mr Malinauskas: Why is that?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Listen up, sport, and you might hear something. Okay?

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: I will take the point of order once members on my left and right cease interjecting.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! There's a point of order from the member for West Torrens. He deserves silence while I hear this, please.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: One of two, sir. First, all remarks should be addressed through the chair. Secondly, she is deliberately attempting to create a quarrel.

The SPEAKER: I didn't even hear that second one, but I will listen carefully to ensure that there is no breach of standing orders. The Deputy Premier has the call. I expect her to be heard in silence.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: David Penberthy got it right when he described the opposition's crocodile tears in response to the state budget of a responsible government as hypocrisy, as hysterical about a quite mild budget.

Ms Cook interjecting:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Hypocritical—

Ms Cook interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hurtle Vale is warned.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Hypocritical and hysterical.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will cease interjecting.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: And the reason for that—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will cease interjecting.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —is the tens of thousands of people who sat on Housing Trust lists waiting to get access to supported accommodation under 16 years of Labor, who got locked out in the cold. Furthermore, in relation to rent just back in 2011, some of you on that side of the house weren't there; some of our people weren't there on that side of the house, but let me tell you what happened in 2011. The former Labor government announced the increase in Housing Trust rents from 17 to 19 per cent of income for tenants living in bedsits—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: No, well, you were there; you were there; you were there.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: And 19 to 21 per cent for those living in—

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The deputy leader will cease interjecting. Deputy Premier, please be seated.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —one-bedroom—

The SPEAKER: Deputy Premier, please be seated for one moment. The question was about Housing Trust tenants. The Deputy Premier is relaying information that is pertinent to that. She deserves to be heard in silence. At this rate, members, especially on my left, may be departing the chamber today. The Deputy Premier has the call.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Fresh after the 2010 election, in 2011 the then Labor government increased the bedsits, 17 to 19 per cent increase of the rent in relation to income, and from 19 to 21 for those living in one bedroom cottage flats, which, back then, equated to \$8.40 a week for a single pensioner. That is seven years ago. That is what the former Labor government did, and it is in the envelope of some parity, around Australia, of asking the taxpayers of South Australia to support those in supported accommodation up to 25 per cent.

What is happening now is that South Australia is continuing to subsidise, and will for the next few years, over 75 per cent of the rental for these tenants, and it is important that we do it. But it is also important to have some parity with others who are in exactly that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —same situation. It is exactly the same as the former government did in attempting to do that—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The leader is called to order. The leader will cease interjecting.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe will cease interjecting.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: What is so galling, of course, is that the Labor leader, the Leader of the Opposition, claimed last week on ABC radio that housing rents were never increased under Labor. That is a complete and utter lie. That is a complete and utter lie, and he should be apologising to the house—

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Point of order, member for West Torrens. The Deputy Premier's time has expired.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The Deputy Premier accused the Leader of the Opposition of lying. I ask that she withdraw or move a substantive motion.

The SPEAKER: Would the Deputy Premier like to withdraw that?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Can I put this to you.

The SPEAKER: Would you like to withdraw?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: No, because I said—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —that in relation to a statement made on ABC radio that there had never been an increase under Labor, that was a deliberate lie. So there is no notion of lying here today, and therefore that objection is out of order.

The SPEAKER: Does the leader take offence to that statement?

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Move on? The leader has the call. The Leader of the Opposition has the call.

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Sorry, the member for Hurtle Vale has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my right! I will come back to you.

HOUSING TRUST RENT

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (14:19): My question is to the Premier.

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

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Education is called to order.

Ms COOK: Put your little hands away. My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to Tim, a Housing Trust tenant from Naracoorte, how he is expected to pay for the government's rent increases? With your leave and that of the house, sir, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms COOK: Tim is a Housing Trust tenant living on the Disability Support Pension. He regularly goes without food and medicine now, just to get by. Tim is incredibly frustrated that he

already abstains from family events and medical appointments, as he can't justify the travel expenses over buying food. An increase in Tim's Housing Trust rent will mean that Tim has to forgo necessities and social opportunities, just to make ends meet.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:20): I thank the member for her question. As I answered in the first answer, and the deputy leader added in her answer, these are regrettable increases, but they are a requirement because of the mess that we were left by the previous government.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! Premier, please be seated for one moment. I call to order, again, the Leader of the Opposition. The member for West Torrens, I forgot to remind, is on two warnings, as is the member for Reynell. I will not tolerate intermittent, consistent interjecting while members are trying to have a go at these answers. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Thank you. This is a responsible budget that was brought down after many years of neglect not only in terms of fiscal focus in this government, where they tried to kid the people of South Australia over an extended period of time that they had actually brought the budget back into surplus, but the reality was that they were flogging off assets left, right and centre.

What we have tried to do is bring the budget back into a balanced situation and, yes, there are some tough decisions. There are definitely some tough decisions in this budget. We regret every single one of them, but the reality is that we will be bringing the budget back into a balanced situation. That was the commitment that we made in the lead-up to the election, and that's what we will be implementing.

On the flipside of this question, though, the member for Hurtle Vale needs to understand that the new government will be doing everything they can to reduce the cost-of-living pressure on every single person in South Australia.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: And we will be working very hard to do that. We took a very positive policy in terms of energy to the people of South Australia. They voted for change at the election. Our excellent policy will be implemented—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Our policy will be implemented, and it will put downward pressure on electricity prices—unlike those opposite. I didn't hear one word from the member for Hurtle Vale about the problems in her electorate, where people couldn't pay their bills because of the deliberate destructive policies of her own team. Where was the member for Hurtle Vale saying, 'I'll tell you what—

Ms Cook: I was doorknocking Housing Trust houses.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I will tell you what, I did not hear the member for Hurtle Vale talking about in this chamber.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: In all my time, sitting in the chamber with the member for Hurtle Vale, I did not hear her say, 'I want to stand up today for the people of Hurtle Vale who are doing it tough because of the deliberate, hopeless attitude of the previous government towards energy prices, towards water prices.' In fact, I will tell you what she asked yesterday. She asked a question yesterday, Mr Speaker—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Please bring it back to the substance of the question, Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —which was a question about the cost of living for the person that she is advocating for today. She asked a question in the parliament yesterday about the new Liberal government's policy towards supporting the many tens of thousands of volunteers in South Australia, and the excellent policy that we took to the election to provide a cost-of-living relief to those people who put volunteer hours in. In fact, she quite incorrectly pointed out that we hadn't delivered on our policy. Well, let me tell you, I took a look at the budget papers. I think it's \$670,000 that has gone into the budget for this current financial year to provide that relief to our volunteers, like the members in Hurtle Vale—

Ms COOK: Point of order, sir: I believe that he is straying again from the point of the question. I don't believe Tim is a volunteer.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. It is for debate. I believe the Premier is winding up.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The question was very clear in my mind. Maybe it wasn't clear in the mind of the person who was asking it. She said, 'What would you say to this person?'

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Well, I'm saying that we have been left with a mess by the previous government. I have said that we are going to work hard to put cost-of-living pressures as a very important part of this government and we are going to put downward pressure on electricity prices. We have a water price inquiry in South Australia. As for those people in Hurtle Vale who volunteer, they won't have to pay the \$59 fee that the previous government imposed upon them. They will get that screening check free.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Hurtle Vale, I welcome students—children—in the gallery today from Sunrise Christian School, years 6 and 7, who are guests of mine. I also welcome to parliament today other children, year 5 students of Trinity Gardens Primary School, who are guests of the Premier. I hope you have enjoyed and continue to enjoy your time in the gallery in parliament, enjoying watching the proceedings today.

Question Time

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Hurtle Vale, I warn for a second and final time the member for Kaurua, the deputy leader and the member for Hurtle Vale. The member for Hurtle Vale has the call.

HOUSING TRUST RENT

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (14:25): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to Bernette, a Housing Trust tenant from Moonta, how she is expected to pay for the government's rent increase? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Ms COOK: Bernette, who receives the Newstart Allowance, lives in a Housing Trust property in Moonta. Bernette has lymphoma in both of her eyes and she receives ongoing treatment, including chemotherapy injections in both eyes. It's already difficult for Bernette to get by. As a result of the government's rent increases, she will struggle even more.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:26): It's bad enough, frankly, that the Leader of the Opposition should be mischievously out there inflaming a situation and trying to deal with it. Let me tell you what Sam, who is a one-bedroom cottage tenant—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Deputy Premier has the call.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Are you listening to this? He is a one-bedroom cottage tenant who wrote back also on the feedback on this, and he said:

Great idea about Housing SA one-bedroom cottage units. We all should pay 25 per cent on pensions, not different amounts. Just because of one-bedroom, it's still a home. These people are working full-time also.

Twenty-five per cent of their income—they want equity. They want parity and they are entitled to have it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Not what—

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier will be seated. The member for Hurtle Vale can depart for half an hour under 137A.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order, sir.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Two points of order, sir: 97 and 98.

The SPEAKER: Okay, I will deal with that after I have dealt with the member for Hurtle Vale, whom I have asked to leave under 137A for half an hour.

Ms COOK: I apologise for saying the truth, sir.

The SPEAKER: Other Speakers would have named you for that offence. I will be merciful today only.

Ms COOK: Thank you, sir.

The honourable member for Hurtle Vale having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: So when the member for Hurtle Vale—

The SPEAKER: There was a point of order—97 and 98—by the member for West Torrens. I have the point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Sir, as soon as ministers begin answering the questions, they invoke argument and single out members, which generate a response.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: They generate a response, sir.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: It is a deliberate tactic to create disorder in the house.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order, member for West Torrens, thank you. As previous Speakers have ruled, when there are extensive facts that are introduced into a question, that does permit a broader answer. I respectfully understand the member for West Torrens' points of order. I will be listening very carefully to the Deputy Premier's answer to ensure that she does not detract from the question. Deputy Premier.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: May I raise a point of order, sir? When the question is framed in such a way to say, 'What would somebody say to a person?'—

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —then that suggests, under standing order 97, an extraordinarily broad remit.

The SPEAKER: Yes, and I have upheld that today. Yes, I agree. Deputy Premier.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: When the member for Hurtle Vale comes into this discussion about the response in relation to housing tenant review processes under this budget, which she's entitled to do, she can have a view on it and we don't take issue with that. What we say is that there has to be some accuracy with the allegations. Just today, her statement, 'This could see many low income Housing Trust tenants facing rent hikes of up to \$50 per week'—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Again, they chorus, 'That is right.' That is not right. That is completely inaccurate. So that it's clearly on the record, that is completely inaccurate. I would say to the member for Hurtle Vale, if she wants to go through each of the opportunities in relation to the review on middle income, which won't start for some several years, it will not be up to \$50 per week. It is mischievous for the Labor opposition to go out and inflame and heighten the concern already in the community about this issue. Sure, go out there and put your case. We don't have an issue with that. But don't come in here and inflame people and worry them, and don't scream out, 'When did you go to a Housing Trust tenant?'

Let me say this: when the former government came into office, they went through my seat of Bragg and they sold off every possible Housing Trust property they could find. In addition to that, they sold them off because they thought they were of high value and they would get plenty of money to prop up all their dodgy budgets every year. That's what happened. They sold them off, and families like the Baktiari family, who had some refuge in my electorate separate from the communities that they were in and needed protection, no longer had big enough dwellings for large families, for immigrant people. That's what they did.

They sold them off. Why? Because they just wanted to capitalise on the money and then spend it on all their wasteful programs, which have left us in this mess. That is the shameful legacy you have left in public housing in the state.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: the deputy leader was quoting from her mobile phone at the beginning of her answer. I would like her to table the entire contents of that message for the purposes of the house.

The SPEAKER: Would the Deputy Premier like to table that document?

The Hon. V.A. Chapman: Yes.

The SPEAKER: She is happy to table that document. Leader, with all respect, I have given the opposition much latitude today. We are 24 minutes into question time and not a question to the government. I call the member for Heysen.

STRAWBERRY INDUSTRY

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:31): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on the national strawberry contamination issue?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:32): This is not just a very significant issue for our nation but, of course, a looming issue for us in South Australia. Many people would have watched the news last night and seen some very graphic images of the huge waste of produce in other states. Our season in South Australia starts later than in other states. In fact, I was speaking with one very significant grower this morning, and he said that they are only about four weeks off their crop being ready for picking and then, ultimately, going off to the market.

There are two key messages I would convey to the people of South Australia. The first is that we need to back our producers, our growers in South Australia. We have a very significant sector in South Australia. My understanding is that the strawberry industry is worth around \$42 million per year at the farm gate, obviously more at the retail level, and is currently employing hundreds of South Australians, so it is a very significant industry. I say to the people of South Australia, 'Show your support for the strawberry growers in our state.'

The second point I would make is that we need to send a very strong message to the people who would like to inflict this fear campaign on the people of our country. Quite frankly, I think we should be doing everything we can to stand up and not capitulate with fear. I am encouraging people to go out and buy a punnet of strawberries today and show that we will not be intimidated because,

if we are intimidated and we stop buying strawberries, this sends a message to the people who are trying to intimidate us, 'What are we going to move to next? What is the next produce that we are going to move to?' We cannot capitulate in this situation.

I was very pleased to read only moments ago that the Prime Minister has made a very strong statement on this issue. He has decided that he is going to very substantially increase the penalties for people who are doing the wrong thing in regard to the contamination of food, and increase that maximum penalty from 10 years' gaol to 15 years' gaol. He has put additional inspection services in place to make sure that at a federal level they are doing everything they possibly can. At a state level, of course, the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development has been working very closely with the industry. He has a good working relationship with many sectors across South Australia, in particular strawberry growers, and I want to thank him for his application.

It was interesting that when the Leader of the Opposition was asked on morning radio this morning, 'Are you grandstanding on this issue?' it was, 'Oh, we don't want to have any politics in this.' If I were on the other end of the line, I would have thought, 'Well, pity he didn't actually make that suggestion directly to me rather than doing it through the media.' Nevertheless, he makes a suggestion—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Nevertheless, he makes a suggestion, not grandstanding, as he does it through the media. We are happy to take any suggestions, but the ones we are listening most to are the people who are going to be affected by this, not the people who are trying to get a media grab out.

We know that the Leader of the Opposition is falling down the rankings. I was looking at the rankings recently, and the member for West Torrens has the highest media grabs for the opposition, then the member for Lee. The Leader of the Opposition comes in third, so he is just scraping into the top three. We haven't heard from the member for Port Adelaide for a very long period of time.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Point of order. I think the Premier has finished.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Yes, he certainly has.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the Leader of the Opposition I remind the following members they are on two warnings: the member for Reynell, the member for Kaurana, the member for Badcoe and the member for West Torrens. The leader has the call.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: My question is to the Premier—unless, of course, we can get some more empathy from the Deputy Premier. Did the government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I am taking the question from the Leader of the Opposition, especially today, for that commentary. Question time is an opportunity to ask a question, not to provide a speech, and the leader knows that. I have given him exceptional latitude today, and I will not tolerate it. The member for Davenport has the call.

SMART METERS

Mr MURRAY (Davenport) (14:36): Thank you for the opportunity to ask this question. Can the Minister for Energy and Mining please update the house on the rollout of smart meters in South Australia?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:36): I thank the member for Davenport for this important question. The member for Davenport is always focused on his electors and on what is in their very best interest. The status of the rollout of smart meters has to do with new houses that need new meters as well as upgrades, typically when a home owner gets solar panels on the roof or some other upgrade that needs an upgraded meter.

Unfortunately the rollout has been going very poorly. In December last year, under the previous government, new rules came in—in fairness not only in South Australia but across the nation—which handed the responsibility for installing and replacing these meters to retailers. That has led to very poor performance; the retailers have not delivered well at all. South Australians have been left without meters, without electricity in their homes for excessively long periods of time. Some people have been about to move into their homes, or expecting to move into their homes, but they still cannot because there is no electricity. They have had to move into hotels and other things.

The Australian Energy Market Commission took it upon itself to improve these rules and change them, and they have a rule out for consultation at the moment that will come into effect on 1 January. That is far too late, not nearly soon enough for South Australia, so the Marshall Liberal government has taken the bull by the horns and done two things: we have developed draft regulations which will apply in South Australia, if they are implemented, and we have also reached agreement with retailers to improve their service.

As announced earlier today—and this is additional information for this house right now—our government has come to an agreement with AGL, Energy Australia and also Origin Energy, which represent 75 per cent of the electricity market in South Australia. They have signed agreements with the government to deliver a vastly improved service both in regard to the time of the installation or upgrade of the meters and in regard to an acceptance that they will pay fines that will be passed on to households, if necessary, to recompense them for any harm done. The fines are not what we want to see. The households don't want to receive this compensation payment. The households just want their meters installed on time.

If necessary, if there's a breach of this new agreement by any of these three retailers representing 75 per cent of the market, then a householder may receive \$175 or \$250 per day, depending on which retailer they are with. There is scope for householders to agree additional time outside the six or 10 days that's contemplated. Of course, if an extended time is mutually agreed, that's fine. But we were not prepared to sit on our hands while the rules that the previous government implemented penalised all South Australian households in this situation.

We have come to an agreement with these retailers. I thank these three retailers for the fact that, while they acknowledge their service was not good enough previously, they have got on board and agreed to improve that significantly. I encourage all of the other retailers to lift their game, too, and follow the lead of these three retailers so that South Australians get the service that they deserve.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition has the call in just a moment, after I welcome to parliament students from Saint Ignatius' College, who are guests of the Minister for Education. Welcome to parliament.

Question Time

HOUSING TRUST RENT

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:41): My question is to the Premier. Did the government mislead Housing Trust tenants when they stated that their rents would not increase under a Liberal government? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: On 16 March, Rob Lucas, the Treasurer, stated on radio, 'Every election there's a scare campaign that gets sent to Housing Trust residents that says, if a Liberal government is elected, then the Housing Trust is going to be privatised. Their homes are going to be sold. Some of them will be booted out of their homes or their rents will go up massively.'

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:41): I think it's fair to say that we have had a lot of scare campaigns run against Housing Trust tenants over a long period of time.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

Mr Duluk interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Is the member for Waite interjecting? You are warned. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I think what we have seen over a long period of time is our political opponents use virtually every single trick in the book to run fear campaigns in the lead-up to the election. We have great regard for people who are living in Housing Trust facilities here in South Australia and that is why we have announced very significant reforms in terms of this area.

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell is on two warnings again.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Although the previous government had their time in office, we know that they flogged off a lot of Housing Trust properties.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We know that they had failed experiments with separating out the management and the ownership of these facilities. We know that many times there were thousands of Housing Trust homes in any given period that were just not occupied and we know that because people told us. There was a lack of coordination which we have sought to address in the way that we are dealing with Housing Trust tenants going forward. I am very confident in our minister's ability to handle this very complex area of public policy. Our opponents will continue to use every single opportunity to drive fear into communities. That's what they know best.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: When those opposite develop a decent policy towards Housing Trust tenants in South Australia, public housing in South Australia, we would welcome to hear it. But in the absence of that, I think they should concentrate on some more pressing issues than trying to inflame a situation—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —which they know is spurious at best.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond has the call. The member for Reynell is on two warnings still, even though she has been interjecting.

REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:43): My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Can the minister update the house on how the 2018-19 state budget is supporting our regional communities?

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (14:44): I certainly can, and I thank the member for Hammond for his question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: Being a regional MP, he understands—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Reynell, are you interjecting?

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —how important the regions are to South Australia, particularly to their economy. Leading up to this last election, we gave a commitment that regions mattered. We gave a commitment that we were going to recharge our regions and it was going to be a large part of our policy platform.

What I would say is that, under a Marshall Liberal government, we have assured and we will continue to assure that they are there to be counted. We are not going to take away funding from them. We are going to acknowledge that every regional community votes. The previous government forgot the regional communities because there were no votes in the regions—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —so they were not going to fund them. That's what we heard from the previous premier.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurua is on two warnings.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: What this government is going to do is we are going to recharge our regions.

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

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

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: As you saw in the budget, the big winners in the budget were the regions—a \$773 million commitment to the regions in South Australia.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is on two warnings.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: That's right, \$773 million. What we have seen is that we are delivering on an election promise. We are delivering on an election commitment. What I am going to say that might disappoint those opposite—

Mr Hughes interjecting:

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

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —is that we are actually also delivering on fixing up Labor's mess. Yes.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell is still interjecting on two warnings.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: It includes \$28.6 million of cuts to PIRSA.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell interjecting:

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: Ah, yes. So we are committed to initiatives to grow our economic opportunities—

The SPEAKER: Minister, please be seated for one moment. The member for Mawson is warned for a second and final time.

The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You're welcome.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: We are going to deliver on these outcomes. We are going to make sure that regions get the support that they never had. The long-term commitment is \$150 million in the Regional Growth Fund. We talk about \$10 million on the Mobile Black Spot Program. We are talking about \$315 million—

Mr Hughes interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Giles is warned.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —to Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund. There is \$192 million for 10 years for health services that were sadly neglected while those opposite were messing around with Transforming Health. What a disaster that was. There is \$20 million over four years for the health workforce strategy. The education minister has a great platform: \$194 million to improve—

Mr Hughes interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Giles is warned for a second and final time.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —country education. What I would say is that, on my visits around regional South Australia, I have visited 13 communities. I am out there visiting them all the time. While I am out there visiting the communities, other ministers are visiting those communities. It just goes to show that we are committed to regional South Australia.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: What I would say is that, for those 16 long years as a regional constituent myself, I had to put up with a government that just forgot what regions were all about.

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is warned.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: They absolutely forgot what regions were all about. I do want to compare a little bit of commentary on measures delivered in last year's budget. In last year's budget there was not one thing under primary industries and regions—not one budget line, not one dollar. It is an absolute disgrace. We saw plenty of cuts in the Mid-Year Budget Review but not a dollar in the budget. What I would say is the bank—nothing; operating initiatives—nothing; investment initiatives—nothing; revenue measures—nothing. There was nothing in the budget for those regions.

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Is the member for Lee interjecting?

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: I would like to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —quickly talk about some of the measures that we have seen are missing in the budget.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: What I would say is that this government is going to represent all of South Australia, including the regions, because hashtag #RegionsMatter.

Mr Hughes interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Is the member for Giles still interjecting or talking to himself?

Mr Hughes: No, of course not.

The SPEAKER: I didn't think so. The member for West Torrens has the call.

HOUSING TRUST RENT

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:48): My question is to the Premier. How does he explain to Housing Trust tenants his contract with political consultant Mr Eagleson, who is here in the gallery today, being paid \$3,000 a day while their rents are increasing?

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:48): I've answered this question—

The SPEAKER: And if he is not heard in silence—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Premier, one moment. If the Premier is not heard in silence, there are various members who are on two warnings and they will be departing the chamber. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I have explained my answer to this question multiple times in multiple ways and I do not intend to add anything further to the answers that I have already provided to the house.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe is warned for a second and final time. The member for Elizabeth has been patiently waiting. He has the call.

SAFECOM REVIEW

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (14:49): Thank you, sir. My question is to the Minister for Emergency Services. When did the minister advise the chief executive, Malcolm Jackman, the SAFECOM board and the chief officers that the government would undertake a full-scale review of SAFECOM?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:49): I thank the member for the question.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is warned.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: The decision was made this week and they were notified at that time.

The SPEAKER: The member for Colton. I will come back to the member for Elizabeth. The member for Colton.

ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL SITE REDEVELOPMENT

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:49): Thank you, sir. My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on what action the government is taking to redevelop the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site and revitalise the East End?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:50): I would like to thank the member for Colton for his question and also his excellent contribution since he joined this chamber after being elected on 17 March this year. We all saw the great contribution that he made to our state and, in fact, our nation prior to coming to the parliament. I am sure that he has a very bright future in front of him. He asks a very important question and one which I think is important to the aspirations that we have as a state.

As we all know, the former government prior to the 2010 election made the announcement that they would, if re-elected, move the Royal Adelaide Hospital from one end of North Terrace to the other end of North Terrace, therefore creating a great opportunity, I think, at the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site—probably the most appetising, mouth-watering urban renewal project that is going on in Australia at the moment.

It is seven hectares of prime land right in the centre of the city, wedged between the Botanic Garden and, of course, the university precinct. We all know that the previous government had multiple plans, none of them finalised and none of them having a central, uplifting theme as the Leader of the Opposition likes to refer to. He wanted a central, uplifting theme for our budget. There was no central, uplifting theme whatsoever for the old Royal Adelaide Hospital site. Those opposite

had 10 years to come up with a central, uplifting theme and what they actually wanted was 1,300 apartments on the site. Anyway, thankfully the people of South Australia elected a new government on 17 March because we have a very ambitious idea for that incredible site that is right on North Terrace.

We believe that this site has multiple opportunities to transform our state, in particular in the area of new business start-up and scale-up, in the area of bringing more international students and having more vocational education and training in South Australia and providing an icon for our city to attract more interstate and overseas visitation to our state.

You would have noticed, sir, in the budget that was brought down recently that the government allocated \$476.2 million over the next five years. Again, those opposite didn't think there was a central, uplifting theme. We allocated \$476.2 million to this project, which I think was a very central, uplifting opportunity for our state. In particular, \$43.9 million was allocated to the refit of some of the heritage buildings on that site, so I am talking about the four heritage buildings across the front and then the Margaret Graham and the Eleanor Harrald buildings down Frome Road.

We are actioning the adaptive re-use of those buildings so that we can have start-up, scale-up, we can have global companies on that site, we can have venture capital companies, we can have angel investors, we can have professional services companies and we can also, of course, have university researchers, and this will be in a precinct that is all focused on creating new jobs in future industries.

One of the central elements of what we are proposing is the curation of this precinct, this job creation precinct in South Australia. It will not be coordinated by government; it will not be coordinated by the university sector but by a chief entrepreneur. We believe that this is best practice, and of course the government has already announced that we have appointed Mr Jim Whalley, the founder of Nova Systems, a very successful company, to be the chief—

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order, sir.

The SPEAKER: Point of order by the member for West Torrens.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: All of this information is publicly available.

The SPEAKER: Publicly available. I ask the Premier, as per the past practice, if this information is publicly available that he also add to it; if it is not, to please conclude his answer.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It seems extraordinary to me. This is not reading a press release that has already been out there but referring to something that, yes, is in the public domain, but lots of answers are actually in the public domain. The government is often asked about questions which are definitely in budget papers and which have been referred to previously, so I don't understand the opposition's hatred for creating new jobs in South Australia. We remain focused on this important task.

The SPEAKER: The Premier's time has expired. The member for Elizabeth has the call.

SAFECOM REVIEW

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (14:54): My question is again to the Minister for Emergency Services. On what day did the minister advise the chief executive, Malcolm Jackman, the SAFECOM board and chief officers that the government would undertake a full-scale review of SAFECOM, and was it before the news appeared in the media?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:54): Thank you very much. I just answered the question. I said the decision was made on Monday.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! I will listen carefully. The minister has the call.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Listen! I said the decision was made on Monday and I informed him on Monday.

BAILEY, MR C.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:54): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Did the minister's Chief of Staff, Cullen Bailey, inform the minister he had requested a list of staff that had worked in the former minister's office?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (14:55): I thank the member for West Torrens for that question because it is worthwhile me putting some information on the record about this matter, given the lengthy tirade that the member for West Torrens put into the public domain yesterday. I do think it is important that we set some facts right here before the rumours and innuendo that the member has been putting out there go unchecked.

Following a question I received on 17 May 2018 in this place regarding whether I was aware as to whether my Chief of Staff or any member of my staff had made a request within my department for a list of staff who had worked for previous ministers, I said that I was not aware of that. At that time, I wasn't aware and, as we know, that was held not to have been misleading the parliament. Following being asked that question, I did take the opportunity to speak to my Chief of Staff about that matter and clarified what had actually occurred.

I ask the member for West Torrens to listen very carefully because this is very telling as to how this side of the house will operate. What occurred is that when I became a minister there was a situation—and the opposition would know that this is the case—that my office was set up in a very skeleton form by the department. It turned out that my Chief of Staff had requested if there was anyone in the department who had previous experience of working for previous ministers, not so that we could have a witch-hunt against them but so that they could be given the opportunity to come and work in my office, so that—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: And it's all falling apart now for the member for West Torrens. The witch-hunt is coming to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on the right and left!

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: —a cul-de-sac.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: Mr Speaker, I've got more to share because, once it became apparent—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I'm listening.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: —that there were people in the department who had experience working in ministerial offices, rather than hunt them down, we employed them. Since becoming a minister—

The Hon. S.K. Knoll interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Transport is called to order.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: —six months ago, I have had staff in my office who worked for minister Maywald, federal minister Wong, minister Gago and former minister Hunter. They have been working in my office. And in the last few weeks—

Mr Duluk: They've never had a better boss.

The SPEAKER: The member for Waite is warned for a second and final time.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: They have never had a better time, because I respect the Public Service. We know from a report that was handed down by one of this state's commissions exactly

how the member for West Torrens treated public servants. I've got two words for the member for West Torrens: Michael and Buchan. That says it all. That's the way they treat the Public Service; it's not the way that I do.

Last month, I had the pleasure of employing a senior ministerial liaison officer in my department who had previously worked for minister Maher—there is a fifth Labor minister who had staff who worked for the Labor government and now work for me in my office. So there has never been a witch-hunt against people, as has been suggested by the member for West Torrens. In fact, what my Chief of Staff did was exactly the sort of thing that I would want a member of my staff doing: looking for good people with the right experience to provide a service to me and my ministerial office.

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (14:59): My question is to the Attorney-General. Can the Attorney-General please update the house on how the 2018-19 state budget is delivering on the government's commitment to support the Independent Commission Against Corruption?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:59): With pleasure. Thank you very much to the member for Finniss. I was in his electorate last week, and a pleasurable occasion that was. Thank you for the question. The member appreciates the gravity of the issues ICAC have to deal with, and I thank the member for his support.

The budget recently handed down by the government puts the money on the table for what we are committed to do. We went to the election saying we wanted public hearings. We have introduced legislation, which of course is being dealt with in the parliament, although temporarily of course, with the public integrity committee, and we have made sure that there is \$7 million on the table so that we can investigate cases of suspected maladministration in public administration and corruption cases.

There is \$7½ million for capital investment to actually prepare the site—build rooms, of course, to have public hearings—unlike the previous government. As I recall, they spent something like \$11 million on the Sturt Street court renovation, which was so badly done that the Labor government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: It was so badly done that the court has now closed and all that redecoration and refit are just sitting there, completely wasted.

The Hon. J.W. Weatherill interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Surely the member for Cheltenham is not interjecting.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: This is the sort of money they throw up against the wall. We know that the opposition had fought tooth and nail before the establishment ultimately of an ICAC. They have been beset with scandalous reports in respect of their conduct and their behaviour. I appreciate that some on the other side have had rather intimate and familiar knowledge about what happens in ICAC because they have been very publicly exposed in relation to their administration.

But the rest of us need to know, and the public of South Australia need to know, what goes on with respect to the commission's work, in particular with respect to misconduct and maladministration inquiries. We are committed to that. We want to make sure that there is every opportunity for the scrutiny of the conduct of the commission and the exposure, where appropriate, of public maladministration.

We will be reading, ultimately, the report which will be coming back to parliament and which we are expecting shortly, pursuant to the motion we passed and was extended to accommodate their work. We will be giving consideration to any of the matters, but no-one will be left in any doubt by the media coverage and the evidence that was presented to the committee in respect of public hearings that from every single witness it was absolutely clear, absolutely clear, the one thing that was common—that is, we must have public hearings available for the public to know what is going on and understand what the commission is doing.

That is the responsibility now that we have as a parliament—to progress that. As a government we're ready to do it. The money is on the table. It's in the budget. We're ready to go.

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:02): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Did the minister's Chief of Staff, Cullen Bailey, inform him that the acting chief executive of the department had concerns regarding the minister's answer to the house on 17 May?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (15:02): I was not aware that the chief executive had raised any concerns regarding that, and it was not something that I felt that I needed to be aware of on reflection. As I said earlier, I was cleared of any wrongdoing in terms of what I had presented to the house yesterday.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I know that is immensely—

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I know that is immensely disappointing for the member for West Torrens. The standard that Labor are setting against this government is the standard they brought to public administration in this state. They are asking themselves: what would Labor do? In this circumstance, Labor would go on a witch-hunt, they would bully people, they would swear at people. We've seen it all laid out in the ICAC report: the most disgraceful behaviour—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: The minister will be seated. Before I call the member for West Torrens, I am going to ask the member for Kaurna and the member for Waite to leave for the remainder of question time. Once they leave, I will hear the point of order.

The honourable member for Kaurna and the honourable member for Waite having withdrawn from the chamber:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens—for debate?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Sir, the minister is clearly debating.

The SPEAKER: Yes. I respectfully ask the minister to please come back to the substance of the question. Thank you.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS: I think I have said exactly how I feel about this matter. The member for West Torrens has gone down a cul-de-sac with this matter. There is no smoking gun. He is completely wrong, and he is doing the house a disservice with his continued innuendo and allegations.

The SPEAKER: The member for Newland.

PHONICS CHECKS

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (15:04): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister update the house on the progress of the year 1 phonics check?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:05): I am very pleased to do so. It's a question that—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell will cease interjecting.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —I know the member for Newland is very concerned about, as somebody who cares deeply about education in this state—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I would like to hear this answer, please.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —and it's something that I think all members of the house will be very pleased to hear about because this is something that every member of this house can stand together in pride—that South Australia is leading the nation. I thank the shadow minister for education for the trial that was undertaken of the year 1 phonics check last year. The analysis that she commissioned of Flinders University, which was released after the election, showed that the trial went well.

I thank the Labor Party for also joining the Liberal Party about a week before the election in committing to a rollout, had they been elected, of the year 1 phonics check around South Australian schools. I am very pleased to advise the house that, as per the election commitment made by the Liberal Party about a year before the election, the year 1 phonics check was undertaken in all South Australian government schools in the month of August. It went well. The reports from schools, from principals and from year 1 teachers were varied, but generally, the reports were positive. They were either positive in the manner that they thought they were going to be a good check, a useful check, a useful screen, and they did indeed find them to be so.

For those people who were sceptical of the value of the check beforehand, the reports have generally been that they were more useful than they thought they would be, or that they were at least not a concern, not difficult to deliver and not an imposition on the class. They gave teachers the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with their students to help them with their reading. They gave teachers and schools the opportunity to identify students who were perhaps slipping through the cracks, who were not as strong in phonics—the building blocks of learning to read—as they thought they might have been. The reports and the feedback have been great.

This government has negotiated with the provider of the check from the UK. I think that was again a wise decision to start with the one that was working. We have negotiated to license that check out from the one we have been using to the independent sector and the Catholic schools sector. I understand that in term 4 there are a number of independent schools that will be using the check in their school year, and indeed the Catholic sector is considering also using the check.

This is something that South Australia is leading the nation on. It is an outstanding reform. It is supported by the new Literacy Guarantee Unit within the Department for Education. At the moment, eight literacy coaches have been undertaken in addition to their leader, Ingrid Alderton, a very well-respected educator, and another five are being recruited at the moment. I had great pleasure in visiting them at Hindmarsh last week and having a chat with all of them about their experiences. There is a range of very experienced educators who are doing some excellent work.

They are organising the first conference—another one of this government's election commitments. The first Literacy Guarantee conference is taking place in October. It is sold out. We don't actually charge people to attend, as I understand it, but nevertheless the registrations are full. It is going to be an excellent opportunity for teachers across all three sectors to gain best practice knowledge about the teaching of literacy to young South Australians. Indeed, they will be working with teachers in schools as well.

The reception I have had in talking to schools about the phonics check has been positive. A number of schools have reported to me that not only have they enjoyed using it in year 1 but, indeed, some of them are talking about using the check to screen their year 2s as well. This very morning I had the opportunity to visit the Reynella Primary School to help them celebrate their 160th anniversary. It was a wonderful day. Hundreds of parents and grandparents were there, and it was wonderful to talk to them. It is another school that is thinking about rolling out their phonics check for year 2s. To attend and celebrate with the Reynella Primary School, to enable the Minister for Education to say a few words, I thank the crossbenchers in this parliament who indicated that they would provide a pair if need be.

It was disappointing that the Labor Party were unwilling to provide a pair so that the Minister for Education could share in the celebrations of the 160th birthday of, as I understand it, the second oldest primary school in South Australia. That was of course noted by those there. I thank the crossbenchers for their mature approach to this situation, and I can report to the house that the phonics check is going well.

*Grievance Debate***SPORTING ORGANISATIONS**

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (15:09): Over the past few weeks, I have been deeply honoured to attend a number of presentation nights for our state's sporting organisations, and their affiliated clubs, where some of our best South Australian athletes and emerging athletes and the countless volunteers, coaches and clubs who support them have been recognised. Our state's sporting organisations do so much to drive their sport, together with their affiliated clubs, participants and supporters.

Sport is such an important part of community life, and by keeping sporting codes strong we are able to keep our communities strong, connected and inclusive. Sport is a powerful tool for social change, and we on this side of the house understand that it needs to be appropriately funded and supported to ensure that it can thrive and keep bringing all people together in every corner of our state.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds awards night was wonderful. It was inspiring to see women at the top of their game supporting one another and encouraging one another. After a tough season, the night clearly demonstrated the positivity, determination, camaraderie and care that are at the heart of this club. It was absolutely brilliant to see how every player and official supported one another and to see extraordinary athlete and outstanding role model Kate Shimmin become Player of the Year.

It was also brilliant to see the Thunderlumni, who have grown and promoted netball over so many years, and the Southern Force recognised, and to hear an incredible speech from Dan Ryan about what success can look like and the importance of support and loyalty for one another on and off the court. Thank you to CEO, Ben Scales; president, Graham Gilbert; the Netball SA Board, who have equal gender representation in their numbers; Melody Cooper; and all at Netball SA for having me and for the fine work they are doing to support girls and women to play the sport they love and to follow their sporting dreams.

It was also an honour to be asked to present the Best and Fairest Women's Award at the Hockey SA awards night and to join our hockey community to celebrate this much-loved and long-played sport in South Australia. Congratulations to Leah Welstead and Andy Leat, both of the Port Adelaide Hockey Club, on winning the women's and men's Best and Fairest Award respectively, and congratulations to the many other award winners.

Thank you to Hockey SA for including me in your celebration and thank you for the outstanding and enduring positive culture and community you have created through your sport. Thank you also to Peter Churack, CEO of Hockey SA, for welcoming me and for being so incredibly focused on helping more people participate in hockey across our state. It is, of course, a great pity that under this new Liberal government no hockey clubs—no hockey clubs—will now be able to apply to improve facilities to cater for the many girls and women playing this sport, but this is a cut that, together with our community, we will continue to fight to have reversed.

The South Australian volleyball community is also a very strong and connected one. There was a fantastic energy at their awards night two Saturdays ago, as there is at every one of their events, and it was clear that everyone involved has a lot of respect for one another. Craig Watson, Volleyball SA's president, beautifully illustrated the inclusiveness of volleyball. It is the second most popular sport in the world by participation, and it is growing rapidly in Australia for many reasons, including the fact that it is of course fun to play, non-contact, child friendly and can be played in many different places.

In South Australia, we have 27 affiliations/clubs and 220 national federations play across the globe. Volleyball is also one of the sports most advanced in terms of including women, men, boys and girls. Australia does very well in volleyball at both the Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games. We now have a gold medal team and silver medal team as a result of the Commonwealth Games. Chris McHugh, who is South Australian, and partner, Damien Schumann, originally from Victoria, won the gold and Mariafe Artacho del Solar and Taliqna Clancy won the silver also in 2018.

Australian and South Australian volleyball is strong and growing, and I thank Volleyball SA general manager, Anne-Marie, and her team for their passion and enthusiasm. The awards night was great and it was wonderful to see so many people acknowledged, including Peter Bawhey for Referee of the Year and Stuart Scott for Volunteer of the Year. For any primary or secondary school students who want to give volleyball a go, a free clinic is happening at Glenelg beach on Saturday 13 October. No experience is required and you will be coached by some of our state's best volleyball coaches and players.

Congratulations to everyone recognised for their contribution to their sport, whether through playing, coaching, umpiring or volunteering. Your contribution is invaluable and you can be incredibly proud. Thank you to these and the many other state sporting organisations that have included me in their special celebrations.

PLYMPTON SPORTING AND RECREATION CLUB

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (15:14): The Plympton Sporting and Recreation Club is located at Plympton Oval in the suburb of Plympton Park, with the Morphettville Racecourse as a direct neighbour. It consists of both junior and senior football teams, cricket teams and soccer clubs. It is used by approximately 750 participants. Plympton Oval is the largest publicly accessible grassed area in the suburb that has seen gentrification and high-density housing development occur.

The oval is used by many local residents for passive recreation when sport is not being played. The facility itself is used all year round and is home to many local clubs and sports, with large numbers of junior and senior footy participants, along with cricket and soccer. Demand is growing. In 2017, the club added two junior girls' teams to the mix and at the same time the football club celebrated its 80th anniversary.

The success of the girls' football teams saw the club field four female teams in the 2018 season. In fact, the girls' under-16 team made it through to the grand final this year, only to be narrowly defeated by two points after mounting a last quarter comeback. The under-13 and under-14 junior boys' teams also made their respective grand finals, but unfortunately they were the runners up on each occasion. The under-13s were beaten by another local Morphett team, PHOS Camden, and congratulations to those boys.

This coming weekend, the under-15 boys will be facing off against the Payneham Norwood Union Football Club in their grand final and, although they will go into the game as underdogs, they have played well all year and thoroughly deserve their place in the grand final. I wish them all the best.

The senior men's B-grade made their grand final, but unfortunately the senior A-grade team did not make the finals. A highlight of the year, however, was their home match in August, when they played against local rival, Morphettville Park Football Club. This was the first time since 1989 that the clubs had played at Plympton Oval for premiership points. On the day, the junior under-11 boys' team ran out with the team and formed a guard of honour prior to the start of the match. In windy conditions, the Bulldogs came out the winners by four goals.

In recent years, the club has had some upgrades, including new light towers, an internal fit-out of the change rooms, an upgraded playground and a new electronic scoreboard. These indicate the significance of the oval to the surrounding community for sports and also for local open space.

Unfortunately, the western end of the oval is prone to drainage issues and this results in boggy areas in front of the clubroom, the car park and also the western pocket, alongside South Terrace. In 2017, which was a wet winter, the water would be found pooling on the surface of some parts of the oval for days afterwards.

Club president, Trevor Bruce, and junior football club president, Jamie Morgan, met with me prior to the election and explained that the oval's muddy condition had been an ongoing issue for over seven years. The oval's condition has meant that in the past the club has had to cancel training or go to other ovals, which has caused an added cost to the club, as they have to hire an alternate oval. To try to provide a solution, the club has been liaising with the Marion council to upgrade the surface. However, previously, funding was not forthcoming.

Prior to the election, the Liberal Party made a \$100,000 funding commitment towards the upgrade of the playing surface and drainage at the Plympton Sporting and Recreation Club. I am pleased to say that in August the Minister for Sport and Recreation and I visited the club to announce that the funding agreement for that \$100,000 had been finalised with the Marion council. I have enjoyed working with the clubs and the Marion council to work through a range of solutions.

The council is also contributing to the upgrade and has also been able to coordinate a reticulation upgrade at the same time as the drainage works, utilising the same trenching. Work is scheduled to commence at the end of the winter football and soccer season. As a passionate supporter of grassroots sports, I am really pleased to have secured this funding commitment towards the upgrade of the playing surface and drainage at the Plympton Sporting and Recreation Club, which will help provide pathways for young people to pursue their sporting dreams and encourage as many people as possible to participate in sport and lead healthy and active lifestyles.

GILES ELECTORATE

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (15:19): There is a bit of a sporting theme to the grievances today. I guess it is that time of the year—

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr HUGHES: It is exactly that time of the year, so I am not going to wax lyrical on state football, because I have no team there, and I am not going to wax lyrical on the AFL, because I am out of that as well. I could perhaps be a bit of a tart and go with the Roosters in the state league, given that they now have the recruitment zone for Whyalla, but I greatly miss Port Adelaide's contribution to Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula. They were a great team for that area and for the young people who were nurtured on Eyre Peninsula. I have to say that my heart would just not be in going for North Adelaide.

At a local level in Whyalla, it was an excellent result to see Westies once again take out the final against Weeroona Bay, but I was more than happy to see Weeroona Bay, after many years, reach the grand final. It is a bit of a battlers club, Weeroona Bay, but years ago my son played for Westies for some time, so I was loyal to Westies. Unfortunately, I could not make the game in my own community because my son, who had moved to Adelaide, is now one of those who commute to Yorke Peninsula to play on Yorke Peninsula.

So I had a choice, and what do you do? Do you stay local and support the team you have been loyal to for many years or do you do the family thing and go to Yorke Peninsula and support a team you do not have a commitment to? However, I can tell members that now I have spent the weekend on Yorke Peninsula, the Cougars are my team on Yorke Peninsula. Unfortunately they did go down, but the night back at the Maitland Football Club was an incredibly enjoyable one.

I have to say that facility is an excellent one, and obviously a reflection of the effort that community put in to getting that new clubroom. That highlights the capacity of different communities to deliver. Some communities are well resourced, and have people who can be put together to get things done. That is in all communities but, when it comes to resources available to them, some communities fall well short.

It was one of the disappointing things in the budget—I will introduce a political note now—to see most of the major sporting commitments were to communities and facilities here in Adelaide. There was not much in the way of support for facilities in country areas. That was particularly disappointing for me given that, if re-elected, we did commit just under \$6 million for the start of a sports hub in Whyalla, which is desperately needed. We also committed half a million dollars to a decent multisport change facility in Roxby Downs, also in my electorate.

Just the other day I had the great pleasure of presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to Kirsty Arbuckle, a dynamo for the Steel United Soccer Club in Whyalla. I have had an association of sorts with Steel United going back over many years—that was the home clubroom of the amateur soccer team I used to play for many years ago—and it is really sad to see the state of some of the facilities at our soccer clubs, and a lot of other clubs, in regional South Australia. I am sure it is the same in some of the metropolitan areas as well, but they are clearly substandard facilities.

That is one of the really good things that government can do, hopefully governments of all persuasions, invest in sporting facilities and do a lot more to ensure we get young people involved in sport. Preferencing those areas has always been my preference rather than the high-end of sporting activity; it is grassroots sporting activity that is so incredibly important for so many reasons.

COLTON ELECTORATE

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:24): I want to take this opportunity to speak about some of the wonderful work that several local community groups have undertaken in the electorate of Colton over the last few months. In every electorate across the state, we have many local community groups and sporting clubs that work hard to give back to the community. I am certainly fortunate enough, and we in the western suburbs are fortunate enough, to have several community groups that do this and I wanted to take the opportunity to recognise a couple of them that I have recently had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting over the past couple of months.

A group that is relatively new to the electorate of Colton is the Henley Dunes Care Group. This group was formed by Lisa Redman and Bernadette Cranwell in May earlier this year for the purpose of revegetating the fragile sand dunes between Henley Square and the Torrens Outlet. The sole purpose of this group is to help stabilise the dunes, reduce erosion and educate the community on how we can better protect the sensitive dune network. The group currently operates with support from several volunteers in the community and also the City of Charles Sturt, the Western Adelaide Coastal Residents' Association, Friends of the Tennyson Dunes, Trees For Life and Landcare South Australia.

The first planting day for the group was held at 10am on Sunday 24 June where over 200 native plants were planted by locals to revegetate the dunes. I joined 20 other volunteers on that day over a couple of hours. We planted our way along the dunes. We were also joined by volunteers of the Our Coast, Our Mission team who cleaned up nearly five large bags of rubbish which had been discarded carelessly by people visiting the beach. I enjoyed the morning. It was great to get out there in the sun. It was still a little chilly at that stage but great to do just a little bit to help stabilise the very fragile dune network that we have along our coast.

However, the following weekend on 1 July there was a second planting day which was very well attended. More volunteers turned up and it was a testament to the Henley Dunes Care Group and the valuable work that they are coordinating. It was also a great pleasure to see the Mayor of Charles Sturt, Angela Evans, also come along on that day and help out. The Henley Dunes Care Group are continuing their revegetation and care work and are always looking for extra hands to come along and help out. There is absolutely no experience necessary. It is a great way to get out into the fresh air and do your bit to help protect our precious dunes.

I would urge members of my community to get on Facebook and follow the Henley Dunes Care Group Facebook page and get along to their next care day. I would also like to congratulate, on behalf of the community, Lisa Redman and Bernadette Cranwell on their hard work so far. They are doing an excellent job with over 1,000 plants having been planted and it is going to go a long way in re-establishing and stabilising the dunes.

More recently, I also had the opportunity to attend the Fulham United Football Club senior presentation night where I was able to present the club with their Active Club grant certificate. The Fulham United Football Club was established in 1970 and I am advised that it is South Australia's second largest football club with over 450 registered players. The presentation night was held at the Adelaide Pavilion on South Terrace. I had a great time there taking the opportunity to hear about the successful season that the club had and to congratulate the major award winners on the night.

As I have said before, sporting clubs like these cannot run on their own. It takes a lot of hard work, commitment and many voluntary hours and support to sustain a successful local club. From what I have seen, the Fulham United Football Club are very fortunate to have a fantastic volunteer base and membership base and are well supported by the community. President Arthur Labroschiano and the rest of the committee certainly have the club heading in a very positive direction.

I urge people in my community who may have children who are interested in taking up soccer to get in touch with the club. They are now currently accepting junior boys' and junior girls'

registrations. I would also like to take this opportunity to again congratulate the club on their season. Both their teams remained in their respective divisions, which was a fantastic result, taking a step up to Premier 1 for the men's team. I look forward to getting along to a few more games next season. I am proud to have so many of these wonderful sporting groups and community groups within the Colton electorate and look forward to continuing to support them in my role as their local MP.

MOJO BEVERAGES

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:29): Today, I rise with some very exciting news on the business front in the electorate of Mawson, which is that local probiotic drink manufacturer MOJO has been 100 per cent bought out by the Coca-Cola Company.

This is a small company started by Anthony Crabb, who experimented with a probiotic drink, kombucha. I want to thank his friends and family who were brave enough to try those original drinks. Apparently a few were meant to be spat out. He worked and worked and worked to hone the perfect drink. He used to sell it at Willunga Farmers Market, and of course Willunga Farmers Market was the first farmers' market established in Australia 17 years ago.

He built up the business, and then in 2015, when I was the minister for primary industries, we gave the company a grant of \$70,000 and also had them work with SARDI to finetune these drinks and work on ways they could grow their businesses. In September 2015, they also received a \$20,000 grant from Kyam Maher, who was then the minister for manufacturing and innovation. Under the South Australian government's Business Transformation Voucher Program, this grant of \$20,000 helped this company build up their business and transform it into a bigger business. That culminated in March this year—just a week or so before the election—when I was invited down by Anthony and his business to push the green button and start their bottling line because the business had grown so much by that stage.

I spoke to Kym Hodgeman while I was there. Kym of course was a great Glenelg footballer who runs a bottling distribution business. He told me that when they first started this business they brought a pallet of bottles and that it took them about a year to go through and fill them all up. It was probably about 2,000 or 3,000 bottles. He said that they are now buying about 11 million or 12 million bottles a year, so it is a huge jump up, and that 70 people are employed there now. Once we turned on that new bottling line, they had to go out and find another 10 workers. There was 70 there when we turned on the new bottling line in March this year.

With the acquisition by Coca-Cola, they are looking to treble the production, treble the workforce, and they are looking at about 200 people being employed there within the next year or so, with flow-on jobs, including the glass distributors, the bottle manufacturers here in South Australia. The label producers are a company called Openbook Howden at St Marys. They do the print and design, and I know that they are very excited about the work that they have done with MOJO over the years.

It is terrific to see a business, which started with an idea nurtured in the wonderful, healthy, premium community of Willunga, slowly growing to statewide distribution with a lot of help from Andrew BATTERY, who is a well-known wine figure in the McLaren Vale area who took on the role of sales and distribution manager. It has grown at a state level, and then at a national level, and now this acquisition by Coca-Cola Amatil will allow them to expand even further afield right around Australia, with distribution into other parts of the world as well. I want to congratulate everyone involved in getting this company to the stage it is at now.

I just want to point out to the government, which keeps saying, 'We're going to get rid of all these grants programs because we don't believe in picking winners,' that we do have to help some of these businesses—and the work with SARDI to make sure that the taste was right, to make sure that you could keep the alcohol down during the fermentation process to get everything right with this product, and then also to get the technology right in the process of bottling and everything else. was really important—and we continue to help businesses like this because 210 jobs in my local area in the area of Willunga will be a huge boost for people in the south. We are excited by it. Again, massive thanks to Anthony and his family and all those hardworking 70 people who were there.

I know the boss of Coca-Cola from all over Asia was in town yesterday. On his first ever trip to Adelaide, he wanted to come down and talk to the workers and just say how important this was

for Coca-Cola's worldwide company. To Anthony and everyone involved in MOJO, well done. It is a huge effort.

BAROSSA WINE COMMUNITY

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (15:34): Member for Mawson, I remember drinking those first batches and, yes, some of the stuff got funky, but it is good to see that they have come good and had some great opportunities.

I rise today to recognise the Barossa wine community, justly regarded as one of the state's most valuable wine regions, and its continued efforts to spread the good work of our wonderful home. The Barossa consistently punches above its own weight when it comes to wine production. In 2018, the Barossa crush of 68,563 tonnes contributed 9 per cent of the total volume of grapes crushed in South Australia but 25 per cent of the value. It just goes to show that it is not necessarily about the total tonnes: it is about the farmgate value that you get for that crush.

The Barossa Valley crushed 56,970 tonnes, which was down 22 per cent from 2017 but 9 per cent above the five-year average, and the Eden Valley crushed 11,593 tonnes, down 3 per cent from 2017. Last week's Barossa Wine Show, Australia's largest regional wine show, recorded 918 entries across 28 classes, assessed by 19 judges over three days. I think that a lot of people would think that tasting wine all day sounds like a great gig, but after about the 20th shiraz it really does start to become hard work, and all credit to the judges and everybody involved.

I would like to say well done to all the winners, in particular Peter Lehmann Wines with its Best Wine in Show for its 2015 Wigan Riesling. I think that the Wigan Riesling has been a winner at almost every show I have been involved in, and certainly there were some cracking wines there on the night. Phil Lehmann's grenache as part of his St John's Road was absolutely fantastic. There was a St Hugo chardonnay, which was also very exceptional.

It is great to see newcomers. Andrew and Skye Quin—good Angastonians—with their winery, Quin Wines, picked up four awards, including Most Successful Small Producer in their first year. Andrew has a bit of heritage as the chief winemaker at Hentley Farm, but this little project—which I think he was trying to keep under the radar—is some absolutely fantastic wine, and the 2016 shiraz and the 2017 shiraz were really cracking drops on the night.

It would be easy for a region like the Barossa with its already world-recognised reputation for wine, food and tourism to rest on its laurels, but Barossans are not like that. Barossans are always striving to improve, looking at new ideas and ways of doing things. So last year, when the Barossa Grape and Wine Association rustled up a group of more than 40 wine, food and tourism businesses to test out a new concept, we knew that it was going to go well.

Together with the wine industry experience planner, Revel Global, a plan was hatched to build on the success of the 'Barossa. Be Consumed' advertising campaign and take the Barossa to Melbourne. The 2017 event at the historical North Melbourne Meat Market surpassed all expectations, with a crowd of nearly 1,000 people. This year the event expanded with two events: one in Sydney and one in Melbourne. At the Carriage Works venue in Sydney on 14 July, 820 tickets were sold, and at Melbourne's meat market a week later, on 21 July, the event was once again a sell-out, with 950 tickets sold.

Also, 44 wineries joined with two gin distillers and one brewer to showcase more than 200 wines, gins and ciders, representing every possible expression of Barossa winemaking. Over \$150,000 in wine sales were recorded across the two events. Attendees were able to purchase their favourite wines through the Sip, Pick, Pack and Ship service, which allowed them to consolidate their orders and have them shipped directly to their door.

The food experience was also expanded this year. One of our region's favourite eateries, Harvest Kitchen, road tripped all the way to both events to bring guests their traditional and delicious Barossa food, all locally sourced of course, from Hutton Vale lamb, Saskia Beer's chicken, Linke's Butchers' kranskies and Careme Pastry, just to name a few.

Of course Barossa Coffee Roasters were also there bright and early to make sure that the day started right for our regional ambassadors, and Steiny's Traditional Mettwurst showcased some of its most popular products. A new addition this year was Barossa Makers' Table, which allowed guests to watch and learn from artisan producers. They created Barossa favourites honigkuchen (honey biscuits) and Mandeltorte, and also demonstrated how to pickle and preserve fruit and vegetables, including fermenting sauerkraut. The lucky guests were allowed to taste samples straight from the oven.

A traditional kegel bowling alley was set up. For those who do not understand, a kegel is bowling alley where you have to manually stick the pins up. By all accounts, there were plenty of pudels rolled throughout those events. I would like to thank everybody who was involved. This is a fantastic and great Barossa initiative. I look forward to these things continuing in the future as we cement a meaningful impression of a region. Judging by the feedback I have received, it is very much a job well done.

Bills

TEACHERS REGISTRATION AND STANDARDS (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and First Reading

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:40): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004. Read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:40): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The Teachers Registration and Standards (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2018 will amend the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 to address issues, with the ability of the Teachers Registration Board to suspend the registration of a teacher charged with serious offences and to improve administrative arrangements for the appointment of an acting registrar for the board.

Teachers are vital to the strong development of our children. The best teachers improve the lives of students and contribute to a well-educated and engaged citizenry. For this reason, the teaching profession deserves the trust and respect of our community. To engender this trust, the state must maintain high professional standards for its teachers and ensure that those teachers registered in South Australia are not only competent educators but fit and proper persons to have the care of children.

The Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 sets out provision for the registration and oversight of the teaching profession in South Australia. It establishes the Teachers Registration Board and provides the board with, among other things, functions of regulating the teaching profession and promoting professional standards for teachers. The bill specifically aims to improve the ability of the board to deal with unprofessional conduct of teachers. It will provide the registrar of the board with the ability to immediately suspend the registration of a teacher or impose or vary conditions on a teacher's registration where a teacher is charged with a prescribed offence.

Current provisions for the suspension of a teacher's registration limit the board's ability to address any immediate concerns with regard to a teacher's conduct. If the board becomes aware of serious charges laid against a teacher, it cannot take action to suspend that teacher's registration until it has held an inquiry into the matter and determined there is proper cause for disciplinary action. The board may also need to await the outcome of related court action before it can even commence a disciplinary process.

Currently, a teacher's registration will remain valid while any court proceedings and subsequent disciplinary inquiries are underway. This means a teacher can potentially hold themselves out to be a fit and proper person to work as a teacher despite being the subject of serious criminal charges relevant to the safety of children. A teacher facing serious criminal charges related to offences against children to remain on the public register while these matters are finalised has the

potential to negatively impact on the safety of children and undermines the integrity of the register of teachers.

Clause 7 of this bill sets out provision for the registrar of the board to immediately suspend the registration of a teacher who is charged with a prescribed offence pending an inquiry as to whether there is proper cause for disciplinary action against the teacher. The clause also provides for the registrar to vary the conditions of a teacher's registration, including by imposing new conditions, if they are charged with a prescribed offence. Prescribed offences will be set out in regulations under the Teachers Registration and Standards Act and will replicate the prescribed offences under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 as well as other serious offences.

The bill provides for three members of the board to review a decision of the registrar to suspend a registration or impose or vary conditions on a registration within 60 days. On review, these board members could continue the suspension or the variation of conditions or cancel the suspension or the variation of conditions. A suspension would continue until the board has determined whether there is proper cause for disciplinary against the teacher, or 120 days after the day on which the last charge to which suspension or variation relates has been withdrawn or finally determined, or until the suspension is otherwise cancelled under the provisions.

The board can determine to cancel a suspension or variation of conditions at any time. A teacher whose registration is suspended, or whose registration has conditions imposed or varied, would have a right to appeal to the Administrative and Disciplinary Division of the District Court under current section 49 of the act.

Clause 6 of the bill includes amendments to section 20 of the act that are consequential to the new provisions for the immediate suspension of a teacher. The amendments ensure that an employer does not commit an offence by continuing to employ a person whose registration as a teacher has been suspended but prohibits that employer from requiring or allowing the person to continue to teach or hold a leadership position within a school or preschool.

Clause 5 of the bill provides the board with the ability to appoint a person to act as the registrar to cover any short-term absence of the registrar or a temporary vacancy in the position. Currently, all appointments for the registrar, including short-term acting arrangements, are made by the Governor. The process for appointment by the Governor is unnecessarily onerous for the purposes of appointing an acting registrar to cover a short-term or emergency absence of the registrar. Appointment of the position of the registrar itself will remain with the Governor.

The board undertook consultation with a range of stakeholders about these proposed changes, including representative organisations for the education sectors, principals, unions, parent groups, and the providers of initial teacher education. Stakeholders broadly supported the proposal and their feedback has helped shape the final form of the bill.

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

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

2—Commencement

3—Amendment provisions

These clauses are formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004*

4—Amendment of section 15—Registrar of Teachers Registration Board

This clause inserts new paragraph (c) into section 15(4) of the principal Act, enabling the Registrar to perform the functions contained in this measure.

5—Insertion of section 15A

This clause inserts new section 15A into the principal Act which allows the Teachers Registration Board to appoint an acting Registrar.

6—Substitution of section 20

This clause substitutes section 20 of the principal Act, prescribing the functions for which a person must be a registered teacher to perform or be employed to perform. In part, the need for clarification arises from the inclusion of the ability for registration to be suspended under proposed section 34A.

7—Insertion of section 34A

This clause inserts new section 34A into the principal Act, which confers on the Registrar the ability to suspend the registration of a teacher, or alter the conditions of their registration, where the teacher is charged with certain offences, and pending dealing with the matter under the provisions of the principal Act relating to disciplinary proceedings. The new section also makes procedural provision in relation to such suspension etc.

8—Amendment of section 41—Application

This clause inserts new subsection (1a) into section 41 of the principal Act, disapplying the provisions of that section in respect of proceedings under new section 34A.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. A. Koutsantonis.

Personal Explanation

HOUSING TRUST RENT

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:47): During question time today I was asked to table a document, from which I had quoted, relating to the information received by a person known as Sam, who is or who purported to be a Housing Trust tenant. I have a copy of that, which I read from the electronic transcript. I confirm that the information that I read had been received by the Premier's office last week on his website and had been conveyed to the Minister for Human Services. For the record, I will read the whole of the message. It just says 'Name: Sam', the name required to be placed on the website, and under 'Message' it says:

Great idea about housing SA, one bedroom, cottage units, we all should pay %25 on pensions etc...not different amounts. Just because of 1 bedroom, still a home. Those people working full time also, go rent private housing SA is for most vulnerable people? My neighbour works f/time, has a great car, and acts like the whole block is his carpark. I'm disabled and struggle daily, something not right about this picture??...its because his rent is capped at \$150 a week when market rent is \$400. I'm very grateful I have a home, but he rubs it in and here I am struggling to pay my %25 on disability.

I will make available a printed copy of that, as I was asked to table it and indicated I would do so. I understand, from just checking with the Clerk, that a second document has been received. I have identified that as being the material published by the member for Hurtle Vale, relating to the quote I had made of what I had alleged she was putting out. But I think the mover of the request to have the document tabled was referring to the email, and of course that is what should be made available, and I do make that available.

Bills

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018

Appropriation Grievances

Adjourned debate on motion to note grievances.

(Continued from 18 September 2018.)

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:49): As I said in my remarks earlier, I believe this budget is unfair. It is cruel. It is full of cuts, closures and privatisations. I indicate I am not the lead speaker.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for that.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Everyone gets 10 minutes. Your time starts now.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Yes, my time does start now. It is a cruel budget. There is often debate in the public about the intentions of members of parliament when they come here. I

genuinely believe that we all come here with good intentions but, as the old saying goes, the path to hell is paved with good intentions. I do not understand how the Liberal Party can claim that they are good fiscal managers when they make cuts to services they say they regret on the basis that they are doing so to improve the finances of the state when, in fact, they are increasing debt levels each and every year across the forward estimates.

I will relay to you a very famous advertisement that was made in the UK, where there were two juxtapositions between a nurse and a property investor. The nurse talked about having to make savings every year through measures that the government put in place because of concern about the fiscal situation on the books. The other position was of a young investment banker who had been afforded the ability to buy an extra investment property and could now fly business class on holiday rather than economy. It showed how good it was to have a government that understood the interests of business.

Every year, the nurse's child would get older and older. They talked about cuts to the community and the services they used, and the increase in rent and housing and affordability. The juxtaposition showed the investment banker buying more and more investment properties, with more tax cuts to their business. At the end, the young nurse said, 'Well, at least debt must be going down after all these years of austerity.' The interviewer then said, 'You realise of course that debt has gone up?' It is the same story here.

After 16 years out of office, the first budget of this government—their first economic statement in 16 years, their first economic statement since the turn of the century—shows debt increase in each and every year across those forward estimates. In exchange for that increased debt, what do we get? We get 4,000 job cuts in the public sector, seven TAFE campuses closed, \$38 million in cuts to police, Service SA centres cuts in Mitcham, Modbury and Prospect. What are Service SA centres? They are centres where people are compelled to go by the government to renew licensing—regulatory licensing that the government compels them to pay for and provide information on, and the government is cutting them. These are not consumer choices. These are choices that South Australians are being forced to make, and they are being cut.

Neighbourhood road safety programs, Aboriginal road safety programs and cycle paths are being cut. They are scrapping plans to build new residential care facilities. They are cutting 200 people who have non-teaching positions in our schools and 115 positions from the Department for Environment and Water. The mining sector, which is the third pillar of our economic diversification—that is an area that creates jobs and grows prosperity—is seeing cuts to the agency and tax increases; and there are cuts to crime prevention grants that pay for CCTV cameras.

As you know, Mr Deputy Speaker, I have two young daughters. As the treasurer, along with the attorney-general, I was very keen to see the rollout of CCTV cameras along Adelaide's entertainment strips. Why? Because young people going out are subject to all forms of violence and intimidation, which is why the former government had a program of lockout laws, limitations on alcohol and, of course, CCTV cameras so we can catch out and eliminate bad behaviour from our streets. I am not sure why you would cut CCTV cameras at a time when the world is getting more dangerous, not safer. It is beyond me.

I also think it is important to note that they are cutting services and infrastructure rolling out in our schools. I was very proud to invest very heavily as treasurer into giving our students laptops. Members in the parliament are given laptops for free as part of our job. Why not our students? Do we really believe that students are not going to be using laptops and mobile devices in the workforce? Why would we cut that?

I think it is counterproductive because investing in education is the one silver bullet we have. It is the one weapon we have to really turbocharge prosperity. The better trained our young people are and the longer they are in school, the better results we get in terms of social dislocation, work, crime prevention and health outcomes. You can go on and on. Education is the great equaliser. Why you would make a cut to that is, quite frankly, very concerning.

There have been cuts to regional road funding. The government says it is an increase, but it is a freeze. It is actually less money in our regions. Last time I checked, there were more regional members in the Liberal Party than there were in the Labor Party. How can it possibly be that we

spent more in the regions than the Liberal Party? The Liberal Party regional members have been waiting 16 years to tell their constituents—and they have been telling their constituents over the last 16 years—how hard done by they have been. Where is the opportunity now to sell the success of finally being in office?

I have grave concerns about what the government is doing to public transport. Public transport is being sold as some sort of luxury. It is not a luxury. Public transport is a necessity. As the parent of two young children, I can tell you that mornings are hectic, as most people know. Mornings are hectic, no matter how old your children are. Mornings are hectic, no matter who you are. Getting to and from work and getting to work on time is very difficult, whether you live in the outer suburbs or in the inner suburbs.

Car parking is an issue and it is expensive. Not making cuts to bus routes and building car park facilities at bus interchanges (1) gets cars off our roads, which eases infrastructure costs on us because there are fewer cars on the road, less traffic, fewer grade separations and less maintenance; (2) means more people on public transport and the more efficient our network is to allow freight and couriers to be on our road getting the economy moving; and (3) means the people on those buses actually save money by not operating vehicles, in terms of their insurance costs and car parking costs. Petrol is at an all-time high. They can pay their mortgages off faster.

For a government that claim they are somehow trying to ease the cost of living, by cutting bus routes they have done the exact opposite. The way to attract people to public transport is to have better amenity on those buses. What is one of the first things they did? They cancelled the contract to buy new buses.

After former treasurer Hockey and former prime minister Abbott dared Holden to leave, we set about attempting to try to diversify our manufacturing industry into manufacturing buses that we could purchase here. Local companies were looking at bidding for this \$100 million program to build new buses and the government have just cancelled it. They privatised the routes last time they were in office, but we still own the buses. We had a plan to invest \$100 million into new buses to improve amenity and get more people on our buses to decongest our roads to allow for better improvements in our economy and the network, and the government have cancelled it.

I want to finish, with the time I have left, by reminding members that one of the most important things we do here is to leave the place better off than we found it. I do not understand how the government can claim to be good fiscal managers when, if they lose the election in 2022, without any further budgets they are increasing debt by \$3.3 billion at a time when interest rates are going up and they are making cuts. I have to say that I have grave concerns about a Treasurer who is not facing an election again and spending that kind of money.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (16:00): It gives me great pleasure to rise and speak to the Appropriation Bill grievance process. I want to talk about financial management and the mismanagement of the previous Labor government. We have just had the former treasurer, the member for West Torrens, trying to lecture us about financial management and making good decisions. He led us to believe that there was going to be a \$12 million surplus in the budget, when actually there was a \$397 million deficit.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Missed it by that much.

Mr PEDERICK: Missed it by that much. Seriously, to be lectured by the member for West Torrens is absolutely outrageous. One thing we are doing, which the former government forgot about, is investing in our regions. We are pouring \$773 million of funding into our regions for those vital services that so many of us represent because over this side of the house, the government, we are the party for the regions and the whole of South Australia.

Part of this funding package is the Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund, with \$350 million coming out of mining royalties, and almost all mining happens in the regions. There is a lot of mining in the Far North, but I am associated with three mines in or near my electorate and they employ a lot of people. I did some calculations the other day. In the time that I have been in this place, those small mines at Mindarie, Strathalbyn and Callington-Kanmantoo would have contributed over \$1 billion to the state's economy in infrastructure and wages.

That is a huge investment, giving people the chance to work from home. I was talking to a miner from the Hillgrove mine at Callington-Kanmantoo the other day. He said, 'I work seven days a week, 12 hours a day. I sleep at home, and then I'm home for a week off.' How good is that? The beauty of regional mining is that we can put around \$76 million a year, 36 per cent of those mining royalties, straight back into our road network. The Regional Growth fund is \$150 million over 10 years so that we can get the appropriate infrastructure built into our regions to make those regions grow. We are supporting those wealth areas, where agriculture, mining, industry and so much of our trade come out of our regions.

We have \$192 million going into Country Health. Previously, and over many decades, I have seen that when the Labor Party has been in power they have always had an agenda: let's close some hospitals. I have talked about it in this place before, and about three decades ago I campaigned on the front steps to save Tailem Bend hospital. It is still there and we have just had some new doctors come in and run that service, and it is just fantastic. All that time ago, the Labor Party wanted to close the hospital, and a long time since then there have been proposals to shut down Country Health.

We are putting \$140 million into health infrastructure, and that maintenance spend is so sorely needed to get it up to speed. It is absolutely fantastic that it is finally getting the attention it deserves. To prove that we are not just partisan to Liberal electorates, \$100 million has been allocated for a secondary school in Whyalla. That just shows that we are here to govern for the whole state.

There is mobile blackspot funding. We had members on the other side saying, when they were in government, that it was a federal issue, but that is not how it works. Every other state put their money in the pot, and guess what? They got hundreds of phone towers, whereas we got only a few. There is probably somewhere in the realm of up to 400 blackspots in South Australia, and they are going to take a lot of filling in.

However, we are making a firm commitment, putting in a base of \$10 million to working with a co-contribution from the federal government as well as the phone company providers, to make sure that we get those spots filled so that people can run their businesses and do their work in the regions. We do not muck around with Regional Development Australia; we have funded them with \$12 million so they can do their fine work.

There are a couple of local initiatives that I have fought hard for. I am very proud to say that the government fell in behind me and funded a \$7 million complete emergency department rebuild at Murray Bridge. The services this hospital already offers the region with an outdated and unsafe facility will be so much more enhanced over the next three years with this build going on. There is also \$150,000 to investigate Metroticketing services up to Murray Bridge. We are the fastest growing region outside Mount Barker, and we need that connectivity into the city so that we can keep our people—they can live at home and study or commute for health or shopping needs and the like.

I want to go over a few more items in the budget overview. There is \$738 million going into more jobs across the state. There is \$157.2 million in payroll tax relief, \$95.9 million in land tax relief, \$40 million for the events bid fund and \$10 million in tourism marketing. There is \$100 million going into the economic and business growth fund and \$27.9 million going into the research commercialisation and start-up fund. As I have indicated before, \$150 million is going into the Regional Growth Fund.

In the innovation and commercialisation precinct, we have \$43.9 million; local finance management scholarships, \$1 million; we have a new visa for budding entrepreneurs, \$400,000; \$9.3 million for trade offices around the world; and the Shanghai business and investment hub, \$3.5 million, to make sure that those vital goods produced or grown or mined in our regions get marketed to their full potential overseas.

With regard to Skilling South Australia, something that has been so badly let down by the former government in the past, there is \$202.6 million for almost 21,000 apprentices and trainees. How good will that be when they all come online? It is difficult at times to find someone in a trade because they are so flat out. There has not been the appropriate investment and appropriate training

of the workforce, especially when we have a \$90 million build happening here with air warfare destroyers and the submarine contracts.

We have \$109.8 million in additional support for TAFE; defence export opportunities, \$1.5 million; putting more money into skilled careers, another \$3.9 million; and something that really helps apprentices, because they are not on a huge wage, is assisting them with driver's licence fees, \$274,000.

We see a massive investment in education, with \$692 million for modernising facilities, especially with our move from year 7 into secondary; new schools, \$261 million. I have already talked about the \$100 million in Whyalla; \$5 million for a new technical college; and the breakfast program, \$800,000; and \$250,000 for a school bus review so that we get the right outcomes for students around the state. I wish I had another 20 minutes to talk about how good this budget is because it is a great budget.

Members interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: Yes, it is a great budget for South Australia. The other side hates it because we are actually doing something for the whole state, not just the city but for the regions, so that we can grow our wealth and make this state great again.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (16:10): I have already spoken at length regarding the cruel costs that the budget is going to have on some of our most vulnerable members in the community living in Housing Trust properties. There are two key hits in this term of government on this vulnerable section of our community. The one that we have been speaking about most affects those living in single-bedroom cottages and bedsits. There are about 3,000 of those around South Australia, and I will talk more about some of the people who have spoken to me regarding that. Then there is another hit in a couple of years on people who have been identified as having a moderate income.

The one thing I want to say about that is that we do not know what this moderate income is. Is this a moderate income as judged by academics regarding our community? Is this based on identifying what is low versus high, therefore finding the moderate income in our entire community? Or is this looking at the Housing Trust cohort and saying, 'Who living in Housing Trust can we deem to be having a moderate income?' Where is this being taken from. Where is the maths in this? Where is the evidence in this that these people can actually afford to pay more on their rent, and how much is this going to cost?

With both these groups of people we are talking about with Housing Trust, let's be very clear. Some of them will not be paying what is the maximum amount possible that they can pay—that is, several thousands of dollars extra per year. But nearly all of them will be paying over the next couple of years over \$1,000 per year. Over \$1,000 per year in a climate where their incomes are fixed and we do not see rises coming out of the federal government for people's benefits. All we are seeing is stagnation and cost of living rises going up, and this is a problem across the country. This is not just about South Australia. This is a global thing as well. Cost-of-living rises are upon us. We need to control them. I have no issue with that.

But one of the key things is that you cannot slug people who are earning only \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year additional costs of over \$1,000 and not expect it to hurt, because it will hurt. I have been informed that earlier today the minister in the other place has made some bizarre declarations regarding public housing, defending the massive rent hikes to thousands of public tenants, appearing to defend the idea that people in one-bedroom units should pay the same as people in two-bedroom units. What we have to understand is that those units are completely different and, when there is one person living in there, they still have the baseline utility costs that a couple has. In relative terms, they are paying a lot more for their cost of living.

I hope that the minister has a chance to speak with some of the tenants and concerned community members who have come into Parliament House today to talk to us, the Labor MPs, about their concerns. That was the reason for inviting them. We need to get the word out to the community that this is going to hurt them a lot. The tenants and the community members hurt, we hurt when we understand what is going on, we listen to their pain. But I am sorry, all they have seen today is that the leadership cohort of the government, in particular, really does not give a damn.

These people are not millionaires that the Liberal Party is handing out millions of dollars worth of tax cuts to. These are battlers, and they work bloody hard to make ends meet, and it is not good enough.

I challenge the minister, the Treasurer, the Premier or anyone else from the heartless cabinet to come with me to Housing Trust properties, particularly to those in my own electorate in Morphett Vale where I have been visiting and talking with them, and have a talk with them and tell them face to face that the rent is being jacked up and that that is just what should happen. Ten dollars a week might not sound like much to a Treasurer who eats at the Adelaide Club, but I can tell you that it means a lot to the people living in Housing Trust properties.

I know there are good people on the other side of the house who know this. I know there are people who doorknock as well and meet the Housing Trust tenants, and they know that this hurts. It is the difference between buying essential medication or going without it. It is the difference between preparing breakfast and lunch for them or their kids, having a friend over for a meal or just hoping that emergency food providers have enough in stock to help them out for the week.

It is pretty gutless to reach your hand into the pockets of these people who do not have a voice. I do not understand why the Premier is targeting Housing Trust tenants to save a few small dollars in relative terms in the budget. I am sure that these small amounts of money can be found from elsewhere, because you are not going to raise millions and millions of dollars, let me tell you, from these people. It is heartless and cruel.

There was no warning prior to the election regarding these rent hikes. It was not a matter of, 'Hey, everyone, we'll give you some money back on your ESL, but what we are going to have to do is jack up your rent on your grandma's Housing Trust house.' It was not a matter of, 'Oh, you're going to get a bit of a benefit from your reduction in land tax, but don't worry about Uncle Fred living in the units down in Kensington-Norwood. He's not going to be able to run his car anymore to get to the hospital.' There was not this choice given to the people of South Australia. There was not a choice given to the people living in Housing Trust tenancies. No, they did not bother telling them that. They just slipped it into the budget and hoped they did not notice.

I doubt that many people and their Housing Trust tenancies would have voted Liberal, but in some of the marginal seats, some of the very tight ones—perhaps in the seat of Adelaide—there is a whole range of single-room tenancies in Walkerville. I have a friend Christina who lives in one of them, who has come today. She is really concerned about her rent having to go up. What did the member for Adelaide win her seat by? Was it a few hundred votes? I am pretty confident that my friend Christina will be out there before the next election telling the people of Adelaide what her member has done to her to cause her pain. I am very confident.

In question time, I asked many questions about Housing Trust tenants who have contacted me. We did not get any real answers. I asked about Felicity and her one-bedroom cottage at Noarlunga Downs. I know that the members for Kurna, Reynell and I have had lots of conversations with our Housing Trust tenants about these rent hikes over the last few weeks. People know that this is a choice between hot food, medications, transport, friendship and starving.

I just do not know how the government can justify jacking up these rents on the vulnerable people of South Australia, putting their hands into their pockets and taking them out and giving them to the rich property owners—middle and upper class South Australians who do not actually need those rebates in their ESL. Why does the government not look at the ESL? Perhaps those people who are earning very, very high incomes could have a disproportionately sized rebate on their ESL. They will fund the deficit. That will stop the people in Housing Trust having to pay more on their rent.

I know Christina wants to know that because she has contacted us and asked us. Why is she being told that she is going to pay thousands of dollars per year in additional rent? She raised a good point with me, too. What is the point of raising those single-room rents? What is the point of making them the same as a double-bedroom unit? What is the incentive then for someone to move out of a larger property into a single-room tenancy if their rent is going to be the same? What is the point? Surely we want to incentivise that and make those properties available for couples, available for families.

It is incredibly frustrating. The answers we are getting from the government are not good enough. They currently do not explain it to the people living in Housing Trust. They do not care whether there is fiscal responsibility and whether or not you are cleaning up some alleged mess. It is not cutting through, and it is not cutting through to the good people of South Australia who are commenting to us and sending us messages to stand up and make sure the Housing Trust tenants of South Australia get a voice, and we will not stop doing that.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (16:20): It is my pleasure to rise today to speak on behalf of the Colton community in support of the Appropriation Bill 2018. This budget is what the people of Colton expected: a strong budget which will deliver on our election commitments and which will work towards securing South Australia's future. It is not an easy task to balance the multiple competing interests of multiple competing portfolios, but I feel that the Treasurer has struck an appropriate balance and delivered what our government had set out to achieve: a budget that will create more jobs, lower costs and provide better services for all South Australians.

Whilst I am a new member in this place, I was on the campaign trail for over a year prior to the election, speaking to people in my community and getting a sense of what changes they wanted to see here in South Australia. Ultimately, the majority of conversations always came down to the same theme: people wanted us to fix the financial mess that 16 years of Labor government had left our state in. It is safe to say that one budget cannot entirely fix the financial debacle that was left to us by the previous government, but this budget has certainly turned the ship back in the right direction and will return this state to a more sustainable position moving forward.

This budget has delivered much-needed financial relief for many families and small businesses in the community as well as across the state. Families will benefit from major tax reforms, including a \$360 million reduction in the emergency services levy (ESL), with an average household set to receive a saving of more than 50 per cent on their total ESL bill. Small businesses across South Australia are set for a major economic boost with the abolition of payroll tax for small businesses. This means that the state's 3,200 family and small businesses with taxable payrolls of up to \$1.5 million will be exempt from paying any payroll tax, which will be a saving of up to \$44,500 a year.

This budget is also focused on reducing the cost of energy for households and businesses and delivering the government's energy solution. We have delivered on our election commitment for \$100 million for the Home Battery Scheme, \$50 million for grid-scale storage and \$30 million to better manage demand. The budget also accelerates delivery of an interconnector to New South Wales by supporting early works, which ElectraNet's modelling suggests would reduce bills by \$30 per annum when operational.

I am certain that I am not alone when I say that, prior to this change in government, our local communities were searching for financial relief, with the burden of unnecessary taxes heavily resting on their shoulders courtesy of the previous government's financial mismanagement. This budget tells South Australians that we have heard what they were saying, and we have delivered a range of cost-of-living benefits that will help put money back in their pockets. As well as reducing the cost of living, I know that many people, especially in my community, were also pleased to hear about the work we were doing to create jobs and strengthen our economy.

We know that we as a state need to capitalise on future industries, such as defence and the \$90 million naval shipbuilding program. That is why this budget increases funding to create over 20,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships to ensure that South Australians are job ready in the growing industries of tomorrow. The government is committed to ensuring that our skills and investment are in line with the jobs and demands of tomorrow.

For too long, we have watched people leave our state in search of work, and this government is going to do something to stop that, to make a change for the better and to entice workers to stay here in South Australia. As well as creating jobs, we are also investing in our state's future. We have collaboratively worked with the federal Coalition government and secured additional funding for infrastructure—close to \$11.3 billion—on important projects to drive economic growth here in South Australia. This will deliver a record level of general government infrastructure spending during the 2018-19 period and is building a strong pipeline of productive infrastructure projects that will grow our economy and create more local jobs.

On a local level, I am very pleased to see that our election commitments in Colton, made by this government prior to the election, have been delivered in this well thought-out budget. I know that my community wanted change, and that is exactly what has been delivered in our local area. On the campaign trail, I got the sense that the community of Colton felt like the area had been somewhat forgotten, that things had slowed down and that there was a real lack of advocacy in the area.

Residents of Colton no longer wanted to sit back and say nothing as the previous government continued to cut and reduce vital services in the community. Under the previous government, operating hours at the Henley Beach Police Station were severely reduced. This caused immense angst for the residents in the local area and surrounding suburbs, and it is something that the Marshall Liberal government simply would not accept.

Henley Beach is a premier destination over the summer months for tourists and our local community. Businesses are open late, and many relied on the security of the local police station operating late with them. It offered a sense of security for all who flocked to the area. What increased my community's level of disappointment was that the change to nine to five Monday to Friday operations occurred almost directly after the brand-new development of the police station was finished. Not only was this poor timing but it was made without public consultation and, as I mentioned, was met with significant opposition.

I listened to the community. In the lead-up to the election, I advocated to have the operating hours reinstated to the previous arrangement, which was 8am to 11pm seven days a week, and that is what our government has delivered in this budget. These changes have coincided with our policy to put more police back on the beat while maintaining valuable customer service in police stations. Colton deserves a strong police presence, and that is exactly what our government will be delivering.

As part of making my community safer, I am also pleased to see funds allocated to a project to protect patrons at Henley Square with the installation of safety bollards. Henley Square attracts large crowds of people, especially over the summer months, but at the moment it is exposed and the risk of accidents involving vehicles using Seaview Road is a concern to many who visit and live in the area. Many locals shared stories with me about hoon driving behaviour observed along Seaview Road and even shared stories about vehicles entering the square. Whilst not at speed and often due to confusion, these events put young and old at risk. The installation of safety bollards will go a long way to eliminating that risk and better protecting patrons at the square.

Another area of concern for many in my community is our precious coastline. We have over 5,000 kilometres of coastline, much of which is under unique pressure, none more so than in my electorate and, more specifically, at West Beach. This budget increases significantly and provides \$5.2 million to deliver on our coastal protection policy that the Liberal Party released in the lead-up to the 2018 state election. This policy included five key platforms. I certainly thank the Minister for Environment and Water for giving me an in-depth description in question time recently of what the policy includes.

One of the platforms was on increasing the investment in replenishment of sand deposits on Adelaide beaches. In particular, a lot of this will be focused on West Beach, a key area of concern for many in my community. Our government knows that this is a particular weak point in our metropolitan coastline and that there is a need to dramatically increase the amount of sand on that beach. The government is also very keen to set up a research and development fund, when it comes to coastal protection, specifically looking at opportunities to protect our beaches against storm events and increasing erosion and looking at ways that we can better retain sand on our beaches. Our policy also includes looking at seagrass restoration, as we know that seagrasses provide critical habitat for marine life but also protect our coastline from storm events and erosion.

Some other local commitments in this budget include \$100,000 to address traffic issues at Kibby Avenue in Glenelg North. I know that this stretch of road has been of concern to many residents in the area for a long time. We have also provided the Henley Sharks Football Club with a \$500,000 grant to go towards the construction of new female change rooms.

As part of this budget, our government is doing their part to repair the damage that has been done to our public health system by returning cardiac services at The QEH. We will be investing \$2.4 million per annum to maintain The QEH as a key cardiac centre with a focus on common acute

and chronic cardiac conditions. This is a strong budget, a budget that projects surpluses across the forward estimates and a budget that will take our state forward.

Mr PICTON (Kaurua) (16:30): I rise to talk further about this 2018-19 state budget and the impact it is going to have on the community, specifically in relation to the impact on the southern suburbs, where my electorate is, albeit that my electorate is not being impacted the hardest in this budget. That is being reserved for the electorates of King and Newland. They are being attacked the hardest. They are facing the full brunt of the Premier and Deputy Premier's cuts in this budget.

An honourable member: It's a vendetta.

Mr PICTON: It is a vendetta on the members for King and Newland, sadly. But that does not mean that other electorates are being spared, and my electorate is going to face some significant consequences due to the harsh Liberal cuts being imposed by this year's budget. We have been talking in particular today about the impacts of the very significant increase in rents that our Housing Trust tenants are going to face, and a number of those tenants who are going to face these significant increases in rents live in my electorate. I have been contacted by many of them.

Today, we discussed one of those tenants, Felicity from Noarlunga Downs, who shared her story about how she does not use cooling or heating, she does not take trips and she does not have frivolous expenses of any kind. How she will be able to afford potentially over \$1,000 a year in her rents by the end of this program of increases is very hard for her to understand. She has posed the question for the government: should she give up food? Should she give up turning on the lights? What should she have to do to afford this increase in rent that is being imposed by the Liberal Party?

What we have heard today from the government in response to this has been startling. We have heard the Deputy Premier come out and say that Housing Trust tenants want this increase to be imposed upon them; they want it to happen. Well, I have to say that that is not the experience I have had in talking to tenants in my electorate. They are absolutely opposed to this, and they are going to fight it all the way, as are we on this side of the house. We have also heard the Premier say that we should move on to more pressing matters. There is no more pressing matter than if you are a Housing Trust resident being faced with these very steep increases in rents, very steep increases in your cost of living.

When you are on a fixed income and you cannot go and get a job because you are a pensioner, and you cannot go and lay bricks because you are 75 years old, these are very significant increases with no ability for people to have any disposable income that they could divert to pay them. It is some \$48 million over the course of four years that the government is clawing out of the hip pockets largely of pensioners to go to this very sad state of affairs in this state budget. That is going to be one of the things that is going to hit hardest in this budget.

Another thing that has been a very significant concern for people in the south has been bus routes. There is a large cut to bus routes in this budget. We do not know exactly what bus routes are going to be targeted yet, but I am willing to guess that the outer suburbs are going to be hit hard. They are going to be hit hard because of course in the outer suburbs you have less density, so you have fewer people on the buses a large percentage of the time. That does not mean, however, that you should not have buses.

If you get rid of these bus services, you are going to stop many people from being able to get to their doctor's appointment, from being able to see their families, from being able to get to work. So many people rely on these bus services; otherwise, they will be socially isolated. It might be very easy for the Liberal Party, particularly with a number of the leadership in their inner-city seats, to say, 'Let's cut outer suburban bus services,' but that is going to have a very huge impact upon so many people. We will fight that all the way. Already there have been some reports that a number of bus services in my electorate between Noarlunga and Seaford are going to be hit, as well as further north from my electorate, between Noarlunga and Reynella.

The Advertiser has been speculating that these might be some of the first to go in the round of cuts under the Marshall government. They are essential services, and so many people rely on them to get from their residence to appointments or to train services to get into town. We will have to fight them. We will stand with residents, and I will be fighting hard in my community. Already the

response has been huge from members of the community who have been coming out to say what a devastating impact this would have.

As already discussed, we have also seen huge cuts across the arts community. We know how important that industry is for us as a state. In the southern suburbs in particular, we have been privileged for a very long time to have the excellent Hopgood Theatre at Noarlunga. It is a wonderful theatre with great facilities. It is used by so many different schools and community groups, but it is now facing being closed or being cut under this Liberal administration. Previously, TAFE, which owned the site, would give a very small subsidy in terms of Country Arts to allow for electricity and other maintenance of the site. That has been clawed back under this Liberal government.

They do not care about the southern suburbs at all; we are going back to being the forgotten south. We will see the closure of this theatre, which is going to impact particularly on so many kids, as it is a theatre that is predominantly used by school groups, calisthenics groups and dance groups. So many people I talk to remember very fondly performing in that theatre when they were a kid themselves. The impact of this cut is not going to be on some fancy-dancy arty-farty type. It is going to be on the kids of the southern suburbs who will not have access to that theatre for their wonderful performances.

We have also seen in this budget a whole raft of cuts in terms of preventing crime. When we were in government, we spent a huge amount of money and resources on our police, investing in updating police facilities and equipment and getting more police on the beat. We also invested in crime prevention because the best thing we can do is try to prevent crime from happening in the first place, rather than solving it afterwards. What we have seen in this budget is crime prevention grants abolished entirely. That is a very cruel blow from the Attorney-General. It is a very short-sighted approach to trying to keep our community safe. We should be investing more in crime prevention, rather than less.

That will impact upon areas like the south, where unfortunately residents sometimes face crime in their communities. Instead of investing in prevention, we will eventually have to deal with more cure. Unfortunately, at the same time they are getting rid of the prevention they are also getting rid of \$38 million out of the police budget. The police will have fewer resources to be able to fight crime as well. They will be hit from both ends in terms of crime, and it is unfortunate that we will see the impact upon that in terms of residents, the numbers of crimes that will no doubt occur because we will have less prevention and less law enforcement on the beat.

We have also seen impacts in terms of our schools. Abolishing the laptop program is a very short-sighted budget cut which has happened here and which is going to impact upon our kids. We know that we want our kids to get the best possible training they can in our schools to get the best results. We know that using computers is going to be part of their daily life for almost every kid who graduates high school.

Giving them a laptop, giving them the ability to learn the ins and outs of whatever it is that they are learning on that laptop, is invaluable. It is going to help them be better prepared for the work and jobs of tomorrow. To cut that is essentially a cut that is going to impact upon their future careers and our future economy as a state. We should be investing in more technology in our schools and not cutting it as this government is doing.

We have also seen a cut in terms of a program I have a fondness for, that is, the Female Facilities Program. Of course, we have many sports that have developed over time that have been focused on male sport, such as football, soccer, hockey, and the list goes on. The clubrooms that have developed around them have been focused on male facilities. We now have so many more women playing those sports and we need female facilities to attach to those clubrooms to enable women to play so they do not have to get changed at home, in the car park or in the toilets. This is an excellent initiative and it has been abolished in this budget.

Clubs like mine in the southern suburbs were eager to be part of this program to upgrade their facilities. Those that spring to mind in particular are the Hackham Football Club, the Noarlunga Football Club and the Port Noarlunga Football Club, all of which are looking for upgrades to their facilities. They would have liked to be part of this program to see upgrades. Unfortunately, that has been abolished.

We also have not seen any commitment from this government in terms of the coast path. Previously, we made commitments to finish the coast path between Sellicks and Outer Harbor. There are a number of areas in my electorate that are unfinished, but I will continue to fight to make sure that we get that path completed because it could be great for not only recreation but also tourism and business in the south.

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (16:40): I am very pleased to have the opportunity to speak today in the grievance debate on the Appropriation Bill. This week marks six months since the Marshall Liberal team was elected to government and, for me, six months as the member for Newland, which is a great honour and privilege.

Certainly, like so many others in this place, I spent many, many months on the campaign trail knocking on doors, visiting supermarkets and going to local transport hubs to talk to residents about the issues concerning them and listening to and finding out any ideas that they had about how we might be able to improve their lives. There is no doubt that in my electorate there was a mood for change—a change from a tired, stale old government that had forgotten what it believed in and had forgotten that, first and foremost, the role of a government is to serve the interests of the people who elect them.

My community's concerns were wide and varied, as one would expect; however, a number of very consistent themes came up time and time again. Firstly, there was the issue of services, in particular local health services around Modbury Hospital, where services had been smashed and stripped out under Labor's Transforming Health cuts. There is no doubt that local residents were furious and still are at Labor's abject betrayal of our community in the area of health. On top of that, not only did it affect Modbury Hospital but it had a knock-on effect to other hospitals.

Services were taken out of The QEH and the Repat was closed, even though that was never going to happen. The design flaws in the new RAH caused issues as well. What I am curious and fascinated by is that the political geniuses in the Labor Party want to talk about patient transfers. The one thing I would say is that they are certainly right to raise it as an issue and a concern. I was out doorknocking only last Friday and the fact that there are so many patient transfers was raised time and time again.

In fact, I recall that under the previous government, because of the damage that Transforming Health had done to our part of Adelaide, there had to be a dedicated transfer service from Modbury to the Lyell McEwin. I believe that Leon Byner on radio called it the MoHo Express. This was an incredible shame and something that a lot of my residents are still very concerned about. The impact it has on the ambulance system as a whole is quite disastrous, when ambulances are tied up ferrying people from one hospital to another, whether it is Modbury to Lyell McEwin or Lyell McEwin down to the RAH. They then sit and wait on the ramp for an extended period of time. These are the things that a lot of people were concerned about.

Cost of living was another big issue, along with Labor's failures in energy policy, in particular delivering the highest power prices in Australia and, using certain measures, amongst the highest power prices in the world. They were also concerned about the fees, charges and levies that surged under the Labor government, including the emergency services levy, and about other fees and charges around council rates and the cost of other utilities.

Then there is the issue of jobs, and the concerns that so many of my residents had around the lack of opportunities that they saw for their children and their grandchildren in South Australia, and the fear that if they did need to or even chose to move interstate or overseas, there would be limited opportunities for them to ever return.

Lastly, there was the issue of the perception of arrogance around a previous government that failed dismally to take responsibility for the failures that occurred on its watch, whether it was the failure to protect the most vulnerable in our community, whether children or elderly, or the failure in vocational education and TAFE. Many young people, in good faith, did exactly what we wanted them to do. They set out to better themselves, learn more skills, only to find, in some cases, that those qualifications were not up to standard. It is a disgraceful dereliction of duty by the former Labor government and the reputational damage that that has done to an important institution like TAFE is just an absolute disgrace.

Of course, there is the issue that the previous government frequently broke its promises. I find it fascinating that those on the other side want to talk about park-and-rides. They made various promises before this election—as they did with the election before that, by the way, in the case of the Paradise interchange—but after the election they came up with a whole string of excuses and it just disappeared. Of course, there has been a change of government and South Australians voted for a change of government, and we are delivering the change that they wanted and voted for and we are addressing all the issues that they have raised.

There is actually a lot of very good news for my community in this budget. There is \$114 million for Modbury Hospital to undo damage done by Labor's Transforming Health. We will be establishing a four-bed high dependency unit to enable more complex cases to be taken at Modbury Hospital, an acute medical ward, an acute surgical ward, an extended care unit, a purpose-built palliative care ward and, of course, an infrastructure spend because, as many would know, there are pieces falling off the facade of the hospital at the moment.

There will be funding to fix Golden Grove Road, and I want to especially commend the member for King for her hard work in advocating and fighting for that over many months and getting the outcome that her community had been calling for for 20 years. There is \$5 million in the budget to open up our reservoirs. Included in that are the Hope Valley and South Para reservoirs. I want to commend the Minister for Environment and Water for championing this very exciting proposal that will not only create wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation for local families and people of all ages but also bring more people to that area and support our local businesses.

The government is increasing funding up to \$33.5 million for park-and-rides to fund the expansion of parking at Golden Grove, Paradise, Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig. There is \$350,000 to upgrade the Tea Tree Gully sports hub and provide an additional six courts for netball and tennis that will greatly support the Tea Tree Gully tennis club, the Tea Tree Gully netball club, the Banksia Park netball club and other community groups.

There is \$20,000 for the Tea Tree Gully Gymsports club to help support them with a new spring floor. This will help them train for international and national competitions and also reduce injuries. There is \$320,000 to improve parking and access to the South Australian District Netball Association courts in Green Fields, which is used by thousands of netball players right across the year. There is \$1.3 million to improve safety at the intersection of the South Para and North East roads in Chain of Ponds, an issue which had been raised in the past by the members for Morialta and Schubert and which is included in this budget.

There is \$200,000 to upgrade the Kersbrook Primary School crossing to improve visibility of the crossing and \$100,000 to provide greater certainty and security for the Tea Tree Gully toy library. Across the state, there is \$5 million to upgrade CFS stations, which will include stations within my community. There is \$10 million for mobile blackspots, an area completely neglected by the previous government. Then, of course there are the more broad measures around reducing the cost of living, tax relief and emergency service bill cuts. These are coming out right now, the bills are halving, which is a very large reduction in the impost on households and businesses.

There is also investment in storage, interconnectivity and other measures to address the cost of power, and getting rid of payroll tax for small businesses is an important jobs-creating measure. There is cutting land tax, and then, more broadly, \$45 million to reduce waiting lists for elective surgery and colonoscopies. It was a disgrace that under the former Labor government 4,000 people were left waiting beyond the clinically recommended time to get a colonoscopy. That will be changing. There is also \$16 million over four years to increase palliative care support.

There is a record investment in our schools, which is fantastic. There is \$200 million in partnership with the federal government to create an additional 21,000 apprenticeships and traineeships and \$110 million to get TAFE back on track. There are many, many more, and I am very pleased to say that the Marshall Liberal government is delivering on our strong plan for real change, which I support.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (16:50): I indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition on this grievance debate on the Appropriation Bill. I want to talk in slightly more detail

about one of the matters I raised in my second reading contribution, and that is the skyrocketing amount of debt this state budget foreshadows over the next four years.

It is somewhat incongruous that the Premier, his Deputy Premier and the Treasurer tell us that the large range of horrific decisions they have taken in this budget to target some of the most vulnerable people in our society—including people in Housing Trust bedsit dwellings, in one-bedroom cottage flats, people who were relying on the Cheltenham Place service for support with their HIV affliction, public school students who, for the first time, were going to have state-funded laptops provided to them—were necessary because this new government is fixing a mess that, allegedly, was left to them.

How can you fix a mess when in four years' time the state budget position will be left considerably and demonstrably worse? Not only will state debt increase by \$3.32 billion over the next four years but the ratio that was used as a fiscal target for the state budget, the net debt as a percentage of total revenue, has blown out. It will no longer be held within the 35 per cent range that had been maintained by the former Labor government; that fiscal target is removed completely and, by the end of that forward estimates, the ratio will increase to over 41 per cent.

That is significant for a number of reasons. Not only does debt increase, which places a higher operating burden on the state budget through higher levels of interest repayments, but in South Australia it also raises something a bit more fundamental: that is, through the superintendence of the state's finances over the last 15 years under the former Labor government there was an impressive record to rid the general government sector of any debt at all.

When Labor came into government in 2002 there was—and you can still find these numbers in Budget Paper 3—\$1.3 billion of debt in the general government sector. That debt was eliminated in only four short years; the general government sector in South Australia was debt free. That meant, fast-forwarding a few more short years when the impact of the global financial crisis hit jurisdictions around the world, particularly here in Australia, that the South Australian government had the capacity to act.

We could make choices to continue lowering payroll tax in response to try to support business operations but we could also put the foot hard down on the accelerator when it came to infrastructure investment. Of course, in four years' time, we will be in a position where we have no such fiscal flexibility. So this budget is a gamble that the good times this new Liberal government has been blessed with, with more than \$1.1 billion of unexpected revenue pouring in through the door, will continue for the next four years.

The Premier tells us that there has never been a better time for the state to borrow money. To be fair to the Premier, in some respects, yes. Historically speaking, money is reasonably cheap at the moment. The price of money, of course, is increasing. We are starting to see interest rates increase, we are starting to see lending tighten, more so for households and the commercial sector rather than for government borrowers, but certainly the price of money is going up. That means with these record debt levels, interest repayments will go up. This will place a burden on the operating position of government as more money needs to be found to meet the repayments on this escalating level of debt.

It comes at a time when this budget is brought down with surpluses estimated to be in this current financial year less than \$50 million; next financial year, just over \$100 million; the following financial year, a little bit over \$150 million; and the following year, a little over \$200 million. That might sound in isolation like a reasonable set of numbers, but you also have to align those projected surpluses with what is buried in the detail of this budget across the general government sector, across departments and agencies. In this financial year, where a projection of a surplus is less than \$50 million, nearly three times that amount at \$134 million is required to be delivered in unidentified savings.

Not only is debt forecast to ramp up over the forward estimates, but the surpluses that are estimated to hold debt at that increased level are reliant on nearly three times the quantum of unidentified savings across agencies than the size of the surplus to be delivered. In the following financial year, the story is the same. A \$100 million surplus in isolation sounds fine but not when it is built on the back of \$279 million worth of savings that have not been identified, and so it continues

to the last of the forward years in the budget estimates, where the projected surplus is just over \$200 million built on the back of approximately \$480 million of savings yet to be identified.

There is not much room for slippage, not much room at all. It only requires agencies to get halfway there on meeting their unidentified savings task for the budget to slip into deficit, and those deficits will escalate that already very high level of debt that has been brought onto the books through the decisions taken in this budget. You might ask: what happened to the Liberal Party? We have been told by members of the Liberal Party and political operatives that they are meant to be the party of responsible financial management, yet their first crack in 16 years at managing the books is to rack up debt and do it on the basis of flimsy surpluses built on savings that have not even been identified yet.

We are nearly three months through this financial year, and I wager that a quarter of these \$134 million of savings have not yet been identified or implemented and they certainly are not able to be booked by Treasury across these agencies, so this debt problem is likely to escalate. It is also important in the South Australian context because we hark back to a former period long ago well before all of us, even before the Deputy Premier, when the current Treasurer was the treasurer in the former Olsen government.

That was a long time ago. Remember the waterskiing premier? Remember Motorola? Remember EDS? Remember estimates? That was an interesting process. It cost us a premier, a deputy premier and a minister for tourism. Let's hope that they fare better this time around; in fact, let's not. Back at that time, much was made by the Hon. Mr Lucas of the other place of the need to privatise electricity assets. He said he needed to do that in order to pay down state debt. It is a matter of curiosity that at the end of this budget period over the next four years the level of general government sector debt will be higher than before ETSA was privatised.

What we are worried about is not just that there is an excuse of, 'Oh, we have been forced into privatisations,' despite the Premier repeatedly telling us before the election, 'There will be no privatisations. We don't have a privatisation agenda. We've already ruled out privatisations,' but that one of the first acts of this budget is to get back onto privatisations in the traditional Liberal way. But with this massive savings task, with this massive ramp-up in debt, with these estimates that remain in such peril because of having to identify over \$1¼ billion of savings over the next four years, we can expect a lot more of that where that came from.

We also saw recently in the *Sunday Mail* the Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet singing the praises of outsourcing, saying that if it stacks up, that if the business case makes sense and you can execute it, then do it. I think that should send a chill down the spine of people who rely on public services, people who provide those public services, whether they are in the back office or they are providing front-line services, because it has already been demonstrated by this government that front-line services or back office services are up for grabs when it comes to privatising or outsourcing. That will be an area that we will be watching very closely.

But there is another matter that I want to speak about on a slightly different note and it relates to one particular line of revenue outlined in this budget. It is the revenue raised from a relatively new revenue measure, the betting operations tax regime, which was introduced only very recently. When it was introduced, it was forecast to raise approximately \$10 million and then \$11 million a year. It is imposed on a level of 15 per cent on the taxable operations of online betting companies that provide markets to South Australian punters. In this budget, those revenue estimates have again been re-estimated and estimated at a much higher level.

This might be a matter of curiosity for people who are unfortunately having to spend as much time poring over the budget as the 47 of us at this particular time of year, but I also put that it raises a far more serious concern; that is, clearly there is far more of this gambling activity in our community than anyone could have estimated. There is certainly far more than Treasury estimated initially when this measure was brought in. Certainly, despite reviewing the revenue forecasts, it is becoming evident that there is more and more and more of this occurring each year, and hence the revenue gleaned from this measure continues to increase.

It probably warms the cockles of the hearts of certain Treasury officials that there is more money coming in through the door. It certainly provides a little bit more breathing room for ministers

in cabinet that there is more money at their disposal to operate the functions of government. However, more broadly in the community it raises very serious concerns. As the Deputy Premier would probably be aware, this is one area of gaming that is far more lightly regulated than other forms of gaming. We have had poker machines in South Australia for the best part of 30 years—well, I should probably say a little more than 25 years.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman: Frank Blevins, God rest his soul.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Well, we will blame the parliament of the day, won't we? We have had poker machines for approximately 25 to 30 years, and over that time—but to give the parliament credit over the last 15 years and members on both sides of the chamber—there has certainly been more significant regulation and, importantly, harm-minimisation measures that have been put in place for things like gaming on poker machines.

There have certainly been stringent regulations and requirements placed on table gaming in South Australia for many years, and rightly so. With both those examples of gambling, and also with the example of people betting on horseracing, whether it is down at the track or whether it is in—I was going to say the TAB but we cannot say that anymore; I think it is UBET—shop outlets, there is importantly across all those examples direct or indirect supervision of people's gambling behaviour.

That is in stark contrast to what occurs when people are engaging in online gambling. Whether it is at home on their personal computer, whether it is on a smart phone or on some other device, this is completely unsupervised gaming and very, very lightly regulated. The Deputy Premier would know this perhaps better than the rest of us, given that she is the minister responsible for this now, but there is an arrangement in South Australia not dissimilar to what happens in other jurisdictions where the minister of the day must approve the markets on which this form of gambling can take place.

These betting operators need to submit to the government an application for different markets to be approved, and for the most part it has only been national sports and all the markets relevant to them where markets have been approved for gaming to occur here in South Australia; if I put it more accurately, it is approved for South Australians to be able to bet on those markets. So if you want to have a bet on AFL games or NRL games or national soccer league games, and so on, markets are approved and they are available for people to bet on.

However, I would argue that there is an infelicity in the regulations such that markets can be offered on South Australian sports for people outside South Australia to bet on, but South Australians cannot bet on those markets. What we are seeing seen is, rather than markets being restricted to those national-type sports, markets are being offered by companies like Sportsbet, companies like bet365, companies like Ladbrokes, and so on, that are offering markets on sports well below the national level.

In fact, members predominantly on the other side of the house who have electorates in the Adelaide Hills might be aghast to know that, only in the last few weeks, markets have been offered on amateur netball games in the Adelaide Hills league, markets have been offered on underage local soccer games, markets have been offered on local state league basketball games and markets have been offered on women's division teams in state league soccer club fixtures. This is well beyond the room that the regulations allow these sports betting companies to offer markets. This is legal; at least it is illegal for South Australians to be given the opportunity to bet on these markets.

Why is it a concern that we might be interested in whether Dusty Martin kicks the first and, hopefully, only goal in the final that is to be played on Friday night? Why is that not so much of a concern but it is a concern when netball teams playing in the Adelaide Hills league have markets offered on them? Well, Mr Martin gets paid pretty well to play football, and he is less susceptible to any inducements that might be offered by a wagering company than somebody who is playing amateur sport and does not get paid anything at all. In fact, probably for their sins, they have to get there early, they have to put the nets up, maybe turn on the barbecue, organise the referees or, if they do not turn up, do it themselves, and so on.

There is a clear opportunity for people to be induced into corruption in their sporting fixtures and match fixing because they are lowly paid and somebody wants to give them a couple of hundred bucks to give them some information about the game. This is a legitimate concern that has been

made to me by the heads of local sporting associations representative for their codes. They are very worried about this. They do not want what is becoming an increasingly common sight on the sidelines of amateur sporting fixtures across South Australia—that is, a couple of shady looking characters standing over the far side of the boundary line with a laptop working up markets for people to bet on.

Such is the current design of the regulations that we can never know whether South Australians are being offered the opportunity to bet on these fixtures. If they are betting on these fixtures, then all those concerns around match fixing, corruption of results, and so on, become very real. The community and social fabric, in which we collectively place so much stock, that local sporting clubs bring to our community, is eroded very substantially by being exposed to this behaviour.

What do we do about it? I am not passing judgement on the Deputy Premier and the government of which she is a part by, in this budget, winding up the IGA in this regard because, of course, she is the minister and she remains the decision-maker on what markets can or cannot be provided under law. She and her successors will still have the opportunity to say no to requests from sports betting operators for markets if they are deemed not to be in the community interest. That is an important failsafe test for not just the government but the parliament. Appropriately, they are required to be laid in this house, gazetted, and so on, when those changes are made.

People will form their own opinions about whether or not getting rid of the IGA and replacing it with another panel of advisers and requiring more of the liquor and gaming commissioner in assessing these sorts of requests and providing advice in due course to the minister is a sufficient arrangement. We will know only as time goes by. However, it is important that this parliament turns its mind to how to deal with what is not just a risk to amateur sporting clubs but certainly also a growing scourge for people in our community.

You need to speak to only a few of the welfare agencies to understand how many people have had their financial livelihoods completely gutted through their engagement in sports betting and online gambling. As I said, it is not only an unsupervised form of gambling, but there are no limits in the same way that other forms of gambling can have limits applied to them through regulations. We see professional Aussie Rules footballers come out and put their hand up very publicly to make it clear they have got into terrible trouble financially through this. There are stories of AFL players who have effectively played a whole season of highly remunerated football in order to meet the debts they have racked up through online gaming and sports betting.

This is the risk that I would argue is now facing predominantly young men when they go to watch a sporting fixture. Those spring chickens in this place like the member for Heysen and like me and some of the other members are perhaps the last of those viewers of sport who watched sport for sport's sake. How many 18 to 30 year olds go to the pub to watch a game of footy or even go round to a mate's house to watch a game of footy and spend most of the time looking at their phone to see what markets are being offered on the game they are watching and how the odds are moving on those markets? The answer is: a very high proportion of them.

We have no understanding of how much on average people are gambling in this manner. We have no understanding of what the impact is on them directly. We have no understanding of what this means for their broader engagement within the community. Is this impacting their employment? Is this impacting their relationships? Is this impacting their family life? How many people are finding themselves in financial distress because they have been sucked into a largely unregulated form of gambling?

You may be pleased to know that there are some members of parliament who think strongly enough about this that we think the parliament needs to turn its attention to it. That is why I was very pleased with the support of the members for Wright and Ramsay in moving that the Economic and Finance Committee, the standing committee of the parliament, conducts an inquiry into this very problem.

From a cursory Google search, we see that Sportsbet committed more than \$60 million in one six-month period of the last calendar year to advertising—advertising only—the sort of rubbish that bombards us as we watch perhaps a game of AFL on the TV. They are deliberately targeting young men. They are deliberately targeting young South Australians to engage in this form of very

lightly regulated gambling, and it is having an impact. SACOSS has been one of the few and strident critics of the impact that these sports betting agencies are having on young people and on the community in general.

I should add that all these impacts are on top of all the much better understood and better articulated issues of problem gambling that we have with people who might engage in playing poker machines, in table gaming or in other forms of gambling. So we have this growing problem, perhaps this growing epidemic, that is impacting on the young people here in this state.

While it is pleasing that I can report to you, Deputy Speaker, that the Economic and Finance Committee has moved to inquire into this matter, it is less pleasing to know that the member for Waite, as Chair of that committee, and his colleagues on that committee continue to prioritise other inquiries before we get to this inquiry.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman: The IGA has just done it.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: I know it has been an inordinately long time in the eyes of the Deputy Premier since she has been speaking in this chamber, and I know that must flummox her, but she will have her opportunity shortly, I am sure. I know that this is a problem we are keen to deal with, but unfortunately the Liberal members are not.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: The Deputy Premier said in her interjection that the IGA was already moving to inquire into this. It is a bit tough, isn't it? Because you just wound them up.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: You just wound them up, and they have not yet done it, and they will not get to because you are winding them up. Can we rely on the Deputy Premier? Well, as most of her caucus colleagues have found out over the last 16½ years, no, we cannot.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: No, we cannot. It is up to that committee. My entreaty to the member for Waite and to his other colleagues on the Economic and Finance Committee is: let's just try once, for the benefit of affected young people in South Australia and for the community in general, just to put politics behind us on that committee, and let's turn our attention to what is a growing financial, economic and social problem that is going almost wholly unregulated at the moment.

There are sporting codes and sporting clubs that are increasingly worried by the prevalence of markets being offered on the fixtures that they are responsible for organising. We are increasingly seeing a number of prominent South Australians and Australians who are telling their stories about losing hundreds of thousands of dollars through the scourge of online gaming and sports betting. We know that there is a flaw and a hole in the gaming regulations, which is allowing these markets to be offered. There is also no information that anyone can offer—except for the sports betting agencies themselves—about whether the law is being broken and that South Australians are betting on these markets that are precluded in the regulations. So this is an area that needs addressing.

While we might look at Budget Paper 3, chapter 3, and look at the revenue and what has been a fourfold increase in the estimated revenue being brought into the budget through the betting operations tax, what underlies it is a level of activity that is targeting our young South Australians and punishing them, and I would urge the parliament to act collectively on this matter.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (17:20): It gives me great pleasure to speak through this grievance on the Appropriation Bill. I have already spoken to this Appropriation Bill, and it gave me great pleasure to do so. Hearing from the other side, it gives me a further opportunity to expand on what I have already said and highlight the troubles that the other side of the chamber are having with this budget.

There are a couple of positives that I have failed to acknowledge in my electorate of MacKillop, with a \$5 million investment in the CFS brigade and institutions. We have two new fire sheds in my electorate: one at Woolumbool, north of Lucindale—they will have a new shed there—and one at Mount Burr. Ironically, Mount Burr was on the radar for a new shed because they were

lucky enough to get a new fire truck, but it never fitted in the old shed. Then there was a problem with infrastructure, as normal.

There were no promises from the previous government. The government gave them the new truck but there was nowhere to store it. I am not sure where they have kept it since, but the locals have been managing. It is absolutely a great pleasure that we were able to fix this, and that it was recognised. Another one mentioned this afternoon was the female facilities sporting grant and the fact that the previous government had a \$14 million program. It was a worthy one, in the sense that there are a lot more females playing a lot more different sports these days, such as AFL.

What is really alarming about this grant and the way it was used and spent is that a sporting club in my electorate applied three times through this process and failed. It did not get a single dollar, and it was very desperate for it. Not only that but in that time, over the whole process of the \$14 million program, the Labor government spent less than \$4 million of the \$14 million. The sporting minister has told me he has now rolled the other \$10 million into other sporting programs, and hopefully it will be distributed fairly and equitably around South Australia in general.

Another thing I want to touch on is that those on the other side keep highlighting King and Newland as missing out, and how disappointed those two members must be. Not everything about this budget was perfect—not everywhere do we have great wins—but I think it is very well balanced across the whole of the state. It was pointed out by the other side that these two electorates had TAFE sites closing down and Service SA centres closing down in the budget. Welcome to our world down in MacKillop.

They sold up all our TAFE sites, they sold up the TAFE facilities, and the forests were sold off as well to pave the way. I will come to that in a minute. The fact is that they have been closing down these facilities for 16 years and, suddenly, when the government says, 'We're going to pick up and rebuild TAFE, bring back an institution that used to train and skill South Australians,' that is a bad thing. I truly do not understand this from the other side.

I am trying to figure out what it is that the other side does not like about our budget the most and why there is nothing at all that they can find to bring themselves to say, 'Okay, this is their first budget; this is where they recognise where the debt level sits.' On my information, they gave us a \$14½ billion dollar debt. The member for West Torrens was quoted yesterday as saying, 'It [was] the greatest [of] honours of my life; being entrusted with the state's finances is a very serious privilege.' He was entrusted with the state finances and he left us with a \$14.5 billion debt.

This is where I think the other side really says, 'Holy hell, what have we got now?' If we are not going to fix up your mess, we may increase it, and I have no problem with the fact that we may increase it because we actually have to fix and build what you failed to do over 16 years. This is where I think the other side are saying, 'We are in opposition now for the first time in 16 years. We don't like it on this side anymore.' You might end up staying there for a whole lot longer if we are financially respectful of our situation and we look after the state and do not actually seem to be the repair doctors on the state budget that you destroyed. That is okay. I appreciate that.

But the fact is, if we had done what we did back in the nineties and repaired the budget like you left us as a Labor Party back in those days, we are seen as the villains and we lose the faith of the electorate. However, if we are seen as responsible and we know that we have to spend money wisely and build the economy and we know that we want a really strong state here in South Australia, we actually believe we can pay the debt back as well as be financially responsible, but we are not going to do it straight away, which means you may find yourselves in the opposition ranks for more than one term.

How much that must hurt you over there, particularly when some of you experienced 16 years in power. It is a new feeling, such as during question times when you have to ask a question that you cannot get right because you have not had enough practice at it yet. Let me tell you, after four years, you are going to become very good at it, but then when you see your second time around, you are going to become even better at it again.

The point about this debt level and how much responsibility you do not see here at the moment is the fact that you are very worried about what argument you are going to find to get back

into power and undermine the government to give yourself credibility. I think you are using some emotional arguments right now and they are sensitive in regard to the Housing Trust and the people who are the most vulnerable. I do not think the government on this side has any intention of trying to make lives harder for anyone, but we have to have a balanced budget and we have to have a very fair budget.

As highlighted by the member for Lee, in the next four years we expect to see some surpluses, but we are also increasing debt. Again, I have no problem with this. It was highlighted to the government and the backbench that the ministry and the Treasurer have not done any sledgehammer slash and burn to the budget in health or education areas in any real focus. They have been fair and balanced because they did not want to take a wrecking ball to both of these portfolios to hang ourselves out to dry in the electorate and then try to fix up what you left behind for us.

I find that the budget is very responsible in the areas of the health and education portfolios. We recognise education from reception through to year 12 and tertiary education, like the TAFE system. We do want these systems to work. We want the NAPLAN results to come out on top so that South Australia is leading in these fields and not lagging and the worst state in Australia. If we have these aims, the budget just needs to be balanced and it just needs to be fair. I will say again that it certainly does not need to fix up the mess that you left behind on the other side of the chamber.

Mr Brown: But the debt is going up, Nick.

Mr McBRIDE: It is allowed to. Another thing I would like to say is that, in the mix of all that we have done in the budget and spent in a very fair way, we are striving for a stronger economy here in the state. We are striving for a state that has low unemployment. We are striving to employ 20,000 new apprentices, which brings in a new skills base.

We are going to strive to make sure that the new defence build in Port Adelaide absolutely fits into the economy of South Australia and not only that but builds South Australia without being complacent and relying entirely on a defence contract, as I think the other side were probably hoping that they were going to be in charge of, that might nullify, blind, hide or pull the wool over South Australia's eyes to see what a great job you are doing while you let everything else go to rack and ruin.

We want a state that is well balanced so that all the regions of South Australia have their fair share, so that the city of Adelaide has its fair share. Then we can come back and look after the seats that need looking after. Yes, they are city seats and, yes, they may need higher infrastructure, but we want great outcomes. It gives me great pleasure to speak to this Appropriation Bill during this grievance.

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (17:29): For many years I have been in the budget lockup, having the chance to pore over the documents before reporting on them, and for a political nerd I have to say it is an exciting thing to do every year, to dissect the budget and to analyse the good, the bad and the ugly and then report it to our community so they can make up their minds about whether they are getting a fair deal.

My excitement this time was even greater than usual, receiving the budget papers while sitting right here in this glorious chamber, representing the people of Badcoe. I was, of course, eager to see what investments would be made in Badcoe. It is a marginal seat, after all, and surely it would be given some attention from this Liberal government. In my usual style, I pored over the pages, this time searching for the benefits to the people in my electorate. Would we see the removal of unsafe and time-consuming level crossings, would we see sporting and community infrastructure upgrades, investments in our ageing parks and reserves, further investment in our local schools or road infrastructure, maybe? Sadly, no.

I wrote to the Premier pointing out that the people in Badcoe voted strongly for Labor and the commitments that it made at the election. Those things included a new school hall for Richmond Primary School; a new children's centre at Plympton; the removal of three level crossings at Plympton, Goodwood and Westbourne Park; a \$200,000 upgrade for the Kesmond Reserve at Keswick; a similar upgrade for the Dumbarton Avenue at Edwardstown; and new women's change rooms for the southern suburbs rugby club at Bailey Reserve. The Premier wrote back, and I thank

him for his letter. Unfortunately, not all ministers in this government have replied to my letters, but, hopefully, they will get there.

The Premier told me that unfortunately, no, he would not be delivering any of the investments the people in Badcoe voted for. I have to say that is a real shame and I think a missed opportunity by those opposite. I really hope that the Premier and his ministers will find the time to reconsider those projects, because those projects were not plucked out of nowhere: they were the result of 14 months of doorknocking and talking with people in my community to find out what they want and what they really need.

The Premier, to give him his due, did say that he will be sticking to the Liberal promises and that is good, of course. But let's face it, they were not big investments in Badcoe. Not a lot of thought went into what the people in our area actually wanted and needed. Under \$90,000 was committed to Badcoe during the election campaign, in a seat that the Liberals had hoped to win. Those promises included \$45,000 for solar panels to the Edwardstown Oval redevelopment. I understand that was already budgeted for by the council and in the federal funds, so I am not even sure that was a necessary thing for the state to pay for.

Then there is the rememorialising of Anzac Highway. It is not a new memorial; it is just cleaning and moving the stones, and that is \$42,000. The final promise was a new bike rack at Ascot Park Railway Station, a promise so small it is not even mentioned in the budget. That is really just good maintenance; that is not really an election promise. Nevertheless, I will be holding the government to each of those commitments on this very short and cheap list.

What else was in the budget to benefit the people of Badcoe? Was there money for women's sporting facilities, for new and renovated toilets and change rooms so women can stay fit and healthy and participate in sport? No. It was revealed that the Female Facilities Fund is axed—an absolute travesty. Was there any funding for the many growing sports in our area, sports like baseball, rugby union, basketball and tennis? No. Only footy, cricket and netball can apply for infrastructure funds under the new Liberal government's arrangements. Was there a community-led infrastructure fund, like Fund My Neighbourhood, where local residents can actually nominate the projects that they want, campaign in their own communities to get support for their ideas and then see it voted on and funded? No. Fund My Neighbourhood was axed.

That is a big one for Badcoe because my community was successful in campaigning for quite a few things: \$150,000 for a new nature play playground at Bailey Reserve in Clarence Gardens; \$65,000 for the video scoreboard at Goodwood Oval, and I look forward to seeing that put up soon as part of the redevelopment that Labor spearheaded last year; and more than \$10,000 for a new barbecue and cricket sightcreens at Goodwood Oval, which are both in action and working really well and I look forward to the cricket training season starting again in a few weeks.

Two schools in my area, Edwardstown Primary and Ascot Park Primary, both got new nature play playgrounds, plus it was great to see the Capri Theatre—that is, of course, in the member for Unley's seat—receive disability access under the Fund My Neighbourhood scheme. Although that is in Unley, it is a local cinema that a lot of people in my area use and are very proud of, with its beautiful Art Deco design. Since then, I have had scores of constituents and local groups asking about Fund My Neighbourhood, but now we know that this very popular program has also been axed.

Did Badcoe get any of the school kiss and drop zones? No, though several would like and need further investment in their schools, like Richmond Primary, which really needs a new school hall for its growing enrolments. What about relieving cost-of-living expenses for our most vulnerable people in Badcoe? No, in fact, we saw more pressure put on people in Housing Trust residences, and we saw a demonstration of that today here in question time.

There are a great many people living in Housing Trust properties throughout Badcoe in a variety of accommodations—and I know that because I have knocked on the door of pretty much every single Housing Trust property in Badcoe. Those people, some of whom were here in the gallery today at question time and out on the steps beforehand, are looking at rent hikes themselves or are fearful of further rent hikes that might hit them. Those same people are also the most reliant on public transport, and this budget has cast a cloud on bus routes. Some of them will be axed, but we do not even know which ones they will be yet.

The other thing we have seen is a serious attack on the Public Service. Yesterday, I spoke about the impact on my portfolio areas of child protection and the arts and the more than a hundred jobs going in those areas. A lot of public servants live in Badcoe, and what this budget means for them is losing their jobs or being fearful that they could be the next in line for the sack with this Liberal government.

What the people of Badcoe have actually seen is the exact opposite of what the Liberals promised: fewer jobs, higher costs, worse services. Put simply, this is a terrible budget. It is not only a do-nothing budget, it is worse than that: it is a do-harm budget. It is a bad budget for this state and it is a bad budget for the people of Badcoe.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (17:37): I would like to take a few moments to reinforce one of the key messages that I think comes out of this budget, and I would then like to talk about a related issue, that is, what one of my schools is doing to deal with the issue of inequality in our community.

One of the biggest messages to come out of this budget, and the question to ask, is: to what extent does this budget make a contribution to reducing inequality in our community? That is inequality in terms of income, people's economic ability, not in terms of most vulnerable. We heard the Premier say today that dealing with Housing Trust rent increases is not a pressing issue, and I believe the member for MacKillop also voiced similar views yesterday in his budget reply speech. It was interesting that it was very quiet today when the member for Hurtle Vale was talking about a Naracoorte resident who will have Housing Trust rent increases; he was quite silent.

So there is economic inequality and there is also inequality in terms of access to services, when we start cutting out public transport services. There are people who have access to the community through public transport, and we have people who rely on a private car, and then we have another group of people who, because of cost or because they do not have a car, or for whatever reason, will not have access to the community. There is increased inequality there.

We then have inequality in terms of students who have access to resources and those who do not; in other words, young people who have a head start in life and those who do not. This government has made it very clear that as far as they are concerned students in the north are not important. They have wiped out the laptop program which means that they have wiped out—

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

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Mr Deputy Speaker, I didn't interrupt anyone else.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Light will be heard in silence. Continue.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: They wiped out the laptop program. This may not be of importance in the eastern suburbs, and perhaps Burnside, but certainly in the suburbs and areas that I represent it was a very popular program. In the schools I spoke to and the principals I spoke to, the program would be very welcome. I am also aware that the minister has not actually come to speak to those schools yet, so perhaps he does not understand the needs of those schools.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member for Light will be heard in silence.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Again, we have those students who will have access to technology and those who will not, those who will get a head start in life, so there is an increase in inequality there. Then we also have growing inequality in the social sense—in other words, all those other factors which, put together, mean that some people are precluded from society. Certainly, this budget does nothing to address that.

In fact, while I appreciate that it is important to grow the cake so that everybody gets more, that is certainly the case, but when you look at the budget figures, there is no silver lining because growth is going to decrease over time. These are the budget figures. Jobs growth is going to decrease over time and the debt deficit of this budget is going to grow over time. So we have all the hallmarks of an economy and a society with growing inequality. This is the budget which the members opposite are very proud of. Sure, you can be proud of it, and we will see what the community says at the next election.

One of the things we also need to address is inequality between those people who were born and raised here and those people who have come here as refugees and migrants. I have some sympathy for them because I was a migrant myself, having come to Australia in 1963 with my family. We were from a poor background. My parents worked very hard. I will put aside for now, because I have much more positive comments to make, the comments that Mr Dutton has made in the past in the federal parliament about particular groups of migrants and English-speaking skills. They are rather nasty and unnecessary comments that he has made to denigrate our migrant community and our refugee community.

But there is a group of young people in my community, attending Mark Oliphant College, who put on an event which I attended last week. Mark Oliphant College is a very successful school and I am looking forward to when the minister opens the new school, not too far away from the existing Mark Oliphant College, for the Munno Para West and Munno Para community.

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: Another school that I visited in opposition.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: One actually does not exist yet, so I am not sure how you visited it.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Light, don't be distracted. Continue.

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

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister for Education, thank you. Member for Light, continue. Do not be distracted.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I will expect a few extra seconds on my time as well. What I would like to talk about is a show which I attended at Mark Oliphant College last week which was held on 13 September run by the school's Australian Refugee Association representatives. The program was called Who We Are. It was a fashion show. These students, with the support of other students and teachers, put on a program for the day to help people to understand the life and experience of refugees in that community. That community has a number of refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, there is a South Sudanese community, there is a Hazara community. There are quite a number of people from a whole range of refugee communities in that school, and the school is very successfully helping to integrate these young people.

The purpose behind the fashion show was not only to showcase the diverse cultures in Australia and this community but also to educate the school community on refugee-related issues through storytelling, music, food, dance and cultural clothing. The particulars of the event included a runway where they had a fashion show where students showcased cultural attire from their homelands or places of birth. It was interesting to note the number of students who were refugees born in refugee camps, not in their country of origin but born in camps in between their country of origin and Australia, which is a really tough start to life.

Students described their personal journeys to Australia. Some of the stories were quite emotive in the sense of the experiences that they have undertaken. It was a school-wide involvement day. It was also a casual day for the occasion, which was used as a fundraiser to raise money with entertainment and food. It encouraged all students, not just refugees, to wear their cultural clothing for the day.

The show was used by students as part of their assessment tasks. For example, music students were required to set up and pack up musical instruments as part of their show. ARA youth ambassadors were part of the three challenges. In other words, they had to fundraise, volunteer and raise awareness. They were supported by the student representative council and also the governing council of the school. There were Burundian drummers, who were used to show Burundian culture. The students obviously were allowed not only to speak with them but also to use the musical instruments of different cultures and learn why they are important.

There was also a whole range of different foods available. I will probably get the pronunciations wrong, so I apologise ahead of time. There was key wat, which is an Ethiopian spicy beef stew; jollof rice, a popular West African dish; mandasi, a popular African doughnut; chapati, a

type of Indian flatbread; and anjera, Somalian sourdough pancakes. I was fortunate enough to be able to try some of these as well.

There was also a presentation from an ARA community and youth engagement officer to explain refugee and asylum seeker statistics. One of the stories told by one refugee about her plight tried to correct some of the misinformation in the media and perhaps some of the misinformation we might hear from some of the shock jocks on radio stations about the rights of refugees and people who come to Australia.

This community, which is dealing with social and economic inequality, used its limited resources to put on this occasion. I commend those students. I would also like to particularly thank ARA student representatives Gloria Ndayikengurukiye, Atiu Kuot Madut and Claudette Niyera for putting on this program and also for inviting me along to participate in this day where these communities in our society, despite the hardship caused by government policies at both the state and federal level, are doing wonderful work to have a inclusive society and community.

Time expired.

Estimates Committees

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

That the proposed expenditures for the departments and services contained in the Appropriation Bill be referred to Estimates Committee A and B for examination and report by Tuesday 16 October in accordance with the following timetables:

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018

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FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Treasurer

Department of Treasury and Finance

Administered Items for the Department of Treasury and Finance (part)

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER AT 1.30 PM

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Department of Primary Industries and Regions

Administered Items for the Department of Primary Industries and Regions

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment South Australian Tourism Commission

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

Department for Health and Wellbeing South Australian Mental Health Commission

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Minister for Education

Department for Education

Administered Items for the Department for Education

Minister for Child Protection

Department for Child Protection

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services

Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (part)

Administered Items for the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (part) Administered Items for the Department of Treasury and Finance (part)

South Australia Police

Administered Items for South Australia Police

Department for Correctional Services

Department of the Premier and Cabinet (part)

Administered Items for the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (part)

Motion carried.

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

That Estimates Committee A be appointed, consisting of Mr Brown, Mr Cowdrey, Mr Malinauskas, Mr Pederick, Mr Teague, Mr Treloar and Ms Wortley.

Motion carried.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:48): I move:

That Estimates Committee B be appointed, consisting of Mr Boyer, Mr Duluk, Mr Gee, Dr Harvey, Hon. Mr Mullighan, Mr Murray and Mr Patterson.

Motion carried.

**NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
(COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL**

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

**LATE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT DEBTS (INTEREST) (AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF
INTEREST) AMENDMENT BILL**

Introduction and First Reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

Second Reading

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (17:49): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The public sector has been criticised for not paying invoices in a timely matter. While invoice payment performance is generally at an acceptable level, there is still substantial opportunity for improvement. The late payment of invoices can cause cash-flow issues for business and negatively impact on their ability to meet financial commitments. As part of the 2018 election, the government committed to making interest automatically payable to businesses for any undisputed invoice paid late, where certain criteria are met, and creating greater accountability and transparency through the public reporting of invoice payment performance.

The existing act is limited in its application to small business and requires a necessary and costly bureaucratic process in order for late payment interest to be claimed. As a result, there have been almost no interest claims submitted under the existing Late Payment of Government Debts (Interest) Act 2013 since it was first introduced. The purpose of introducing this bill is to expand the act to cover all businesses trading within the public sector and to enable the automatic payment of interest of overdue accounts.

The untimely payment of invoices, where it occurs, is as much a cultural issue as it is a systems issue. Therefore, enacting this bill will send a strong message to the public authorities that the prompt payment of invoices is an important objective of the government. Establishing a financial penalty, which is automatically paid to business, will clearly reinforce this message and act to change behaviour over time.

The key changes to the existing act set out in the amendment bill are expanding the scope to cover all businesses trading with the government rather than the current limitation to small businesses; reducing the minimum interest payment threshold from \$20 to \$10; limiting application of the act to invoices with a value of \$1 million or less; and automating the payment of interest to business such that it occurs within 48 hours or less of when the overdue invoice is paid in accordance with the government's standard 30-day payment terms.

The Small Business Commissioner will continue to retain a dispute resolution function under the act. I commend the bill to members. I seek leave to insert the explanation of clauses in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This clause is formal.

2—Commencement

Operation of the measure will commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Amendment provisions

This clause is formal.

Part 2—Amendment of *Late Payment of Government Debts (Interest) Act 2013*

4—Amendment of long title

This clause amends the long title of the Act to remove a reference to small business.

5—Amendment of section 3—Preliminary

This clause removes definitions that are no longer required as a consequence of other amendments made by the measure.

6—Amendment of section 5—Occurrence of default event

This clause amends section 5, which sets out the circumstances in which a default event occurs for the purposes of the Act. Under the section as amended, a default event will occur only if an invoice sent or claim made by a supplier to a public authority is for an amount that does not exceed \$1 million (exclusive of GST).

7—Amendment of section 6—Interest payable if default event occurs

Section 6 is amended by this clause to expand the circumstances in which interest is payable by removing the requirement for a default event in relation to which interest is payable to relate to the supply of goods or services as part of a small business. Currently, a supplier is not entitled to interest if the amount of interest that would otherwise be payable is less than \$20. An additional amendment changes this so that the relevant amount is \$10 rather than \$20.

A further amendment removes the requirement for a supplier entitled to interest to claim the interest by furnishing an invoice in the prescribed form. Instead, a public authority that is required to pay interest under the Act must pay the interest within 48 hours of the authority paying for the goods or services.

8—Amendment of section 7—Disputes

This clause amends section 7 as a consequence of other amendments that mean that the question of whether a supplier is carrying on a small business will no longer be a relevant consideration.

9—Repeal of section 10

Section 10 is redundant and is therefore to be repealed.

Schedule 1—Transitional provision

1—Transitional provision

Under the transitional provision, the Act as amended by the measure will apply only in relation to invoices and claims rendered after the amendments commence.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. A. Piccolo.

At 17:52 the house adjourned until Thursday 20 September 2018 at 11:00.