

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 16 October 2018

The **SPEAKER (Hon. V.A. Tarzia)** took the chair at 11:00 and read prayers.

The SPEAKER: 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

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018

Estimates Committees

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (11:01): I bring up the report of Estimates Committee A and move:
That the report be received.

Motion carried.

Mr TRELOAR: I bring up the minutes of proceedings of Estimates Committee A and move:
That the minutes of proceedings be incorporated in the Votes and Proceedings.

Motion carried.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (11:02): I bring up the report of Estimates Committee B and move:
That the report be received.

Motion carried.

Mr DULUK: I bring up the minutes of proceedings of Estimates Committee B and move:
That the minutes of proceedings be incorporated in the Votes and Proceedings.

Motion carried.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:02): I move:
That the proposed expenditures referred to Estimates Committees A and B be agreed to.

I rise to make a contribution and to, firstly, thank our newly minted Chairs of the estimates committees for 2018. The members have tabled their minutes of proceedings.

Ms Bedford interjecting:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I also commend one of our former chairs of estimates committees for her service in previous years—not every year, but some years. It is a new government in South Australia and a new budget, the first budget of the new government and a new procedure for those of us on this side of the house to learn.

I have always been a supporter of the estimates initiative, first introduced in its current form, I understand, by the Tonkin Liberal government. It was a measure by which that government felt there needed to be a capacity for a committee of the parliament to tease out and explore the initiatives of the government of the day in their budget and be able to ask questions about it to explore and have the opportunity to have more information, particularly if there was a change of direction or a new initiative that was being promoted, so that the parliament, via this venue of a committee, would be fully informed.

It is fair to say that our estimates, certainly in the last 16 years I have been in the parliament, has had a diminution in its operation from what was the initial objective. Some would say—and I am one of them—that to have an estimates program as we do, for example, in the federal parliament, which senior members of the public sector attend and are available to provide that detail, in some ways is a process that becomes more informative to the committee in being able to provide that information.

But, in South Australia, the minister of the day presenting to each of the committees with their advisers is the structure that we have and it was a new one for us but one we embraced, firstly, because we are very proud as a government of the new budget and of the commitment we made in the lead-up to the election to make provision in the budget for those commitments, to honour those and keep our promises to the people of South Australia.

The work done is considerable and this time we have been able to see the extraordinary amount of work undertaken—from the chief executive in the department across to every area of the operation of the departments. That is actually a very good disciplinary tool, I think, for the public sector, but it is a lot of hard work and a lot of extra work. It requires a lot of meetings and a lot of crosschecking to ensure that they are fully briefed so that their advice enables the minister who may be attending at a committee to respond as fulsomely as possible.

Certainly, in the past I have been critical of former governments failing to provide information to the committee from one year to the next when a time of a number of weeks is imposed. In my experience, that was honoured more in the breach than in the observance. I would like to place on record the commitment of this government to ensure that, as we have with questions on notice, in as timely a manner as we can, this information will be provided when we have undertaken to do so. Obviously, a number of issues were taken on notice during the course of estimates, and the officers of a number of the ministers are currently undertaking that work.

It is good discipline, it is hard work and it is there to enable the committee to receive that information and report to this parliament so that we as a parliament are informed as to what has been spent, what is proposed to be spent and what the initiatives are. It is disappointing, to have read the transcript in the Premier's and Treasurer's portfolios, for example, and then, when I presented to the committee as Attorney-General on the following Monday, to find that a large bulk of the questions in relation to the matters raised by the opposition members had very little to do with the budget. There may have been some rather circumvented attachment in some rather tenuous way and, notwithstanding that, I think the Chairs were very generous in allowing a number of questions to progress.

Let us be clear: the new government is there to provide information and to provide that support in our responsibility to the parliament. We have, as a new government, an obligation to expect that questions will be asked about what we are proposing and that we both present our arguments for it and that we are fulsome in our response about it. We do have a responsibility to turn up and be available to answer questions, just as we do in question time.

What we do not take responsibility for is the conduct and behaviour of those who ask questions when they do not get the answer they want, and if ever there was a demonstration of the behaviour in the early part of estimates, it was done by several of the members of the opposition, in particular the member for West Torrens. He was like some kind of rabies-ridden canine frothing at the mouth when he did not get the answers that he wanted, and that is not our responsibility.

Mr PICTON: Point of order, Mr Speaker: I believe it is a longstanding tradition of the parliament that it is unparliamentary language to refer to any member as an animal.

The SPEAKER: Would the Deputy Premier like to withdraw the reference to members being referred to as animals, please?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I am happy to move on and apologise in relation to—

The SPEAKER: And withdraw please.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: And withdraw—but the behaviour and conduct of the member for West Torrens, in my view, were symptomatic of his behaviour on a number of occasions. But it is not our responsibility, and we will not take responsibility for the outrage that he feigns when he does not get the answers that he wants. His one and only, like some sort of one-trick pony, *modus operandi* in relation to this is to keep asking the same question over and over again.

The purpose of estimates is to deal with the budget proposals, the appropriation of money and to inform the parliament. If it is the opposition members' wont to continue to just waste the time of the committee by repeating the same questions over and over again, then I feel that is quite insulting to the committee and that ought not happen. But if that is the process in which they seem

to operate and in some way think that that might be clever or helpful to them, I do not know. My first impression, after I read the first three days of estimates, was that clearly the opposition thought the budget was fantastic because they hardly had any questions about it.

There were a number of areas of change of direction which I think would have been reasonable for them to ask about. They went out initially after the budget was announced on a rampage of objection to the proposed open for tender of the management of the Remand Centre, armed with all sorts of protests and outlining to the public their outrage that this should occur. It all fell in a heap, of course, within a few days after the most disgraceful behaviour was captured on screen by one member of the union treating one of their fellow employees in a despicable way.

I do not know what has happened in relation to that conduct but I will say this: we do not put up with bullying and intimidation in the law, we do not put up with bullying and intimidation in the workplace and we do not put up with bullying and intimidation in our schools. Some people need to learn that there is a way of conveying in a civilised manner the objections or concerns they have without acting in such a disgraceful way. The consequence, though, of that behaviour—and I think the disturbing reaction from the public, that is, the offence they took to the way this was managed—was that the issue just disappeared.

The Leader of the Opposition disappeared and we were left with no clear or strong agenda of informed critique of a budget which I think the public and stakeholders should expect a grown-up opposition to have in relation to public expenditure. But that was sadly missing. I think the people of South Australia deserve better. Fortunately, there were members of the committee, particularly on the government side, who made inquiries in relation to new initiatives and that information was able to be provided.

I have a rather unique situation in my portfolio, namely, that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the head of the Courts Administration Authority. It is a unique model Australia-wide. There is another jurisdiction that has a similar one, but it is one where the head of the department, the head of the courts, is the Chief Justice. He makes time, an hour each time, to come to the estimates as the head of that department—supported by Ms Julie-Anne Burgess, who is the most senior executive officer in that department, together with a number of their financial advisers and others—to answer questions about the court.

To find in the course of that matter continuing questions in relation to some historical matter, which was neither the subject of the committee nor that of the Chief Justice as he was appearing, I think was rude to those senior members who attended and made themselves available. Fortunately, he was able to outline a new initiative in relation to the ECMS, which is currently being rolled out in the probate division of the Supreme Court, about which there is important information that the public needs to know. He had the opportunity to explore that as a result of questions from the government.

Mr Picton: No, I asked him about that.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I was going to acknowledge you. Initially, questions were asked by the member for Kurna, who I think started with the death duties quote, which is nice to be reminded of. We, of course, went on to ask the Chief Justice to outline the program. He did have an opportunity to advise the committee of an update in respect of what I would call an interim development of our superior courts at both the Sir Samuel Way Building and at 1 Gouger Street to upgrade facilities for our criminal courts in the former and our civil courts in the latter.

The estimates process continued. I find it very interesting to hear of matters that have been reported by my colleagues as ministers in the government. In reading their contribution to the estimates committees, I congratulate them on their presentation in the face of some mischievous conduct by some members of the committee. They presented in a respectful manner, as they should, to a committee of this parliament, which deserves a lot better from the members of the opposition. Let us hope that that behaviour improves next year.

The SPEAKER: I believe that the deputy leader was the lead speaker. The member for Giles.

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (11:18): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to speak on the estimates committees and the Appropriation Bill. In doing that, I would like to—

The SPEAKER: You are not the lead speaker?

Mr HUGHES: No, I am not the leader speaker.

The SPEAKER: You never know.

Mr HUGHES: I would like to commend the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development for the way that he courteously answered my wideranging questions and did not waste time with lengthy opening statements or government questions.

I was elected in 2014. In 2014, during my first estimates committee hearing, people would express concern about the direction that estimates had gone in. It seemed to be almost universal that there was a view that we could improve estimates. There is probably a whole range of ways that we could do that. The important thing is to ensure that there is a significant degree of accountability when it comes to both the budget process and wider governance issues.

It is my personal view that, maybe in a bipartisan fashion, as a chamber we should start to look at how we can improve these processes. There are other examples interstate. There are examples at a federal level that we could draw upon. I think it is always a good thing that systems be given the opportunity to evolve and improve. Having said that, though, I do restate that, at least in our estimates session, the minister attempted where possible to answer the questions that were put to him and, certainly at the time, there was a wider range of questions that I asked.

Alas, we ran out of time to cover all of them, but there were some issues of concern that did arise during the estimates process when questioning the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. One of those areas of concern was the drought that is affecting parts of South Australia. Communities in the Mallee, Eastern Eyre Peninsula, especially the north-eastern Eyre Peninsula, and the northern pastoral regions have all been waiting for months to hear the minister indicate that they are being impacted by drought.

Leading up to estimates, we finally got an acknowledgement to those areas that are indeed doing it hard. So it did take a long time for minister Whetstone to declare what our farmers already knew. One does wonder why the minister waited until the morning of estimates to make the announcement of a declaration—and I use the word 'declaration' in a particular way—in relation to the areas of the state that were being affected, particularly when he went on to concede during the estimates committee process that the Marshall Liberal government has not directly helped farmers or affected communities financially in any way at all. There has been an enhancement of some services that were in place, but it is worth quoting directly from the minister:

So, as far as the state government is putting measures in place, we are prioritising health and wellbeing. There are contingencies within government budgets to look at support. We are having those conversations—

and this is what I want to emphasise—

but, to date, there have been no budget measures initiated to financially help those in the dry.

Given the circumstances that farmers and some communities in our state have been facing, to get that acknowledgement that there are no budget measures initiated to financially help those in the dry is deeply disappointing.

We have all heard the minister constantly say how much the regions matter, but one must seriously question how much the regions matter to the Marshall Liberal government when, on the same day, the minister declares parts of South Australia in drought and then admits there is no direct funding to help them. I acknowledge that the drought picture in South Australia is complex. The shift in probability is concerning when it comes to the El Niño effect. I think it is now a 70 per cent probability that we might well slip into El Niño. Let us hope that does not happen because, if it did, the consequences for the state, and for significant parts of the state, will be potentially dire.

During the estimates, the minister also made mention that the national drought coordinator, Major General Stephen Day, would be visiting parts of regional South Australia in the very near future. The day after estimates, on 25 September, the drought coordinator did indeed visit Adelaide, but he did not leave the CBD. During estimates, the minister said, and I quote:

It is somewhat disappointing that tomorrow he is only coming to Adelaide, but I can assure you that we have it pencilled that he will be here next week. The idea of him coming tomorrow is to give him an understanding of the

logistics and what time he will need to come back to South Australia and travel regional South Australia extensively to get a better understanding of where he can put the commonwealth government support, particularly the commonwealth's community drought program.

I might be wrong, but I do not think he has revisited at this stage. It is essential that the coordinator does revisit South Australia and does visit those regions that are being affected. I know there are many drought-affected farmers who would greatly appreciate the chance to speak to the drought coordinator, without having to travel to Adelaide. After all, the drought is not in the city—it is in the regions—and the Marshall Liberal government must do everything it can to ensure that Major General Day visits drought-affected communities as soon as possible.

I did have a conversation with the drought coordinator, and he had some very worthwhile things to say—and I do not want to be too hard on the state government. The coordinator indicated that it is important that he listens, that there is extensive planning and that we avoid a kneejerk reaction. At a state level, there is what appears to me to be a slowness of the reaction that has been forthcoming when it comes to the state government providing tangible support for drought-affected communities. Those communities are sick of words, and some of them feel as though they are being ignored by the state and federal Liberal governments.

During estimates the minister did not provide a satisfactory response when I questioned him about why the federal Liberal government provided millions of dollars in drought assistance funding for 60 councils in New South Wales and Queensland, while South Australia missed out and missed out entirely. The minister did not stand up to his federal colleagues and fight for South Australian councils to receive the same money as those interstate. We are talking about those councils in the drought-affected areas, which, as we know, is not all of South Australia.

What we have in South Australia is a government that wants to set up a task force and wants to provide counselling—and I have no problem with that—but there is also an element of lip service. Farmers want direct help now, and regional communities that have been impacted want direct help now, and I agree that that has to be thought through. There is an argument that sometimes, when it comes to long-term policy in relation to the drought, often the worst time to do it is during the drought itself.

We have some major challenges as a nation. When it comes to drought and other extreme weather events, a lot of the problem relates back to the nonsense taking place at a federal level. A lot of farmers know that the climate is changing, and a lot of farmers know that the climate is changing because of human impact on the atmosphere. Still at a federal level, we have the National Party with a strange language essentially denying this, but a lot of farmers know that we are facing what will be increasingly difficult circumstances in Australia, in a country that already has a variable climate.

If we do not fully address, both at a national level and at a global level, some of the issues that have been raised by the recent international report and we do not seriously mitigate those issues, significant sections of South Australia will, in the coming years, no longer be farming regions. They will be under enormous pressure.

Another thing I was concerned to hear during estimates was that the minister had no awareness about what was happening to the Bureau of Meteorology in South Australia. I asked minister this very specific question:

As the primary industries minister, and given the importance of the bureau to primary industries—agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, the broader commercial fishing industries—have you had any discussions with your federal colleagues about [the threats to the bureau]?

The direct quote from the minister is:

...I would share the concerns if there was a lack of ability for the Bureau of Meteorology to give us the relevant data that we need. There has been no mention to me—I have not received a brief from any government department or official, state or federal—that there will be a reduction in services from the Bureau of Meteorology.

What is happening to the bureau is extremely serious for South Australia. The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development should have been involved in a discussion and advised about what is happening to the bureau. He should have had some understanding of the situation, but the minister appeared to be behind the eight ball. We do need to reverse the cuts that are happening here in South Australia. These are significant cuts of highly specialised, qualified staff at the bureau.

The Marshall Liberal government need to act very quickly, and they need to pull their heads out of the clouds.

Under the proposed changes, weather forecasting will no longer be undertaken in large measure in South Australia. This will have an impact on 22 meteorologists, who are experienced forecasters in this state. Meteorologists provide a whole range of warnings that assist industry and the general community. My concern that is that we are going to see a reduction in the quality of that service. It is understood that the bureau intend to replace the work that they do with a combination of automation and forecasting from Melbourne and Brisbane, which could potentially result in less accurate reports. Certainly, it will lead to a reduction in the level of localised knowledge. We need some immediate response from the government on these cutbacks.

We are facing an increase in extreme weather events, and to lose up to 22 positions in this state is very serious. As I have said, these are people with very specialised local knowledge, and the complexity of the regions in South Australia requires specialised knowledge. In relation to the fishing industry alone, we have a very complex coastline, with open ocean and two inverse estuaries. We have over 5,000 kilometres of coastline, so it is a concern that the minister does not share my concern when it comes to what is happening to the bureau in South Australia.

The Liberals have a general pea-and-thimble approach to funding regional initiatives. I will take the Murray cod restocking initiative as one example, but I will get to some better pea-and-thimble approaches in a minute. When it comes to Murray cod, it is not a pea-and-thimble approach: it is actually a direct cut. There is nothing complicated about it.

In estimates, I asked the minister—who, as we all know, is the member for Chaffey and who has that fine, great river running through his electorate—what consultation was done with the state's 277,000 recreational fishers and RecFish SA before the decision was made not to provide ongoing funding for the Murray cod restocking program. The minister told me that, although the program provides an opportunity for tourism and for a healthier river environment, the Treasurer was not of a mind to fund this particular program. To quote him directly:

My call on those stocking programs was that there needed to be a monitoring program so that we can actually see the work that is being done.

When I went to the Treasurer to look at ways in which I could implement a continuation of the stocking program, I was told that \$28.6 million had to be found in budget savings—I think it could have been more than that. So there was no provision made for me to implement the stocking program. He went on to say:

I will have to negotiate with the Treasurer and the cabinet to put a budget allocation to introduce a stocking program.

This was a very worthwhile program that was just cut off at the knees. Put simply, the minister who has responsibility for fisheries has failed to provide any sort of guarantee about the Murray cod stocking program, which is in his own electorate. This program received the overwhelming backing of the River Murray councils and the community, so it is incredibly unfortunate that it has hit the wall despite very strong support.

Mr Speaker, I can assure you that recreational fishers are angry at the minister and the Liberal government because they received nothing in this federal budget. South Australia's recreational fishing community is, as I have said, made up of 277,000 people who fish our gulfs, beaches, lakes, rivers and open ocean on a regular basis and provide a much-needed economic stimulus to communities—and especially regional communities.

In the lead-up to this year's election, the Liberals released their policy, titled Representation for Recreational and Commercial Fishers, and promised to deliver key projects to improve recreational fishing. However, most of the sector has been underwhelmed by the lack of action that the state government has taken since March.

During estimates, the member for Chaffey also created a great sense of uncertainty in the recreational fishing sector by not ruling out a fishing licence for the state's fishers. I asked the minister a series of questions about recreational fishing, including about whether a licence will be introduced. He avoided answering the question specifically and instead said that he would undertake a review.

In the Liberal's pre-election policy, titled Representation for Recreational and Commercial Fishers, the Liberals promised to deliver key projects to improve recreational fishing. South Australian recreational fishers need answers now. How much will the licence be and who will pay for it? Will the occasional fisher who casts a line off the jetty pay as much as someone who takes their boat out a few times a week? The recreational fishing community was left reeling after the state budget, in which they were completely ignored, and this is yet another blow.

Despite constantly talking about how much the regions matter, the Marshall government will also not be extending the Local Government Association's Regional Youth Traineeship Program. PIRSA is the key South Australian government department created to support regional growth and boost the agricultural sector, and the cuts to PIRSA are another blow, amongst others, to farmers across the state,.

It is absolutely appalling that when some South Australian producers are experiencing the worst conditions in memory the state government is stripping back the department that provides them with programs, support, research and counselling. To make matters worse, the Marshall government is pilfering \$17.7 million from the Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund from 2019-22 to 2021-22 to fund the Liberal's promised Port Wakefield overpass and road widening project. This will whittle the amount left to spend on regional roads down to \$297 million. There are lots of cuts coming for roads.

Time expired.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:38): I rise to speak to the Appropriation Bill, the reports of the committees, and I would like to acknowledge the sterling efforts of our Chairs—the Deputy Speaker (Chair of Committees), the member for Flinders, and the member for Waite. I thought they did excellent work. Obviously, they had to try to keep control amongst some feral antics from the other side—and there certainly were some feral antics. Everyone will be judged by how they behave, and people are being judged accordingly.

I would like to acknowledge the Chairs, as there was a fair bit happening at times. With the feral activity coming from the Labor opposition at one stage, the member for Flinders did the right thing and suspended the committee for five minutes. Some members on the other side thought they might cause more disruption and get another media opportunity, but the member for Flinders is a very, very wise man.

I acknowledge all our ministers, who had only been in the role for six months coming into estimates. I think they were very well prepared. I acknowledge the work that the departments did in the background when we were in opposition to the former government, and I certainly acknowledge the work they did in a year when the government changed so that we could at least put South Australia on the right track. Many hundreds of hours of work go into estimates and supporting our ministers, and I acknowledge that. No matter how much some members on the other side tried to unnerve our ministers, I think our ministers did a sterling job.

With regard to committees I was involved in, one involved the Premier. The comment was made as to why the members with me were there on the day, because we were not asking any questions, but that was the Premier's wish—so that he could rightfully take all the questions from the opposition. I applaud him for that. He quietly and methodically answered whatever questions came his way.

He did a sterling job telling the people of South Australia how well we are managing the South Australian economy and making sure that businesses, individuals and communities thrive under the leadership of the Marshall Liberal government. Some of the committees that the Premier and I were involved in were Defence SA, Aboriginal Affairs, Arts South Australia, Veterans SA and Multicultural SA, which is a broad range that the Premier dealt with. As I said, he did a great job fending off all the questions.

PIRSA was involved, and there were obviously forestry questions. I was involved in the education estimates, and we also had early childhood development, TAFE SA and higher education, and the Department for Child Protection. The agriculture, food and wine and forestry sectors are our largest export sectors and the industry directly generated \$15.8 billion in revenue in 2016-17. This

rounds out to something like \$25 billion annually in value-added income in finished food. Agriculture is a major wealth generator for our state, as well as the areas of food and wine and forestry.

As mentioned in estimates, grain crops are forecast to be 5.8 million tonnes, significantly less than the long-term average, which is somewhere close to eight million tonnes. It is a very tough year, but it is a year of mixed fortunes, and certainly there are areas suffering from drought conditions. There are some areas that are very dry and some that are, quite frankly, blooming. The lower South-East, through the seats of Mount Gambier and MacKillop, is looking pretty good, but once you get right up to the top end of MacKillop where it joins my seat of Hammond it starts to dry out significantly.

It has been a real struggle. The Weckert family lease my property, and you can see that on the Register of Members' Interests published today on Adelaidenow. Probably six or eight weeks ago, I took a photo of my youngest son sitting on a motorbike in the crop, and you would not have been able to tell that the year would be as dry as it has been, but it is certainly hitting now. Those crops at Coomandook had all the potential of a pretty reasonable season, almost tending toward a bumper crop at that stage but, as we have seen with a lot of the state and a lot of my electorate, whether you go through Pinnaroo, Lameroo or around Karoonda, they have really gone out.

A lot of people have said, 'That's it. We'll shut up shop on this year,' but there is a huge expense in putting those crops in, and now they have to see them go. A friend of mine from Parrakie in the Mallee said that for the first time in his 36 years of being home he has turned sheep on 700 acres of his 2,600-acre crop, and he is trying to work out whether there will be anything to harvest from the 1,900 acres that are left. So it is very dire. There are mixed fortunes but, for those who have suffered with very little rain, it is very tough.

Mind you, as has been said as recently as yesterday on the *Country Hour*, when you look at the tools that farmers use with no-till farming using glyphosate, that has done more for agriculture than the tractor did in replacing the horse. They use the tools not only to sow the current season's crop but, as happened on my farm this year, one paddock was pasture topped in readiness for next year so we do not have seed set. Apart from the weed bank that will build up if you do not pasture top with glyphosate (or Roundup for people who want to know the brand name), it restricts the yield if you do not spray top in a lay paddock, which is a pasture paddock, coming into the next season.

There is some debate about the use of glyphosate, but I urge people, whoever they are, whether they be politicians or commentators, to please stick to the science. I am sick of hearing stories that are quite frankly out of fantasyland. On a *Four Corners* program the other night, I heard the words 'possible link' and 'probable link'. Let's be real and put some science into how our agricultural systems work. If we want to go back to the bad old days of graders grading Mallee highways—and not just the Mallee but also the West Coast, and some roads have had to be graded this year because of drift—we will have real strife if we lose glyphosate, a valuable tool in our farming systems. It has revolutionised farming.

Some farmers, in a very tough year like this, have had around only 100 millilitres (four inches in the old language) with which to grow a crop. It is not a lot of water, but managing the weeds with a spray topping in, say, August, and then giving a good brownout of any summer weeds that come through using glyphosate and probably a blend of some broadleaf chemicals, conserving every drop of moisture, is a big part of the reason that we have the crops we have today. Yes, there are people turning stock on crops, but one thing that is different this year from some dry years and some conditions for stock is that stock are worth a bit of money. They are actually worth a lot of money.

Wool is worth a lot of money, but you have to be able to keep sheep in prime condition. I know there are thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands of animals—probably running into the millions if you go right across the east coast of Australia—being kept in feed lot conditions or small paddock-type conditions to get them through. It is a very fine balancing act, especially for the farmers on the east coast of Australia who are probably paying in excess of \$600 a tonne landed for hay on how many stock you get.

The one out that people have—and you want to keep your breeding stock, obviously—is that, if you have to make a decision to sell those stock, especially in tough conditions like this, there is a dollar involved, unlike in 1992 when I actually helped shoot close to 1,000 sheep that had been paid for with a scheme at \$7 a head. It was very sad to have to do that. We had shorn them that

week, cleaned them up and then, on Saturday, we shot them. I never want to do that again. I took some photos to forever remind myself of what that was all about.

These are tough times. I just want to note the work that minister Whetstone, the member for Chaffey, spoke about during estimates and some of the things that are going on in regard to support and assistance for our farmers in these dry times. PIRSA's Agriculture and Animal Services are always available to provide advice and assistance for livestock and other animals affected by the current dry conditions. Biosecurity SA's animal health officers are also available to provide advice and support.

I also want to reflect on the business and financial support services. Rural Financial Counselling Service has been given a \$260,000 increase in funding for Rural Business Support, which is something that is absolutely vital across South Australia. I acknowledge Brett Smith as the leader there and all of his team.

They have offices in Ardrossan, Berri, Clare, Kimba, Magill, Murray Bridge, Naracoorte, Port Lincoln and Wudinna. They are doing great work and sometimes assist people with very complex forms. I tell my farmers, 'If you need to fill out these forms or you have problems filling them out, just get onto Rural Business Support.' They are more than happy to come out and fill out these forms so that they can get families onto the Family and Business Support program. That program is now available to assist primary producers affected by or concerned about the continuing dry times.

Certainly, the Farm Household Allowance is very handy for farmers. With the changes that have been announced, there is an additional farm household support allowance of up to \$12,000 for couples or \$7,200 for singles, and I applaud that. People I have run into have said, 'How handy is that? We can still put food on the table in these dry times.' It does have to go through an assessment process, but I again acknowledge the sterling effort that Rural Business Support are putting in for all our people suffering dry times around the state.

There is a livestock fodder register, which is absolutely serious as well. With the changing conditions and, sadly, with a year like this, compounded with many growers—I know it is happening in my area. We have had some stem frost come in. Frost is what we call the 'thief in the night'. You have a pretty handy crop and the temperature plunges overnight, usually in October, as it has, and restricts growth so that the head can shoot out properly and fill out properly. There are thousands of acres of crop across the board. I know of some at Wynarka, some out the back of Yumali, between Yumali and Meningie, and some in other places, that are being mowed down. Some are just mowing down crops that were never going to make it, that is if they were able to get low enough with the mower to get any height.

Fodder will be dear. The usual price quoted is about \$300 a tonne on farm, and some are quoting further increases in that, where people are charging—it is a private market, commercial operations—\$300 a tonne plus cutting, baling and raking charges. It is expensive, but it is also an opportunity for droughted farmers. I guess it is just the function of the market, and that is why we see high grain and hay prices. The amount of frosted crop being cut down will impact on the amount of grain harvested at the finish as well.

There is also additional Australian Taxation Office advice for farmers around financial hardship and depreciation of different infrastructure around the farm. Certainly, there is the legislation we passed here recently on farm debt mediation, and the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, John Chapman, and his team do fantastic work in supporting our landholders. There are farm management deposits, where farmers can deposit up to \$800,000. Some people say, 'That's a lot of money.' It would be a lot less than many farmers in this day and age would spend on the inputs to one year's tax. It is helpful that farmers are able to draw that down when they run into these tough times.

We are trying to encourage business resilience in the agricultural sector. There are low-interest loans available through the federal government. There is multi-peril crop insurance, and we have recently waived the stamp duty fees on multi-peril crop insurance. There is always farm extension and technical advice for farmers along the way. In health, there are so many services that can be contacted. There is a whole range, whether it is *beyondblue*, mental health teams, the Rural

and Remote Mental Health services or others, and we also make legal assistance readily available to our farmers.

I know I have concentrated a lot on our agriculture sector, but it is struggling so much this year. I want to acknowledge the excellent work that the Marshall Liberal government is doing in the regions alongside those being affected by the terrible weather conditions. I acknowledge the Premier, minister Whetstone (member for Chaffey) and the whole team on this side because we are so connected to the regional areas. We know what is going on because we know the regions, and we are doing all we can in our power to help.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: Before I call the next speaker, I welcome to parliament today students from Glencoe Central Primary School, who are guests of the member for MacKillop. I am also informed that the member for Mawson was a student at the school many years ago. I hope he was a well-behaved student.

Bills

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018

Estimates Committees

Debate resumed.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (11:58): I rise today to speak on the report of the estimates committee. I was looking forward to the opportunity to talk directly to the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment because he is in the other house and I have to direct my questions through our lower house members. It started off with disappointment for me because he thought it was more important to try to score some cheap political points than to base his arguments in fact. The minister openly challenged data his own chief executive provided to the Economic and Finance Committee only days prior to this estimates hearing.

Mike Hnyda was across the numbers when we talked about the work of Investment Attraction South Australia. He declared clearly, as has the minister when asked for written responses on this, that IASA was successful in bringing 36 projects to our state, creating approximately 9,000 jobs, and that is what it will do. Of course, we had to have the cheap political point, 'But it hasn't done that yet.' We know that we are all here because we want to see our state grow and flourish, so I was very disappointed that that is where we started.

It seems that the minister is more than happy to go to the opening of these launch events that were supported by the Economic Investment Fund and were attracted to our state and supported through Future Jobs. He was very happy to attend the upgraded Robern Menz factory in relation to the Violet Crumble, which was thanks to the Labor government, but of course had to score a cheap political shot. My question always has to be: why does the government go in celebration of these successes, yet talk them down at the same time?

More than that, they went on and abolished the industry advisory board that was supporting Investment Attraction projects. When questioned as to what Rob Chapman did wrong, all I got really was, 'Look, the board was a bit expensive, so we have brought it all in-house.' It just feels to me that we have a vote of no confidence to a model of investment attraction that independent studies say will generate an extra \$9 million in economic activity to this state over the decade, so I am very disappointed that we are not on the same page.

One of the questions I had during estimates was about the savings that are expected to be achieved: a \$26.84 million cumulative saving of this newly formed department. I asked questions about the structure of the department, where those efficiencies will come from and where the FTEs will be cut, but they were unable to be clear with me about the structure. I will continue to ask these questions about the structure because they have brought in a whole heap of different groups to the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment and they have this efficiency, yet they cannot tell me how they are going to do that.

One of the key aspects of this budget, and of course the election, was this half-hearted approach for a network of South Australian trade offices. The minister has spoken about it many, many times and is very committed to it, but we know that expert reviews into trade offices clearly state that business missions and trade offices can only work if they are properly supported. Not only are we planning these bricks and mortar isolated trade offices with very few staff but at the same time we are cutting back on our trade missions.

We heard that they are going to be more focused, but we still do not have a calendar of events. How is a business going to decide whether going on a trade mission is what they want to do if they do not know if they are going to happen or not? I again call on the minister to please publish the calendar. We want our businesses to grow. We want them to export, but they cannot make a decision as to whether they are going to go with the minister without forward planning, so please bring that calendar out.

I will continue to ask questions about isolated trade offices. It is very ambitious to have them in Japan, the UAE, the US and of course Shanghai as well, but there are only going to be minimal staff there. I know there is going to be a sectorial team approach, but you are going to have isolated trade offices that are very expensive. I question and will continue to question the model for us to achieve this growth in exports that we all want.

I was very, very shocked that there was no answer to what is one of the key funds that was announced in this budget. The Economic and Business Growth Fund is one of the three funds we wanted to simplify and that you felt you wanted clarity around. However, my question is: how are these decisions going to be made? When someone applies to this fund will there be a selection panel? Is the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment the person who is going to be walking that into cabinet? None of that was clear to me.

I think the Treasurer knows. I think the Treasurer knows exactly how this fund is going to work. However, what I am very concerned about is that you are diminishing the role of Investment Attraction. You are diminishing the role of the health industries fund. You know that TechInSA has been chucked out so we will start something new there again. In the past, we have brought these people to South Australia with a very clear mandate about what we wanted to do.

We want to grow health industries, whether it be in the field of medical, assistive technology or biomedical research. These are areas where we have deep skill sets and we want to grow them. If you are going to have to cut and make efficiencies and then say, 'Well, we're not really quite sure who is going to make the decisions on this growth fund,' what clarity are we giving people? I am very concerned that no-one seems to have exact details about how this economic and business growth fund is actually going to work.

Of course, tourism is an area the minister is very keen on, as he was previously the shadow minister in that area, but the reality is that tourism has been cut. We know that \$11 million less will be spent this financial year than last financial year—\$11 million is a huge cut. I asked some very specific questions about these cuts. We know that the Adelaide 500 was not spared. The Liberals have broken an election promise to provide an additional \$1 million for the funding of the Adelaide 500, but that has not eventuated. In fact, at estimates it was confirmed that \$2.9 million less will be spent on the Adelaide 500 race in 2019 than was spent this year—\$2.9 million is a lot of money.

What is going to be cut is unclear. There are some things that attract families to this race, this really important race at the start of the racing season and one of the best events on the calendar of the supercars, and some are unlikely to be continued. There is still no announcement about the post-race concert, and ticket sales have been delayed.

I am very proud of what we did as a Labor government to build this event, and I am very concerned that, while the minister has affirmed his commitment, there are members on the other side of the chamber who have people in their electorates who say, 'We don't really like the Adelaide 500. Putting up the grandstand and pulling it down disrupts our traffic.' I think the minister is committed, but it concerns me that other people in his party have other ideas.

Just last week, we heard that there are going to be some announcements about the programming of supercars. I am seeking a briefing, and I am sure that the minister will provide me

with one shortly. This will be a challenge for South Australia because we have had the first race of this Adelaide 500, the supercar series, for some time and the question is: if it moves to the end of January, do we get the option to move it to then? If we want to keep it in March, then we lose the title of the first race. These are some of the challenges that we face in the future.

I talked about the fact that the tourism budget is going to have \$11 million less than last year. This completely flies in the face of what everyone else is doing. When you look interstate, the NT recently announced that it is turbocharging its tourism with an additional \$114 million, WA has just announced a \$30 million partnership with Perth Airport and Queensland put another \$94.6 million towards its tourism programs. That is why it is so astounding to me that there is this cut in tourism. This is a very competitive field. It is a national and international marketplace that we are competing in. Now is not the time to pull back.

I had the opportunity to ask questions of the Minister for Industry and Skills. I have to say that it was a case of *deja vu* because it was a continuously repetitive estimates hearing where the minister described at length his upbringing and his formative years. While I support his history—and he is very proud of his history—I have heard it many, many times. It was a little like bingo: how many apprentices he has employed, what he did, how he got there. While I know that he is proud of that, it was a case of *deja vu* over and over again.

When I came to the questions that I wanted to ask, once again there was a very proud announcement about 20,000-plus apprenticeships and traineeships over the next four years. The conversation was about commencements; I want to know about completions. This comes at a time when they have cut many of the jobs-supporting activities that were previously funded. It is not an additional 20,000 because we already have many apprenticeships and traineeships. It is a lift—I will give you that—but let's be clear about what we currently have and where we are aiming to go. Let us focus on the completion rates. You can have all the people in the world commencing, but what we need people to do is complete their training or their apprenticeship and get their trade.

I had some questions about the cuts to industry and skills and about Jobs First and Career Services. I was very disappointed that there was no real knowledge from the minister about what those funds did before. He was very clear that he had cut them and that they are not there anymore, but he had no understanding about what role they played and how important they were, whether it be in the disability sector supporting people with disabilities to get into work, or the University of the Third Age, which has established itself over many years. We know that there are impacts on Bedford and, in my own electorate, Northern Futures has lost the majority of its funding.

What I heard from the minister was, 'The federal government will take care of that. It's not our place to pay.' But you cannot just abdicate everything to the federal government because a lot of people in South Australia are unable to qualify to get that support. Therefore, when we wanted to support people through apprenticeships and traineeships to be work ready, these groups were funded to do that. Sometimes people need someone to walk alongside them to get work ready. For those of you in this house who have employed people before, if they are not work ready they make life more difficult. If people are not work ready and ready to be there to learn, then you cannot continue to employ them. These work-ready programs are incredibly important, but they have just been dismissed and they have been cut.

Of course, another area very close to me is the Northern Economic Plan. It appears that this government has turned its back on the people of the north. The state government had a 10-year commitment through the Northern Economic Plan with the councils of Port Adelaide Enfield, Playford and Salisbury. The job is not done, yet what I hear from people is, 'Oh, no, things have turned out okay. We don't have to continue doing things there. There are going to be some special projects, but we don't actually know what they are yet.'

I asked the minister, 'Did you sit down with the Mayor of Salisbury and explain to her that you are cutting and running, that you are not continuing the Northern Economic Plan?' There was absolute silence. No, there is no commitment to them. He is cutting Service SA offices, he is cutting TAFE, but what is our ongoing investment to the people of the north? I think the belief is that the job is done.

We know that economically our unemployment rate is less than we thought it would be at this time after Holden closes, and that is a good thing for the state. I think the work we did with the Future Jobs Fund and the auto transition was very good, but please, this is not the time to think that the northern economy is fully complete. It needs your continued focus and your support.

Let me talk about Lot Fourteen. We heard a lot about this from the minister. I really wanted to talk to him about his knowledge of other areas of cohabitation of groups and collaboration, but he did not seem to have that much knowledge of it. He has been interstate, but I am not sure he knew how well we were doing here in South Australia as well. What I got was interesting. The question for me was: what is the role of the private sector versus the public sector, and is our focus on Lot Fourteen going to interrupt the private investment that we have here? Instead this is what I got:

For years, Adelaide has been described as the city of churches. We are building the entrepreneurial cathedral in the middle of Adelaide.

When there are serious questions of economic policies, questions about jobs and the future prosperity of this state, I think the people of South Australia will not tolerate such a flippant and disrespectful answer. We can only come to one of two conclusions—that the minister was not up for the scrutiny around this question about Lot Fourteen or that he genuinely thinks that he oversees this shiny new cathedral. That is where this government's head is.

We need to be realistic. While I am a supporter of innovation, while I am a supporter of our looking at entrepreneurship, the constituents in my electorate want you to focus on jobs, health, cost of living and education. While we encourage the development of innovation, and we encourage the development of new ideas here, they do not want to hear a minister meandering on about how he thinks the government is building a cathedral. That is not what they want to hear.

When I think about the budget, I think about the estimates process, and I think what we are seeing here is a consolidation of the Treasurer's power within government. The government have abolished the investment and health industry advisory boards because they think the boards were too expensive. That was their rationale. I asked whether business cases were done and in both those cases there was no answer there at all.

They have turned their back on Kangaroo Island residents by abolishing the office of the commissioner for Kangaroo Island, one of the key arrowheads of our tourism offerings. Just throw the baby out with the bathwater 'because we didn't like it'. But what we need to be doing is collaborating and working together. In terms of this budget, it was confirmed through estimates that there were key cuts to the drivers of economic growth and investment attraction and tourism. There is no strategic backbone to this budget and its cruel cuts. Rather than saying that it is our future, I feel that we are going back in time.

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (12:18): I am very pleased to rise today to speak on the report into the estimates committees on the Appropriation Bill. Firstly, as those before me have done, I would also like to commend the work of the member for Flinders and Deputy Speaker as well as the member for Waite in chairing these committees. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the ministers, who performed very well throughout the budget estimates period, particularly given the disappointing performance of the opposition, where in some cases shouting and interrupting were viewed as a substitute for thought-provoking questions. It reminds me of the old saying that speaking loudly is the next best thing to being right.

I would also like to commend the work of the ministerial staffers and also all the public servants who put in an extraordinary amount of work in preparation for these committee hearings. The Marshall Liberal government's first budget is a strong budget, it is a firm budget and it fixes up the mess left to us by the former Labor government and delivers on each and every one of the commitments we took to the people of South Australia at the last election.

In my case, and for my community in the north-east, this has meant a number of very good things, including significant funding to upgrade Modbury Hospital; funding to fix Golden Grove Road; funding to open up reservoirs, including the Hope Valley Reservoir; increased funding for park-and-rides to fund expansions of parking at Paradise, Golden Grove, Tea Tree Plaza and Klemzig; upgrades to the Tea Tree Gully sports hub, to Tea Tree Gully Gymsports; to parking access and availability at the South Australian Districts Netball Association courts; to fix the intersection of North-

East Road and South Para Road in Chain of Ponds; and increased funding to the Tea Tree Gully toy library of \$100,000 over four years.

We are delivering on our promises locally and across the state. Importantly, we are also ensuring the sustainability of the state's finances into the future by delivering balanced budgets over the forward estimates. This is, of course, in contrast to the previous government which, in its Mid-Year Budget Review late last year, promised a \$12 million surplus for the 2017-18 financial year. Curiously, we have seen Treasury documents warning that same government in January this year that the budget had already blown out by about \$190 million; of course, there was no mention of that at the time.

It is also worth noting, particularly given a lot of the bleating coming from those opposite, that the Labor government's final Mid-Year Budget Review included \$715 million in savings. What this government has done is an additional \$148.9 million. On top of that, one of the big differences is that the former government clearly failed to meet its targets and was failing to meet these targets, which is in contrast to the responsible approach taken by the new Marshall Liberal government.

Health was an important feature of the budget, particularly in the Treasury committee where we learned that the budget for the Central Adelaide Local Health Network had blown out in the 2017-18 financial year by more than \$300 million. This is clearly an issue resulting from the irresponsible work of the previous government, but it needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency to ensure that our health system functions as it needs to into the future.

Moreover, the former Labor government's Mid-Year Budget Review included cuts to the health budget that the Marshall Liberal government deemed unrealistic; as such, that effectively puts an additional \$800 million more into health compared with what had been budgeted previously. Importantly, we are also investing an additional \$45 million to reduce elective surgery waiting times, as well as colonoscopy waiting times, in our public hospitals.

In the case of colonoscopies, all the advice is that the sooner you get the opportunity to treat bowel cancer the much greater the chance the person has of surviving. Obviously, the fact that so many patients were waiting beyond the clinically recommended maximum wait time could have a devastating effect on the individuals affected but, from a broader public health perspective, early intervention has much better outcomes and much greater efficiencies within the health system as a whole.

Another commitment we made that I was particularly pleased with was the \$30.7 million over three years for the meningococcal B vaccine for children between the ages of six weeks and four years and then also for years 10 and 11 students and young adults. This important program was formulated with input from a local study called B Part of It, a study happening right here in South Australia looking at the impact of the meningococcal B vaccine, a very new vaccine, on colonisation in adolescents.

An important aspect of an organism like the meningococcus is that for a lot of people it is carried without any disease at all, and so knowing what is happening and which people within our community are carrying this bacteria, but not necessarily getting sick, is important for then targeting how best to prevent the disease. The work being done here and around the world is showing that the primary age group that transmits this organism around the community is indeed adolescents. Whilst those young children are much more likely to get sick, and that is where we see most of the disease, they are much less likely to be carriers.

That is why the properly informed program that the Marshall government is putting forward targets the important age group that is responsible for transmitting the bug around the community whilst also targeting the age group that is most likely to get sick. This has been seen before in my previous area of work with the pneumococcal vaccine, where the younger children age group was responsible for transmitting the bug around the community. When that age group was immunised, we saw a reduction in disease in their grandparents. It is important to consider all these factors and that is why the work that the Minister for Health and Wellbeing has done on this in the working group in determining how to best target this vaccine is very important. They should be commended for it.

I was also very pleased to be part of the committee with the Minister for Industry and Skills, of course not only to hear his very enthusiastic commitment to improving skills and increasing the

number of apprenticeships and traineeships throughout our state—something he will never tire of speaking about, even if some of those opposite do tire of hearing about it—but also to be part of the session where he talked about innovation and what the government's plans are in the area of commercialisation of research and, in particular, some of the work that has been proposed for the innovation and commercialisation precinct at the Lot Fourteen site, which I think is a fantastic opportunity to bring different groups together.

We have academic institutions that have extraordinary intellectual capacity and skills along with those from the private sector and those, again, with the government. We have seen many examples now of this trend towards bringing those groups together and seeing that important transfer of the fantastic work that is being done right here in South Australia into products that can be sold or services that can be provided for our state and around the world.

Last Friday, I was very privileged to attend the University of Adelaide with the Premier and also the Assistant Minister for Defence, Senator Fawcett, for the joint signing between the university and Lockheed Martin of an important agreement between the Australian Institute for Machine Learning and this enormous defence company from the United States, bringing in world-leading expertise at the academic end as well as the industry end.

A number of months earlier, I also attended a similar event at the University of Adelaide, where we saw the company by the name of Silanna sign an agreement with the University of Adelaide in the Faculty of Engineering around their semiconductor research program. I must admit that that is an area of research that I do not profess to know or understand a lot about, but it is clearly very important in terms of where we are going with technology into the future.

One of the particularly exciting aspects of that agreement was that Dr Petar Atanackovic from the University of Adelaide is one of those rare cases who studied initially in Adelaide, went on to work at Stanford University, and then in the private sector within Silicon Valley, and has then made the move to come back to Adelaide, bringing that important expertise here.

I also had the privilege recently of attending the fifth anniversary of the new Braggs Building that houses the Institute for Photonics and Advanced Sensing (IPAS), the institute at the University of Adelaide that looks at fibre optics and how they can have different sensors attached and detect all range of things from biological compounds to chemical compounds and even heat sensing.

There is a particularly interesting project going on there that is being done in collaboration with Nyrstar in Port Pirie where they are designing a fibre that can detect heat with high resolution within their furnace, not only giving them an overall average temperature across the whole furnace but also allowing them to measure the different variations in temperature in the different positions within it.

I commend Professor Andre Luiten, the head of that institute, for the work he is doing and also Professor Tanya Monro, who is now at the University of South Australia but who was instrumental in the beginning of IPAS in Adelaide. The government is committed to supporting the commercialisation of research. This has been done through the new Research, Commercialisation and Start-up Fund. Importantly, we have also appointed the new Chief Entrepreneur, Jim Whalley, who has enormous expertise in this important area.

In summary, our budget is focused on fixing many of the problems we are faced with now but it is also very much forward looking. It is looking at how we can provide better and more efficient services into the future but also at how we can create the best environment possible to ensure that we are creating jobs of the future that will stand the test of time and ensure that our young people and people of all ages can stay here and work and enjoy the lives they want to live right here in South Australia.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (12:31): I note there was no talk there about the O-Bahn or any of the cuts that have happened to services in the member for Newland's area. I want to talk today about a mean, tricky, nasty budget, some of the effects of which we will not see for several months and people will not know just how disastrous this budget has been, delivered by the new government.

I sat through the estimates with the minister for trade and tourism and I was really worried about where tourism is headed. Everyone I speak to in the tourism sector is also very worried about the cuts that are happening to one of our most exciting economic drivers. The visitor economy, as I think everybody is aware, went from \$4.9 billion a year to \$6.7 billion a year in the space of five years, and that did not come about by accident. That came about because we as a government put extra money into the visitor economy through the South Australian Tourism Commission. We established a bid fund for conferences and conventions. We also set up a major events bid fund; we went out and we won some pretty big events. The state of origin, rugby league, is coming to South Australia.

The member for Morphett will be at the Lifesaving World Championships in just a few weeks, which will be fantastic, in his electorate. I think we may be the first city in the world, if not the second perhaps, to host these world championships for a second time.

Mr Patterson: The first.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: We are the first to host them for a second time, which is a great accolade for South Australia, but they do not come about by accident. We have to go out and work really hard to get these major events. One of the big ones that we had was the great fight between Anthony Mundine and Danny Green at the Adelaide Oval. That was one of the most spectacular nights of entertainment or sport that we have seen at the Adelaide Oval and that did not come about because we had more money to throw at it than Sydney or Melbourne or Perth or Brisbane, who were also competing for the biggest grudge match in Australian boxing. That happened because we made a concerted effort to go out and win that major event for South Australia.

I wrote to Anthony Mundine and Danny Green and explained how big this would be for Adelaide. I explained how, if you go to another city, you might get lost in the big smoke, but here in Adelaide people will get behind it. We have this brand-new Adelaide Oval, which our government had the vision to build at a cost of \$535 million on behalf of the taxpayers of this state. I explained that we have this new oval, this fantastic stadium that is noisy and popular and would attract a massive crowd. When Danny and Anthony came here for their famous pre-match press conference and announced they were going to have the fight, they actually said that made a difference, because there was a personal touch from the government.

I am a little bit worried that this new Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment is actually not involved in going out and getting the sorts of events that we need here to make sure that our visitor economy grows. We saw his comments in the first few weeks that he was a minister. He was very hands-off with the South Australian Tourism Commission. I will tell you what: you can say all you like that it is a statutory authority that sits at arm's length from the government, but when things go wrong, everything comes back to the minister's door and table because it is the minister who has the ultimate responsibility for driving the visitor economy in this state.

I was pretty disappointed last weekend to hear that Wollongong had won the right to host the 2022 world cycling championships. This is an event that was cherry ripe for Adelaide to have. The UCI, which is the world governing body of cycling, wanted a big fee, which was negotiable. Cycling Australia wanted a big fee, which was negotiable. The premier and I had some pretty good conversations with the president of Cycling Australia, Steve Bracks, throughout last year. As recently as early this year, we sat down with Steve Bracks and chatted to him about how Adelaide was the right place to host the world cycling championships because we have a commitment to cycling that goes back years and years.

During the Bannon years, we built the velodrome out at Gepps Cross, which is still one of the best velodromes anywhere in the world. We were the home for so long of the Australian Institute of Sport's track and road cycling program. Adelaide has been a focal point. During the past few years, we also committed to \$11 million of extra funding for cycling. That involved an upgrade at the velodrome at Gepps Cross, building a wind tunnel next to that.

It was interesting that in this budget, the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Treasurer showed absolutely no shame in going out and claiming those announcements as their own. That is a disgrace. What they could do is just say, 'We're committing to what the previous government did,' but to go out and take credit for something that was announced in January this year at the Tour Down Under dinner, I think shows a fair bit of hide and a fair bit of shamelessness.

But people are not silly out there. There is a recognition that it was our government that put that money on the table. As well as that, there is the Sam Willoughby international BMX track to be built in the southern suburbs. The location is still to be worked out between the Marion and Onkaparinga councils and the state government, but again it was a commitment of our government.

We were telling Steve Bracks of Cycling Australia and David Lappartient, who is the new head of the international cycling union, the UCI, that South Australia should be rewarded for being one of the great cycling states and locations anywhere in the world, where David Lappartient and the UCI can bring people from around the world to Adelaide for the world cycling championships in 2022 and say, 'This is what the best cycling city in the world looks like. You should aim to look like this as well.'

It will require investment in infrastructure and investment in major events to get that reputation, but it is something that we have built up over many, many years. We were getting a good response from Cycling Australia and the UCI. Those relationships did not happen overnight. I was a cycling journalist right throughout the 1990s and early 2000s. I lived in Switzerland for a couple of years and covered the Tour de France.

When the head of the Tour de France comes out to stay in Australia, he stays at my house. We have a very good relationship. We were together again on the Tour de France last year—and that is what you need to have. This is not just about having the biggest pile of money because we are never going to win the contest if it is about the biggest pile of money, not when you look at the money available to the bigger states like Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. When you cannot compete on a monetary level, you have to be smarter about how you go about doing business.

Christian Prudhomme, the head of the Tour de France, and I are good mates. Sir Gary Verity, who was knighted by the Queen for getting the Tour de France to start in Yorkshire a few years ago, is another good mate. He was out with us and stayed with us during the tour this year, last year and the year before. We took him to Kangaroo Island this year and showed him around. Last year, I reciprocated: I went to Yorkshire and caught up with him. You have to have those relationships with people.

Sir Gary Verity, who heads up tourism in Yorkshire, was successful in getting the UCI to award the 2019 world cycling championships to Yorkshire. Like South Australia and Adelaide, they have built up a reputation for being a region committed to cycling. Sir Gary offered this new government the opportunity to work on behalf of Adelaide to try to secure the rights for the world cycling championships for 2022, to be held right here in Adelaide, which would have been terrific.

It was one of my great ambitions and dreams to host the world's best cyclists right here in South Australia. There are 300,000 people expected to come to watch the world cycling championship and the best cyclists ride around—millions and millions and millions of dollars into our visitor economy, another vote of confidence in Adelaide by the world for being a great cycling city and a great city for putting on major events.

Sir Gary never heard back from the government about his offer to help. The weekend before last, we woke up on a Sunday morning to find out, at the world cycling championships in Austria, that they had announced the 2022 world cycling championships will go to Wollongong. What is going on when Wollongong beats Adelaide? I have nothing against that beautiful part of Australia, with its coastline, but we are the city, we are the state, that has invested in the infrastructure. We are the state that, until this new government got in in March, had an exemplary relationship with these world leaders.

I gave four years' notice to the Liberal Party when, before the 2014 election, they did not bother to meet with the then head of the UCI or with Christian Prudhomme, the head of the Tour de France, or with Sir Gary Verity, who were all in town. They did not take the time to walk down the street or come up to them at one of the legs of the Tour Down Under and talk to them. We saw exactly the same thing before the Tour Down Under this year. It really worries me that this is a government that thinks it can just get in and turn up to all the openings and schmooze around. It is a hard job to build the visitor economy. You can make it look easy, you can make it look fun, but it is actually hard work.

It is one of those areas where, if you are lucky enough to have that portfolio, you can make a real difference in terms of bringing money into the state, creating jobs, creating wealth. The best money we can have in our state is the money out of the purses, wallets and pockets of people from interstate and overseas. That is direct money into our capital city. It is direct money into our regions, where 42 per cent of tourism dollars are spent, which is great news for Kangaroo Island, McLaren Vale, the Barossa, the Riverland, for the South-East, the stunning Eyre Peninsula and the fabulous Flinders Ranges. For every part of this state the visitor economy is vitally important.

I am hearing that marketing money has been stripped out. We have already missed out, as I said, on hosting the world cycling championships in 2022. I really worry for some of those other events, which I know were on the drawing board when we were in government and which this new government has dropped the ball on. I was disappointed to hear in estimates about the massive cutbacks that are going to hit the Adelaide 500; still no concerts announced.

As to the stadium supertrucks, which have been such a huge hit, my Facebook tells me that it was four years ago today that I went out in one of these stadium supertrucks and went over the jumps at 200 km/h, sitting in the passenger seat with a legend of NASCAR called Robby Gordon. He told me that day, 'You wait till these hit the streets during the Adelaide 500 next year. This is the only motor racing event that brings everyone to the barriers.' I am thinking, 'Yeah, sure mate, you're just talking yourself up a bit.' But we were there, watching it on their debut in Adelaide at the Adelaide 500 in 2015, and he was right. Everyone left their seats and raced down to the barriers to get a closer look at those overgrown utes going up and over jumps and getting up on two wheels. It was the most spectacular racing that we had seen.

What I am getting at is that the stadium supertrucks are no more for the Adelaide 500; there are no big concerts anymore; everything is being cut out of it. What I hear from the teams and those involved in supercars is that they are very worried about what they heard out of this government and what they heard out of the South Australian Tourism Commission when they were down at Tailem Bend for the first ever supercar series race at Tailem Bend back in August.

They got the distinct feeling that this government does not care about the Adelaide 500, that it is quite happy to have everything moved down to Tailem Bend. Tailem Bend is an amazing facility, a facility that our government helped get off the ground. We gave every support we could, including \$7.5 million. We gave support to their getting the licence to have a supercar race there, but it was conditional on us growing the pie and having two major rounds of the supercar calendar here. There is no bigger race, apart from Bathurst, than the Adelaide 500. It is a street circuit race, and it is one that is loved by the fans, by the teams and by the sponsors of supercars. It is phenomenal and it is the only race of its kind on the circuit.

It really worries me that we are hearing all sorts of figures of money that is being stripped out of that event, from between \$3 million and \$6 million. I am hearing that the \$6 million figure is closer to the mark than the \$3 million figure. I really worry about our visitor economy because we made a lot of investments to get events here, to get visitors here through marketing, and to build infrastructure: the \$400 million Convention Centre, the \$535 million Adelaide Oval, and that investment was followed by private sector investment, which built hotels that need cleaners, bar staff and front-of-house guest relations employees, and which employ thousands and thousands of South Australians every day in our visitor economy. The easiest way to kickstart your economy is through the visitor economy. The easiest way to make it go downhill is to take money out of that sector, and I am very afraid that that is what is happening.

In my local area we made a commitment for millions and millions of dollars to be spent on sporting infrastructure in the south. We worked with the Onkaparinga council, and they are very well aware of what we promised in the last Mid-Year Budget Review that we brought down in December last year. Part of that agreement and commitment was \$2 million that we put in for a soccer pitch at Aldinga. Aldinga is one of the fastest growing suburbs in South Australia. There are a lot of young families there, and it has no soccer pitch. You have thousands of people—women, men, boys, girls—who have nowhere to go to train or play soccer. As a local member and as a sports minister I listened to that request, and we prioritised \$2 million to go to the Aldinga area to build a soccer pitch.

I received a letter today from the Minister for Sport, who tells me that, under the previous government's Mid-Year Budget Review, the money was not transferred to the Office for Recreation

and Sport for administration or allocation. That is just rubbish—that is rubbish! We were out there publicly declaring that this money was there. The Office for Recreation and Sport knew that that \$2 million was there for the people of Aldinga to have their soccer pitch. This new, mean government with its mean budget took that \$2 million off the people of Aldinga and spent it on something else that was not very important to the people of Aldinga or to people anywhere in this state.

When we build new suburbs, we have to keep up and we have to have the facilities there. I can tell you that the people of Aldinga are pretty dirty on this new government. Unlike some of those backbenchers opposite who come in here and accept that their suburbs and their communities have been stripped of facilities and services that were either in place or promised, I will not be silenced. I was not silenced when our side of parliament was in government—I had fights with my own side—and I will certainly not be silenced, now that there is a new Liberal government in town cutting things in my local area, because it is an absolute disgrace.

The other area that is going to come back and condemn this government is women's sports. For far too long, because they have wanted to participate in sport, girls and women in our state have had to change in their cars, behind bushes, in men's toilets with urinals, in offices and in other inappropriate places. That is not good enough, and we knew that was not good enough. As the surge of women came towards sport, and as women wanted to participate in sport, we committed \$24 million for women's change rooms, either for new builds or to retrofit existing facilities. This new, mean, tricky Liberal government with their mean, tricky first budget have taken that fund away.

They have penalised every woman and every girl in this state, and it is just not good enough. I can tell you that not only are the women and the girls coming after this government for what they have done but so are the men—because they have sisters and daughters and they know that it is not good enough to ignore the women and the girls in our community.

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12:51): I take this opportunity to thank you, Deputy Speaker, for chairing the estimates session I am about to speak about in regard to the Appropriation Bill. I will start by talking about the education session, which was of course of great interest to me. We covered a very diverse range of issues. Starting with the question of additional funding for our schools, the session that we had came in the wake, very shortly, of an announcement by the federal government that there would be a significant increase in the funding for non-government schools but not one that would be matched for public schools.

I inquired of the minister what his intention was in terms of standing up to the state of affairs. Although the minister said that he had made several representations, internally, to the federal minister—who had only been in for a couple of weeks, I think—there was no sense of his really pushing hard on the absolute inequity of the federal government deciding that it would break its own policy settings (policy settings that I do not agree with in the first place) to push still further the inequity of prioritising private schools over public schools instead of having a genuinely sector-blind, needs-based approach to school funding.

Queensland, Victoria and the ACT have come out very strongly in opposition to that. In some ways, I am sure the minister or the other side of the chamber might say, 'You would expect that. They are Labor governments and they are perhaps freer, politically, to do that.' However, consider New South Wales minister Rob Stokes, who is following in the very well-regarded footsteps of minister Adrian Piccoli. As Coalition ministers for education, they have seen that their job is to stand up for children and schools, rather than to stay close to their political mates. Rob Stokes has come out and said, 'I may not sign this. I may not sign this agreement because it is unfair.'

Now, that is an education minister. He has been an education minister for a little longer than the current one in South Australia, and I have some hope that maybe our education minister will similarly realise that staying close to Canberra does not benefit South Australia. Standing up for the right issues, standing up for what matters and what is important and for what you are responsible for, which is the school system—that is what makes a difference.

Following a cut under the Abbott government's first budget of \$335 million in the last two years of the original Gonski deal, after fighting and fighting we got \$125 million of that back for all three sectors. That is not good enough. With \$210 million, you could do an enormous amount for

schools and for students in need, but fighting made a difference, and I would like this government to reflect on that.

Ironically, just after our estimates federal Labor came out and, consistent with their position that they would restore the original Gonski funding, have been able to give clarity on how much that means—that is, an additional \$256 million in the first three years for public schools in South Australia. The minister was very lukewarm about that in the media, far more lukewarm than anything I heard him say about the additional funding for private schools but not for public. While we are talking about funding, there was much discussion about the increase in funding for education in this budget. It looks like it has gone up something like \$500 million from the previous budget to the end of these forward estimates.

What is that additional money? It is enrolment growth—expected. It is depreciation in assets—expected—although it is somewhat of a mystery and, I imagine, better understood by the people who manage assets and finances than most others. It is some Labor-funded commitments—the new schools in the north and the south and in Whyalla. It is the Labor decision to reach average state funding for non-government schools that occurred at the Mid-Year Budget Review. It is the increase in the commonwealth funding that I have just cited, which we fought so hard to get. It is also indexation. That is not going to make a difference to kids in schools who desperately need improved quality.

What might make a difference in a negative sense are the cuts, and that was the next subject of discussion—200 staff from head office. The government very rightly is at pains not to have the cuts directly affect schools or, I think I understood from estimates, the Learning Improvement Division within head office. I find it hard to fathom that 200 jobs can go from head office without affecting schools. They do not do things that are so irrelevant to schools that you can get rid of 200 of them overnight and schools will be left untroubled. This may not be a case of cost shifting, but I suspect it is at the very least a case of work shifting, where work that has been done centrally will now have to be undertaken in schools.

We talked about year 7. The move for year 7s into a secondary setting is one that I chose not to make, but I respect that the government have come in with a policy commitment for two elections in a row that they want to do it. All I ask is that they fund it. The genuinely new money in the budget is to fund the first six months, the first half of the school year, of the much more expensive approach of having year 7s in secondary school. It is more expensive to teach kids in high school than in primary school. Different industrial conditions mean that it is more expensive.

That money is in there, and it will go on. It is something like \$40 million a year net that the state government is now going to have to find every year because of that choice. If they find it, and if they add it to the education budget, then that is a perfectly respectable position. What they have not done is fund the money for infrastructure. What they are doing is largely taking the money that had been assigned to a number of high schools and area schools, as well as primary schools but leave them aside.

A number of high schools and area schools will have funding that we allocated to improve their infrastructure used to increase capacity for year 7. Capacity was mentioned in our program, and it was leant on very much by the minister. It was one of the criteria. That capacity was because these schools are growing anyway. Golden Grove High School is already full. It is already under enrolment pressure because the area has more families and therefore needs to increase its learning areas for that natural growth.

Having money that has to be dedicated to year 7s means that they will almost certainly not be able to build the performing arts studio and spaces they had expected to be able to fund because of the money that was allocated by the previous state government. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 13:00 to 14:00.

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS (CHILD ABUSE) AMENDMENT BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

**NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME FOR INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
(COMMONWEALTH POWERS) BILL***Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

INFRASTRUCTURE SA BILL*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor Assented to the bill.

*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.

URBAN INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Ms STINSON (Badcoe): Presented a petition signed by 602 residents of greater metropolitan Adelaide requesting the house to urge the government to take immediate action to amend our planning laws, policies and procedures to increase the quality of urban infill development and reduce the level of infill density, and allow broader public notification and right to representation for proposed infill development throughout the City of West Torrens and greater metropolitan Adelaide.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is called to order.

*Parliamentary Procedure***VISITORS**

The SPEAKER: I welcome to parliament today members of West Lakes Shore Probus Club, who are here as guests of the member for Lee. Welcome to parliament.

ANSWERS TABLED

The SPEAKER: I direct that the written answers to questions be distributed and printed in *Hansard*.

PAPERS

The following papers were laid on the table:

By the Speaker—

Auditor-General—

Annual Report Part A: Executive Summary Report 5 of 2018

[Ordered to be published]

Annual Report Part B: Agency Audit Reports Report 5 of 2018

[Ordered to be published]

Digital Licensing Report 7 of 2018 [Ordered to be published]

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption South Australia and Office for Public Integrity—Annual Report 2017-18

Judicial Conduct Commissioner—Annual Report 2017-18

Leases made under the following Acts

Adelaide Park Lands—Park Lands Lease Agreement—Adelaide Comets Football Club Inc

By the Premier (Hon. S.S. Marshall)—

Adelaide Venue Management Corporation—Annual Report 2017-18
Government Boards and Committees Information, South Australian—Annual Report 2017-18
Police Superannuation Scheme—Annual Report Actuarial Report as at 30 June 2017
StudyAdelaide—Annual Report 2017-18

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

Attorney-General's Department—Annual Report 2017-18
Classification Council, South Australian—Annual Report 2017-18
Criminal Investigation (Covert Operations) Act 2009—
Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Annual Report 2017-18
Commissioner of Police Annual Report 2017-18
Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Annual Report 2017-18
Diesel Generators, Report into the procurement of—Report 30 August 2018
Listening and Surveillance Devices Act 1972—
Annual Report 2017-18
Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Annual Report 2017-18
Serious and Organised Crime (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2009—Annual Report 2017-18
State Records Act 1997, Administration of the—Annual Report 2017-18
Surveillance Devices Act 2016—
Annual Report 2017-18
Rules made under the following Acts—
Magistrates Court—
Civil—Amendment No. 22
Criminal—Amendment No. 68
Supreme Court—Probate—Amendment No. 1
Youth Court—
Care and Protection—General
General—Amendments
Young—Amendments

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

Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18
Teachers Registration Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18

By the Minister for Industry and Skills (Hon. D.G. Pisoni)—

Film Corporation, South Australian—Annual Report 2017-18
Industry Advocate, Office of the—Annual Report 2017-18
JamFactory Contemporary Craft and Design Inc.—Annual Report 2017-18
State Development, Department of—Annual Report 2017-18

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Tobacco Products Regulation—Smoking Bans—The Parade Norwood

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

Regulations made under the following Acts—
Children and Young People (Safety)—Miscellaneous

Children's Protection—Miscellaneous
Family and Community Services—Miscellaneous

By the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services (Hon. C.L. Wingard)—
Police, South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18

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

Community Road Safety Fund—Annual Report 2017-18
Homestart Finance—Annual Report 2017-18
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator—Annual Report 2017-18
National Rail Safety Regulator, Office of the—Annual Report 2017-18
Outback Communities Authority—Annual Report 2017-18
Riverbank Authority—Annual Report 2017-18
Urban Renewal Authority—Annual Report 2017-18
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Heavy Vehicle National Law (South Australia)—
Amendment of Law No. 6
Expiation Fees No. 2
Expiation Fees No. 3
Real Property—Registration Fee

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

Adelaide Cemeteries Authority—Annual Report 2017-18
Architectural Practice Board of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18
West Beach Trust—Annual Report 2017-18
Regulations made under the following Acts—
Development—Murals in City of Adelaide

Ministerial Statement

COREY, MR W.T.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:05): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The early hours of last Wednesday saw the passing of one of the last Rats of Tobruk, William Thomas Corey OAM, or Bill, as he was known to the veterans in South Australia whom he regularly represented and the school groups with whom he shared his experiences of life. Bill recently celebrated his 101st birthday.

Born in Riverton, he grew up in Walkerville and went to Adelaide High. He was working as a butcher when he enlisted in June 1940, aged 22. In August 1941, he took part in the siege of Tobruk, a small town on the Libyan coast that was central to much of the fighting that took place in the Western Desert during World War II. The soldiers who held the garrison of the Port of Tobruk during fierce fighting over more than seven months came to wear the name Rats of Tobruk as a badge of great pride.

To quote from Bill's own unassuming words about his experiences in Tobruk, I would like to read into *Hansard* some of his thoughts:

Easter found us surrounded and the siege of Tobruk had begun. There was the red line which was the front line, and a blue line which was just behind the red. So there was always a period in the front (red) then change with another on the blue. This didn't always mean a rest because we were always changing into a new position around the perimeter and we knew by now why Australian soldiers were called diggers because every time we shifted it seemed we had to dig new holes.

His (German) artillery could shell just about anywhere in the area and his air force could do just as they pleased because after the first few days what hurricanes we had had been shot out of the sky. After that, we didn't have any aeroplanes. We used to fire on the planes when they were very low, just for fun really because you would have had to be very lucky to bring one down.

We did have some fun—Australians have a pretty good sense of humour. We didn't wash because we didn't have any water, we cut each other's hair with blunt scissors, sharpened razor blades to have a shave and believe it or not if you tied your shorts or shirt to a peg and let them be blown around in the sand or dirt they became clean. Spiders, scorpions, fleas and rats used to get into our blankets so it paid to give the blankets a shake before using them.

Bill went on to serve with the 2nd/43rd Battalion in El Alamein and Syria, but his war did not end there. He returned to Australia in 1943 and then went to New Guinea to fight against the Japanese before taking part in the campaign to recapture Borneo from the Japanese in June 1945.

As a result of his wartime experience in uniform, Bill came to value mateship above all else. He was an unfailingly positive and optimistic gentleman and inspired thousands of South Australian children and adults alike. His passion for passing on his life experiences to the younger generations remained with him until his final days. Just four weeks ago, Bill made his last school visit to St Michael's College, where his talk and answers to questions held the history students captivated.

When the ANZAC Centenary Memorial Walk was opened in 2016, Bill was chosen to join His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC and then premier Jay Weatherill to cut the ribbon and officially open our state's major contribution to mark the centenary of ANZAC. There was no more fitting person to perform this duty than William Thomas Corey. This Friday at 4pm a funeral will be held to celebrate Bill's amazing life at Berry Funerals in Norwood.

On behalf of the house and the people of South Australia, I convey our condolences to Bill's family, particularly his devoted children Don and Dianne and grandchildren Julie, Michael, Matthew, Keyte and Lee, and Bill's many, many friends. He will be missed.

Vale, Bill Corey. Lest we forget.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

LIVESEY REPORT INTO GENERATOR ACQUISITION

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:12): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Today, the report by Mark Livesey QC into the purchase of the diesel generators was tabled in parliament by the Attorney-General. It is a sobering read and a damning indictment of the previous Labor government's decision-making, highlighting serious concerns with its procurement process. It exposes how, seemingly without any expert advice, Labor rushed into owning permanent generators at huge expense without any evidence of their being needed in the long term.

The previous Labor government decided to slug South Australian taxpayers on the basis of politics alone for generators that will likely lie dormant. Mr Livesey QC outlines that the likely total cost of the generators will be a staggering \$609.5 million or more—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —over their 25-year lifetime. Even if they were to be used in the future, there is no guarantee that they will be anymore cost effective than alternatives.

I would like to place on the record my acknowledgement of Mr Livesey QC's words about my department and its remarkable efforts to establish the temporary generators in such a short time under the previous government's direction and my appreciation for its ongoing work. But I will leave to the words of Mr Livesey QC's report—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —an explanation of the process overseen by the former energy minister Koutsantonis which led to the procurement and ultimate exercise of the option to purchase the generators, and I quote:

I have seen no comprehensive or contemporaneous independent financial analysis of the long-term implications of exercising the option when it was announced in August 2017 or when it was exercised in November 2017.

That is from paragraph 4. The report continues:

It is difficult to determine the concrete advantage associated with exercising the option early (paragraph 7.2.2).

(N)either the obtaining nor exercising of the option was made the subject of any specific procurement approval from the State Procurement Board (paragraph 7.4).

State Procurement Board approval was probably required—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I continue—

before the option was obtained and, on any view, before it was exercised and the State was thereby committed to its acquisition. That was not done (paragraph 7.5).

I quote:

The likely overall cost—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has leave. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker—

will be at least \$494.5 million, in addition to the initial lease and associated costs for the first 13 months of around \$115 million, a total of \$609.5 million (paragraph 7.9).

In my view it is significant that there does not appear to be any independent—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I continue—

expert report or other evidence provided to or considered by the Joint Steering Committee addressing the prospect of energy security risk beyond the proposed lease periods (paragraph 85).

It is significant, in my view, that at the time decision-making was announced concerning the 'State relocation option' for the acquisition of the 9GE TM2500 gas turbines from APR Energy, no further or contemporaneous consideration appears to have been given to the necessity for a State owned permanent emergency electricity generator. Rather, the necessity for this permanent facility appears to have been assumed (paragraph 105).

(T)he opportunity was lost to take the time to reflect on whether the large purchase, relocation and operation and maintenance costs could be avoided, together with reflection on the period of time for which this additional capacity may actually be required (paragraph 194).

In short, apart from the logistical issues to which I have referred, there does not appear to have been any overall advantage associated with the early exercise of the option to purchase (paragraph 198).

In these circumstances, it is my opinion that the applicable—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Continuing—

procurement policies and guidelines were not followed—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Would the Premier and the member for West Torrens please cease their discussions. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I will start that again, as it was a quote:

In these circumstances, it is my opinion that the applicable procurement policies and guidelines were not followed in connection with the obtaining or the exercise of the purchase option (paragraph 216).

Finally, the last quote:

(T)he evidence in favour of the case for a permanent emergency electrical generation facility is sparse indeed. None of the procurement materials or expert reports made available to me cite expert advice on the need for a permanent plant (paragraph 231).

I thank Mr Livesey QC for his time and effort in preparing this important report and all who assisted him in this task.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Before I call the minister again, I call the following members to order: the Premier, the Minister for Infrastructure, the member for Hammond and the member for West Torrens. The Minister for Energy has the call.

TEMPORARY GENERATORS

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:18): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The South Australian government has undertaken a thorough and methodical process to determine the best future for the generators purchased by the previous Labor government. The South Australian government will today provide a market notice that it will undertake an open lease by tender process to operate the generators for a 25-year period subject to strict controls to ensure that they operate—

The Hon. J.W. Weatherill: Privatisation—you're addicted.

The SPEAKER: No, member for Cheltenham, I am not addicted to privatisation and you are called to order.

Mr Picton: They are.

The SPEAKER: The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The South Australian government will today—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call. He has leave.

The Hon. S.K. Knoll: Unreconstructed leftie in the back row.

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Infrastructure, please!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The South Australian government will today provide a market notice that will undertake an open lease by tender process to operate the generators for a 25-year period, subject to strict controls to ensure that they—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —operate to help deliver more affordable and reliable power in South Australia.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The government will soon take ownership of the nine GE TM2500 generation 8 aeroderivative units and associated equipment. We need to clean up this costly and unnecessary mess left by Labor. The Marshall Liberal government has previously committed to retaining the temporary emergency generators—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Minister, please be seated. It is going to be a real shame if members depart before question time today. The minister does have leave, and he is entitled to be heard in silence.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: And his colleagues should also allow him to be heard in silence.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Thank you. The Marshall Liberal government has previously committed to retaining the temporary emergency generators in their current locations until autumn 2019. The government has further determined that some of the capacity may be required for providing emergency generation in the SA market until autumn 2020. Lessees will be responsible for their commercial operation in South Australia and the diligent maintenance of the equipment so that they are running at times of need in the peaks, with the SA government retaining ownership of the units.

Tenders sought for lease of the generators for 25 years will be evaluated on the basis of maximising value to South Australian energy consumers. The tender process is expected to commence in early November to enable completion of negotiations with successful parties by April 2019. The government will continue to monitor market conditions before making its final decision. Therefore, the government has not taken up the options canvassed by Mr Livesey QC of selling the generators or entering into direct negotiations with APR Energy.

It is clear from the Livesey report that the decision to procure the generators was undertaken seemingly without expert advice as to the long-term need and offered no advantage to South Australia at enormous and unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: It was no more than an expensive election stunt by a government that had failed to provide reliable power at an affordable price. The most recent forecasts by the Australian Energy Market Operator in its recent Electricity Statement of Opportunities confirms that there is a declining need for the temporary generators over the coming summers.

There are also important reforms underway, which will mean that, across the whole national energy market, sufficient reserves are procured, if needed, in a more cost-effective way through the development of a strategic reserve by AEMO. With the likelihood that they will not be needed into the future, leasing the generators for 25 years can help with delivering more affordable and reliable power.

We are moving forward positively with our energy solution based upon the world's largest rollout of home battery storage, an expansion in grid-scale storage and accelerating the interconnector with New South Wales. Some of our older generators will be retiring from the market over coming years. These older and less flexible generators are struggling in a market dominated by renewable energy. This course of action is appropriate in that context. By retaining strict controls, whilst allowing the units to enter the market instead of lying idle for decades at enormous expense, these generators can help deliver what all South Australians are seeking: more affordable and reliable power.

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurana is also called to order.

*Parliamentary Committees***LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:25): I bring up the report of the committee, entitled Annual Report 2017.

Report received.

*Question Time***DEFENCE SHIPBUILDING**

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:25): My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier contacted the Prime Minister seeking any assurances that there will be no further job losses at ASC?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:26): I am very pleased to receive this question. I speak to the Prime Minister on a very regular basis, as you would be aware, sir, and we were lucky to host the Prime Minister in South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —on the weekend. The Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison, is of course a great friend of South Australia. He understands how important shipbuilding is—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, leader!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —for this state.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: He understands how important shipbuilding is to our state. We speak about it regularly. We speak about the important flow-on effects to our state of the Coalition's decisions to build ships in Australia. What we know is that the Coalition made decisions to build the air warfare destroyers. What we know is that the Coalition made the decision to build the offshore patrol vessels, and we will be building future frigates and future submarines in South Australia.

What we are not aware of is any decision that was made by the former Labor federal government to build anything—to build absolutely anything—and of course this has flow-on effects. The hiatus in decision-making at the federal level with regard to ships for the Royal Australian Navy has left a major hiatus in terms of shipbuilding between the end of the air warfare destroyer contract and the beginning of the offshore patrol vessels. What I would like to know is what were those opposite doing—

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —during the—

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order, Premier. I will just hear the point of order by the member for West Torrens.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Standing order 98, sir: this is now debate.

The SPEAKER: Yes, 98 for debate. The question was about whether the Premier—if I have taken it correctly—has contacted the Prime Minister about job losses at ASC. I believe the Premier is coming back to the substance of the question very shortly. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I think, sir, the nub of this question is about what lobbying we do at a state level for federal contracts. I was asked the question by the Leader of the Opposition—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I will listen to the answer.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —have I spoken to the Prime Minister? The answer to that is yes, sir. He is very concerned about making sure that we can deliver on the future contracts that have been awarded to South Australia—offshore patrol vessels, future frigates, future submarines. We are doing everything we can to prepare for this bonanza which is heading South Australia's way.

But I was providing information to the chamber as a contrast, if you like, because we have a very significant problem in South Australia at the moment, which is this hiatus between the end of the air warfare destroyer contracts and the beginning of the offshore patrol vessels. This will create some real difficulties and additional costs for our nation, and the question that I was asking and the contrast that I was creating was: what was the previous government doing in terms of lobbying the federal government when the decision-making time frame was on them? That was the period of Julia Gillard and Kevin Rudd—in fact, Kevin Rudd twice I think. What lobbying did the previous government do to the federal government? Where was the opposition at that point in time?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: if the minister has nothing to answer, just sit down. It's 98, sir.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens—

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It was for a short period of time, and he doesn't know what the standing orders are.

The SPEAKER: Premier, please be seated for one moment. Member for West Torrens, like any other member you are entitled to raise a point of order but not to make an impromptu speech. Consequently, I warn you for a first time. The Premier is addressing what I believe is a germane part of the question about job losses: he is talking about contracts that are related to jobs. I will listen carefully to ensure he sticks to the substance of the question. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Thank you, sir. Yes, I have spoken to the Prime Minister and, yes, I will continue to advocate for our industry here in South Australia.

DEFENCE SHIPBUILDING

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:30): My question is to the Premier. What actions has the Premier taken specifically in regard to providing support to those workers who have learned today that they are losing their jobs?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:30): Of course we are working extraordinarily hard on the issue of preparing the workforce here in South Australia and managing that transition. As the member—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The shamelessness of those opposite, who did nothing to support the workers they are now pretending to represent. Give me a break. Where was your lot—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —standing up for workers in South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —when we knew the work was going to dry up? The work didn't dry up—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —in the last two weeks, my friend.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It dried up—

The SPEAKER: The Premier will be seated.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —when you failed to lobby five years ago.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: The Premier will be seated for one moment. Member for West Torrens, for debate?

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Yes, sir, clearly.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. Premier, would you please return to the substance of the question, which was about support for workers at ASC—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! It is very hard to take points of order when there is a cacophony of noise on both sides of the chamber when the Premier has the call. I will listen carefully to the Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We are working very hard to clean up the mess we inherited from Labor, to prepare the workforce for the future, to make sure that we have the skills in place to deliver. When the former government was in place and the contracts for the future submarines were awarded in South Australia the then opposition, the Liberal Party, asked, 'Where is your naval shipbuilding skills task force?' Nothing—nothing had been done.

We get into government and we have a huge amount of work to make sure that we can deliver on these huge contracts. That's why, in the budget we brought down, \$200 million worth of new money is going into the budget over the next four years to make sure that we have the requisite skills in place to deliver on these incredible contracts. What have those opposites done? Absolutely nothing, and now they have the temerity—

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

The SPEAKER: Point of order. The Premier will be seated.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: The point of order is relevance. The question was about what the Premier has done to make sure that affected workers—

The SPEAKER: I have the question. I am listening carefully. Premier.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The government is continuing to work on the defence workforce plan.

NURSES DISPUTE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:32): I will try again. My question is again to the Premier. With the health minister unable to resolve the dispute with nurses, when will the Premier—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Please, members on my right, the Leader of the Opposition has the call.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: When will the Premier step up and intervene to resolve the dispute?

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe is called to order. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:33): We have had four weeks out of parliament and these are the questions that are coming from the opposition.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader will not shout.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Will the Premier please be seated. You have asked the question; arguably, it did contain argument. The Premier has risen to answer the question—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has risen to answer a question. He deserves to be heard in silence, and I will listen carefully. The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Thank you, sir. We are working very hard to make sure that we improve on the system we inherited from those opposite. What a complete and utter mess we were left by the former minister for health in South Australia, who now knows no shame. Who did the Leader of the Opposition appoint to look after the health portfolio? None other than the Chief of Staff to the architect of Transforming Health in South Australia. It knows no bounds, sir.

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

The SPEAKER: Debate. I uphold the point of order. Is the Premier coming back to intervention?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We've been left some challenges, sir. We are up to fixing the mess that was left to us by the previous government. It's not going to be corrected overnight.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: That's why we have made sure that we have been able to put—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —a commitment for 50 new beds into the system. We are cleaning up the mess left by Labor. What did they expect when they closed more than 200 beds at the Repat? A net loss of more than 100 beds in the southern system. What did they expect? Did they expect that that was actually going to rush more people through the system? That's the situation that we were left with, and it is a mess, but we are not complaining about it. We're fixing it up. But I won't take these brazen comments from the Leader of the Opposition that somehow it has had nothing to do with the former government.

It will take some time. We're up to the task and we're going to fix the system. Not only that, we are going to actually do our best to deliver the best health system in the country. That's why in the budget that was just handed down a few weeks ago we relieved the health budget of more than \$800 million worth of cuts imposed upon it by the former government in the Mid-Year Budget Review, just snuck through days before Christmas last year, when they thought nobody was noticing. So we relieved the budget of \$800 million worth of Labor's punishing cuts. We've still got a big task to do to clean it up, but we're up for the task.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Colton, I call the following members to order: the member for Ramsay, the member for Waite and the member for Kavel.

ENERGY POLICY

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:36): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister update the house on the total cost associated with the previous government's energy plan?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:36): Thank you to the member for Colton for this very important question. The previous government's energy plan, and its cost, was the subject of great interest before the last election. We told everybody that we did not believe that the government could do it at the time in \$550 million, as they said they would. That was the cost they put forward for their entire energy plan before the election, and today the Attorney-General has tabled the Livesey report. I don't expect, of course, that everybody will have had a chance to look through every page of that report. But it does make it very clear that Mr Livesey—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Is the member for West Torrens interjecting?

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Yes, sir. I am.

The SPEAKER: I remind the member for West Torrens that he is on one warning.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: But that report does make it very clear that we are looking at \$609.5 million at least signed up to the full term of the diesel generators. I have already made a ministerial statement on that, so I won't go into any more detail on that. But you add to that PACE gas, the Renewable Technology Fund, other costs, administration—who can forget the advertising budget that the previous government had?—and we come up to \$814.5 million in total: \$609.5 million for the generators, \$68.9 million for—

Mr Duluk interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Waite will not interject.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —the regional technology fund grants, \$72.5 million for the renewable technology loans, \$24 million for PACE, \$10.3 million for administration, \$2.5 million for communications—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

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

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —which means government advertising itself, \$26.8 million for the batteries, years 5 to 10—so \$814.5 million. Let me say, some of the things that were in that former government's energy policy we supported. For example, the Premier said for years that the previous government should get grid-scale storage, large-scale storage, attached to renewable energy, particularly wind farms. When the government announced that, we supported it.

When the government announced the PACE gas grants, we supported it. But the largest component, which seems to be the biggest blowout in the budget based on Mr Livesey's report, was the diesel generators. We did not support those generators. What we did say after the government had committed to the lease is that we would honour the lease, if elected. What we did say after the previous government had committed to the purchase is that we would honour the purchase, if elected. But let me just tell you, when a Labor government tells you it is going to cost \$550 million and it turns out to be \$814.5 million, that is a gaping hole.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: What seems worst of all about this is that the Livesey report says that the government did not take advice. Further, members might remember a Valdman cartoon—two phases: one was the bright, glossy, snowy battery world of the previous government's plan and then the other one was the dark, gloomy grim reaper diesel world. This is just like that: they want to talk about the good stuff and not the bad stuff. They tried to say it would cost \$550 million when actually it appears to be \$814.5 million.

The SPEAKER: I call to order the member for Playford.

NURSES DISPUTE

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:40): My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier personally spoken to Elizabeth Dabars from the ANMF to attempt to resolve the dispute with the nurses' union?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:40): No.

HAMPSTEAD REHABILITATION CENTRE

Mr PICTON (Kaurua) (14:40): My question is to the Premier. Will the government be closing the 25-bed Hampstead Ward 2A in 14 days, as has been advertised; if not, when are you planning on closing it?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:41): I don't have the details of that issue, but I'm happy to find out and come back to the house.

Mr Malinauskas: It's only a big dispute you would want to get your head around.

The SPEAKER: The leader is warned.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS

Mr PICTON (Kaurua) (14:41): My question is to the Premier again. Has the government opened any extra beds at country hospitals, or has the government just transferred metro patients to country beds that were already open; if you have opened any, where are they?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:41): On behalf of the Minister for Health in the other place, I am happy to answer this question. This government unashamedly supports country hospitals and unashamedly supports country people to receive absolutely top quality medical care. One of the things that is a very stark difference between our government and the former Labor government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —is our focus and our support for country hospitals. One of the ways to ensure the longevity, the ongoing sustainment and also, in fact, the attraction of visiting specialists to country hospitals is to make the most of those country hospitals, is to have them active and is to have people in them. Of course, the member opposite perhaps may not be aware of this, but we are not blind to the fact that the previous government wanted to close country hospitals by attrition. They wanted to keep patients away from them so that they would wither and die on the vine. We are doing the exact opposite: we are supporting country hospitals and we are supporting country people by ensuring—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: We are supporting country people and we are supporting country hospitals, and the country health system more broadly, by making sure that the hospitals are active and busy and working so that the people, the practitioners, who want to use their skills to support and help people have the opportunity to do so and so that visiting specialists have patients to see in the country.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. A. Piccolo: How many beds have you opened? If you don't know, just sit down and say you don't know.

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

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: So—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —there is a stark difference between us. The previous government has closed down beds, closed down hospitals, closed down services, just reduced and reduced—

Mr Hughes interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Giles!

The Hon. A. Piccolo: Where is the answer to the question, Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: I am trying to listen, but I keep hearing interjections on your side. The minister has the call.

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

The SPEAKER: I am not taking points of order while the minister is being so rapidly—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: He is being interjected constantly. Allow him to answer the question. I will listen carefully. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Another stark difference between the new Liberal government and the old Labor government—

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Yes, for debate. I have the point of order. Minister, please bring it back to the substance of the question.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Another stark difference between the new Liberal government and the former Labor government is the money that we put in our budget to catch up on the backlog of capital works in hospitals—

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

The SPEAKER: Debate. Yes, I uphold the point of order. Minister, please conclude your answer.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The shadow minister asked about additional beds in country hospitals.

The SPEAKER: Yes.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The shadow minister must have forgotten that the Treasurer, the Premier and the Minister for Health have put, I think, \$200 million of new money into the health budget to address the capital backlog, the backlog of maintenance. We want to invest in these hospitals so that they can provide more services, so they can attract better staff, so that patients can get better. That capital money—

Ms COOK: Point of order: relevance. This has nothing to do with opening beds—nothing.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. The minister is concluding his answer.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: That capital money will be invested in country hospitals not only to catch up on maintenance but to invest in new capital investments.

Ms COOK: Point of order: the minister is not answering the question.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. That is not a point of order.

Ms COOK: Relevance.

The SPEAKER: The member for Hurtle Vale is warned and will sit down.

Ms COOK: Relevance.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. I have upheld previous points of order. The minister has been asked to conclude his answer, which he is doing.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: If the members opposite—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —don't understand the link between capital investment and the number of beds in country hospitals, they severely miss the point. With regard to the specific question about a specific number, I will take that on notice and come back to the house.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS

Mr PICTON (Kurna) (14:46): My question is again to the minister representing the Minister for Health. If the government has been transferring patients to country hospitals from metro, why have they only started doing that now and not back in July when the health minister promised to do it?

The SPEAKER: I believe that question is definitely hypothetical and I will move on to the member for Elder. It started with the word 'if'. Member for Elder. The member for Elder has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I will come back to the member for Kurna. The member for Elder has the call.

ELECTRICITY INTERCONNECTOR

Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:47): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Will the minister please update the house on the progress of the South Australia/New South Wales interconnector?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:47): Thank you member for Elder. The member for Elder relentlessly campaigned on behalf of her constituents, families and small businesses, looking for cheaper electricity—cheaper and more reliable electricity than they were delivered under the previous government. Mr Speaker, you and this house would know—

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Port Adelaide!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —that delivering an interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales was a key plank of our energy policy, and we are delivering that. With regard to updating the house—

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Light is warned.

The Hon. A. Piccolo: I am trying to enlighten the matter, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You can do that in your community newsletter. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: With regard to delivering on that interconnector, we have been extraordinarily well supported by experts in the field. ElectraNet's draft RIT-T report has shown that what we announced we would do before the election is very positive. They have been able to enunciate quite clearly benefits to South Australian and New South Wales electricity consumers.

The Australian Energy Market Operator has done similarly in its Integrated System Plan (ISP). We now have a third report, a report commissioned by the state government. We asked PwC and Jacobs to jointly look at this issue so that we may be able to make an even more informed

contribution to the RIT-T process. That report has also said that this interconnector will deliver benefits to South Australian and New South Wales electricity consumers.

As this house knows, we have committed up to \$14 million to bring forward some of the early works on this interconnector—things like route planning, environmental clearances and engagement with landholders—because we want to bring the work forward, work that normally would not be commenced until after the final go-ahead from the AER as a regulated asset. We are going to invest to get that work done sooner so that the project can be finished sooner. That work will, of course, be repaid to the South Australian taxpayer upon announcement by the AER that this will be a regulated asset.

We have already taken that proactive step, but this report we have had commissioned for us says that there are actually some other things that could be done and that this project might actually be even better for South Australians than we thought. This would involve building the interconnector to Buronga, near Mildura, and connecting it to around Red Cliffs, 20 kilometres south in Victoria, allowing some import and export with New South Wales. What that would do is it would actually connect the three states. It could be even better. Then, the second leg to Wagga would realise the full benefits.

It has shown an option that may deliver benefits faster, with an opportunity to energise a first phase of the interconnector by 2021. We are working very hard not only to deliver on our election commitments, to do the things that we said we would do, but more importantly, perhaps, to deliver cheaper, more reliable electricity for South Australians.

This is a key component of our plan. We are getting on and delivering it. The only commentators who don't approve of this plan are those opposite. Of course, they did approve of this plan not very long ago, but as soon as we announced it they decided they didn't approve of it. In answer to the member's question, there is another development in this program. We are determined to get this right for all South Australians.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:51): My question is again to the minister representing the Minister for Health. Why has the government only started transferring patients from the metro area to country hospital beds this month, when the health minister promised that he would do so back in July?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:51): Assuming that the member opposite's comment about the Minister for Health's statement is accurate, I will go back and get an answer from him specifically on that. I am not aware of him having made that commitment, but if we were to set that aside for the moment, the gist of the question is why we have only recently started moving some patients from the metro area to the country area and didn't do it sooner. It might be that we had to make some improvements to the country hospitals after 16 years of a Labor government in charge. It might well be that we had to get on—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —and do some of the things that should have been done previously so that those patients could be moved. Let me tell you, the moving of these patients—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Kaurna and member for Reynell!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —from metropolitan Adelaide to country hospitals has been an outstanding success. I haven't got the entire list in front of me; I did actually receive it from the Minister for Health a few days ago, but I'm sorry, I don't have it here with me now.

The number of patients who are now in care in country hospitals all around South Australia and who would, under the previous government, have been in care in metropolitan Adelaide, is very impressive. It is impressive in many ways, not only because of the number of people involved but with regard to the wide range of hospitals in the wide geographic areas of the state that are able to

contribute to the number of people in the hospitals who are actually getting fantastic care. To be able to free up some of the beds in the Adelaide metropolitan area is very important. There are a lot of very strong, positive things.

On a personal note, as a country MP, it always seems that country people are expected to go to the city for a lot of things. Many times that is fair, but there is no reason at all that city people, on occasion, can't come to the country to get some service, and it is very good service we have to offer them in country hospitals around South Australia.

We are getting on with the job. Just like the former government has disavowed themselves of their own Transforming Health policy under the former minister for health, now Leader of the Opposition, we also have nothing to do with their policy. We are getting on and doing the job. We are looking at the whole state in its entirety, looking at all patients, wherever they come from, and making sure that they get the best help, support and medical care possible. Also, we are looking after the staff, the staff all across the state, taking away some of the stress from the metropolitan staff and giving some of the people in country areas—

Mr Hughes interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Giles is warned.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —the benefit of actively caring for people, which is after all what people in the health industry want to do—doctors, nurses, allied carers. A whole range of services is provided. They want to care for people. So we are doing everything we can. The Minister for Health is doing an outstanding job, an absolutely outstanding job, looking after South Australian patients—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —looking after the South Australians who work—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —in our health system and making the best use possible of all the facilities that we have across the state for all South Australians.

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurna and the member for Reynell, I call to order. The member for West Torrens has the call.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:55): Thank you, sir. My question is to the Attorney-General. What time on 27 September this year did the Attorney-General have a telephone conversation with the ICAC commissioner, the Hon. Bruce Lander QC, during which it was agreed that neither the Attorney-General nor the ICAC commissioner would be making any public statements regarding the ICAC investigation into Renewal SA?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:55): I had two conversations with the commissioner on that day. I could not tell you exactly what time, but one was about lunchtime, or thereabouts, and one an hour or so later.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:56): My question is to the Attorney-General. At what time on 27 September 2018 did the Attorney-General issue a public statement to media outlets in relation to the ICAC investigation into two Renewal SA staff?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:56): Well, I can't answer exactly the time of that, either, but I did issue a public statement on that day, and I stand by it, and I confirm that, when the opposition kept raising this spectre of alleged breach of the act, I obtained legal advice—and the member for West Torrens is well aware of that—from the Crown

Solicitor's Office. It has not been disclosed for obvious reasons. I have read it. I have taken the advice, and I am satisfied that I am not in breach of any part of the act.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens and then the member for Kavel.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:56): My question is to the Attorney-General. Did the Attorney-General subsequently request media outlets not to publish the Attorney-General's public statement of 27 September 2018 in relation to an ICAC investigation into Renewal SA, and at what time did she make that request?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:57): No.

The SPEAKER: The member for Kavel.

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:57): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on how the recent reduction—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is on two warnings, I remind him. The member for Kavel, sorry, could you start from the start, please.

Mr CREGAN: Thank you, sir. My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on how the recent reduction in emergency services levy bills is helping families in my electorate with the cost of living?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:57): As the member for Kavel would know, the emergency services levy bills have recently been hitting the letterboxes, and the good news for the people who are going to the letterboxes now is that there is not a massive increase in their emergency services levy as there was under the previous government. In fact, there has been a very substantial decrease.

In fact, if we look at this in total, sir, you would know that the budget, which was handed down only last month, provided a \$90 million reduction in emergency services levy bills to South Australian households and businesses this year and next year, the year after and the year after that—so, in total, \$360 million that the new government is putting back into the pockets of ordinary South Australians, those people who are living in Kavel and those people living in my electorate of Dunstan.

Only the other day—true story—I was out with the Treasurer, the Hon. Mr Rob Lucas, in my electorate having a coffee, and a young couple with a baby came up and said, 'Look, we waited until after you finished your coffee because we wanted to say thank you.' How often does a politician get a thankyou? Hopefully, mum is tuning in right about now.

It is a good policy. It is one that we committed to in the lead-up to the election, and it was one that we were very happy to hand down in our first budget, and the people of South Australia will be the beneficiaries not only this year but in future years as well. In fact, Mr Speaker, I am sure that you would be interested to know the magnitude of the implication for people living in South Australia.

The median house price in South Australia at the moment is \$470,000. People living in that house would receive a reduction of \$144.85 each year. That is absolutely fantastic. Despite the fact that there has been a massive reduction in the emergency services levy, which has been collected by this government, we haven't actually reduced the amount of money that is being spent to support our emergency services in South Australia.

I am sure you would be very interested to know, sir, that in the budget that was just handed down we know that emergency services expenditure is scheduled to be this year \$318.4 million. That is an increase on the \$302.9 million under the previous government. It's a big increase in expenditure in this area and a big reduction in the hit to households in this state, and that increase in expenditure is not the limit of our increase in expenditure on emergency services.

Over and above that \$318 million in this year's budget, we are also spending additional money in terms of drones. This was a commitment we made in the lead-up to the election. We also made a commitment to upgrade CFS stations across South Australia, so this is additional money on top of the \$318 million. We are very proud of what we are going to be doing in this area. It's a big contrast, as you would be aware, sir, to what happened under the previous government.

I know the member for Kavel would know from his electorate that it was a big shock to the people of South Australia after the 2014 election when the previous treasurer handed down his first budget. There was no reduction in the emergency services levy. There was a doubling because essentially what happened was that the remission that had been in place since the ESL was introduced had been removed. There was no warning whatsoever. It was a massive hit to households and a massive hit to our economy here in South Australia. Thankfully, we have a new government putting the people of South Australia first.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:01): My question is to the Attorney-General. Why did the Attorney-General or the Attorney's office request media outlets not publish the Attorney-General's public statement in relation to an ICAC investigation into Renewal SA?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:01): I don't know the answer to that question, but I didn't.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! The member for West Torrens is patiently awaiting the call and members behind him are interjecting.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: All I hear are angels, sir.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for West Torrens.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:02): My question is to the Attorney-General. Has the Attorney-General ever received written or verbal authority from the ICAC commissioner, or the Hon. Bruce Lander QC, authorising the Attorney-General to issue a public statement in relation to an ICAC investigation into Renewal SA?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:02): The member for West Torrens can ask the question any way he likes. I have had the conversation. I have issued the statement. I am satisfied on the advice that I have received that there has been no breach of the act, and you can keep—sorry, not you, sir, because you wouldn't ask such silly questions over and over again—

The SPEAKER: I would never do that, not to you.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: The member for West Torrens can keep re-asking the question a hundred times. The answer will be the same: I have had advice; there has been no breach of the act.

The SPEAKER: Member for MacKillop.

Mr Malinauskas: Did you receive authorisation? It's a very simple question.

The SPEAKER: Order, leader! The leader is warned. Order! I will come back to members on my left. The member for MacKillop has the call.

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY DREDGING FEES

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:03): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Will the minister inform the house on how recent changes to EPA dredging fees have reduced costs for regional councils and communities?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (15:03): I thank the member for MacKillop for his question about a particularly interesting way that we have been looking to cut the cost of doing business for regional councils in South Australia. We have just had the Premier share the outcomes of cutting the emergency services levy to South Australian businesses and households—a substantial stimulus that was given across South Australia.

This government is looking continually at opportunities to hand money back to South Australian households and businesses because when we do that we give people more control over the way they spend their money, and we believe very strongly that that provides a way of leadership that will stimulate the broader South Australian economy, give people the choice to create jobs and grow our economy.

In speaking with the member for MacKillop some months ago—and the Premier also had these conversations when visiting the South-East of our state—it became apparent that there was a situation where EPA licence day fees for dredging were creating particular financial cost burdens on small regional councils where they had to dredge ports and rivers within their jurisdictions. We know that regional councils in South Australia often have quite a small rates base, so every dollar they can save that can be transferred back to households and businesses in the form of lower rates or invested in other forms of council-provided infrastructure should be actively pursued.

This government is very keen to look continually at ways that the business we do, the cost of doing that business, where we put particular red tape (or green tape, in the case of my department) in the way of businesses and individuals in our community, we are keen to look at ways in which we can reduce that. When I became a minister, the Premier made it very clear that we had to continually look at ways in which we could remove that cost burden from South Australian households and businesses.

So it was with great pleasure that, in working with the EPA, I was able to identify that the daily licence fees of \$681 per day that were charged for dredging, and \$170 per day for earthworks, could be waived for small regional councils that were undertaking these works. An example of this is an action that occurred in the member for MacKillop's electorate, in the Kingston District Council, which undertook 21 days of dredging recently. The fees would have exceeded \$16,000—a significant financial hit for that community, given the relatively small rates base. We have been able to waive those fees and enable the council to take control of that money and invest it in another place or, of course, pass it on as rates relief in future years because that is an activity that they continually do. Taking that pressure off them is a good thing, of course.

It won't just be the district council of Kingston. I have written to mayors and councils across our state, highlighting where this policy will benefit largely small regional councils with particular pressures and small rates bases. This is yet another example of the Marshall Liberal government having an insight into the financial burdens that government can put on South Australian households, businesses and the local government sector and removing those burdens.

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:07): My question is to the Attorney-General. Will the Attorney-General table her authorisation by the ICAC commissioner, as required under the ICAC Act, to publish the statement in relation to an investigation by ICAC into Renewal SA?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:07): Well, I don't accept the assertion in the question, and the answer is no.

The SPEAKER: The member for Florey has been patiently waiting.

Ms BEDFORD: That's actually not true, sir.

SERVICE SA

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:07): My question is to the minister for planning, transport and infrastructure. Have any comparative efficiency studies been done on Service SA offices, both metro and country? If so, will the minister supply the house with all the results?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (15:08): I thank the member for Florey for her question. The

phrase 'comparative efficiency studies' I think is a little bit more specific than the work we are actually seeking to undertake in relation to Service SA. I am happy to go and have a look and see if there is something by that name that exists with regard to the work that we have done, but there is certainly nothing that has been presented to me.

Again, the decision that was made in relation to which centres needed to close in order to meet the budget savings task—three-quarters of which the former government left us—was not done on an efficiency basis. It wasn't done on a numbers through the front door basis. It was done on an equity basis, making sure that people had the opportunity to still get to an existing centre. This is a difficult decision. The department—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell is warned.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —is working through a number of strategies at the moment to make sure that we have alternative propositions put in place to deliver the solution. I would say again that 82 per cent of the people who walk through the door at a Service SA centre have the opportunity to be able to conduct those transactions online. More than that, many people who currently go into a Service SA centre—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —already actually have the opportunity to undertake those transactions at Australia Post offices, which are likely to be closer to where they live than the Service SA centre that they are going to. What I think here is that, apart from the fact that there is a tough body of work that we need to do—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —to make sure that the alternatives are in place, we need to help communicate to South Australians that there are plenty of alternative opportunities that would save time for the individuals involved. It will save time and money for government, and we can actually get on then and spend those things on other priorities to help deliver better services in other areas rather than a higher transactional cost, which is essentially what is happening at the moment.

We don't resile from the fact that this is tough, that this is difficult. We don't resile from the fact that about \$11½ million of this savings task was in place at the Mid-Year Budget Review handed down last December. This is what happens when you want to get the books back in the black without having to flog off assets. You have to take the tough decisions.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Unfortunately, the forests and the Motor Accident Commission cash cows have already been flogged off. They don't exist for us. The Lands Titles Office, that little booby-trap that the former government set us—

The Hon. R. Sanderson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Child Protection is called to order.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: This is what happens when a responsible government takes the tough decisions to put the budget back in the black on a proper operating basis, as opposed to covering up their black hole by flogging off assets left, right and centre.

SERVICE SA

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:10): A supplementary, again to the minister for planning, transport and infrastructure: what were the equity considerations?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (15:10): The distance between the various centres.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:11): My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Will the minister update the house on how local waste management businesses and regional communities are benefiting from the state government's \$12.4 million response package to the China National Sword policy?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (15:11): I thank the member for Flinders for his question. Many members in this house would know, and I have been able to update us on a number of occasions, that the China sword policy created particular challenges for the waste management sector here in South Australia. The government really did see this crisis, as it was described by some, as offering a real opportunity for South Australia's waste management sector.

We do know it's a sector that has a substantial reputation, nationally and internationally, for leadership—it has done for many decades—and so we saw it as an opportunity to leverage new investment in the waste management sector, to drive innovation and to grow the waste management sector, to grow that reputation of foreign leadership and to continue that leadership. With a crisis such as was experienced when China decided that it would not take our plastics and paper from not only Australia but from across the Western world, it was a particular shock to the industry.

What eventuated was that this government made a decision to establish a \$12.4 million assistance package targeted largely at the waste management industry. We were very focused on saying that this would be about industry development, that this would be a stimulus for the waste management industry and that any assistance we would give to the local government sector, which had made particular decisions based on waste being seen as a commodity that had been contracted for sale, would be targeted at regional communities. Of course, we provided half a million dollars on a regional transportation subsidy to regional communities.

I am aware the councils within the member for Flinders' electorate have benefited from that. But the member for Flinders' specific question was about how we have used our \$12.4 million fund to provide assistance to businesses. I am very pleased to say that just a few days ago we were able to announce that a portion of that funding was provided to waste management sector businesses in the form of grants to assist with innovation practices and projects.

In fact, \$3.245 million—which is around about half the fund we were setting aside for grants and loans—has been provided to the industry, and that has occurred across 17 particular projects. Those projects are found across the state, not just in metropolitan Adelaide but also in regional communities. We know that regional communities, because of the tyranny of distance and transporting waste, are particularly vulnerable to changes in the waste management sector, and that can lead to particular costs being handed on to local councils and obviously ratepayers and businesses that rely on the services.

I am pleased to say that the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority was provided with \$250,000 of funding, that YCA Recycling, located at Wingfield, was provided with \$301,000 of funding, and that Green Triangle Recyclers, a significant regional waste services provider located in Mount Gambier, was provided with \$425,000 of funding. That money is going directly towards the waste management sector, directly stimulating jobs growth in that sector.

We know it is a growth sector for our state. We have a reputation in that area, and we are not going to let the China sword situation knock that industry back. We are going to use this opportunity to build it up.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:15): My question is to the minister representing the Minister for Health. Why was a directive sent out at Flinders Medical Centre to move potentially contagious norovirus patients into open wards, against infection control guidelines?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:15): That is a very specific and also quite technical—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The minister has the call. I am listening to the answer.

The Hon. S.S. Marshall: They have run out of questions.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: It is a very specific and also quite technical question, and I don't think—

The SPEAKER: Yes, it is a technical question. I will listen carefully to the answer.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I don't think, Mr Speaker, that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —when the question involves 'against medical guidelines' I'm equipped to answer that. I will take that question—

Mr Picton: So the government is not responsible?

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

Mr Pederick: You're over there, so you're irresponsible.

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond will not interject. The minister has the call.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I am happy to take that question on notice. The shadow minister made it very clear that the hospital, if I've got the words right, actually made that decision. However, I will take that on notice and ask the health minister for the facts and figures to bring back to the shadow minister.

Mr Pederick interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Hammond is warned. Member for Kaurna.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:16): My question is to the minister representing the Minister for Health. Have nurses at the Flinders Medical Centre been instructed not to speak publicly about the risk of the norovirus outbreak?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:17): Again, Mr Speaker—

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —my answer is really the same: I don't know that myself. I will take it on notice and bring—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The minister has the call.

The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Premier, please do not interject. The minister has the call.

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

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

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I will take the question on notice and go to the health minister for an answer to bring back to the shadow minister.

GOOLWA SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (15:17): My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Will the minister update the house on the status of the government's funding for the Goolwa Surf Lifesaving Club development?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:17): I thank the member for his question. I might add that it was great to be with him in his electorate on Saturday for the opening of the redeveloped Chiton Rocks surf club. It is a great community down there, and he has done an amazing job in advocating for that community in his time in this place as well as prior to that time.

The Premier did mention the emergency services levy and the money we have put back in the pockets of South Australians. Again, for a person with a median house price of \$470,000, they get \$145 back in their pocket each year. That is outstanding but, as the Premier also pointed out, it is not to the detriment of the emergency services delivered by the state, and of course surf lifesaving is one such service.

Down at Chiton Rocks, the new facility has a purpose-built patrol room, a first-aid room, a gymnasium, a training room, a meeting room, a kitchen, separate female and male toilets, showers and changing facilities. What is really unique about this is that they kept the old facility as well—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —and have turned it into a bunk facility. The member for Colton, in conjunction with the member for Finniss, will be keen to know that the Henley surf club has a very strong affinity with the Chiton Rocks surf club. When they first founded the Chiton Rocks surf club back in 1957, members from Henley would go down there and practise in the surf, because on the national stage they wouldn't be accredited at Henley as the beach was deemed to not have enough surf, so they had to go down and practice in the surf at Chiton Rocks. Still to this day people from Henley have a great association with that surf club.

They have also done an amazing job recently in growing their nippers as well, and that is something that has happened over the past few years. I commend the president, Aaron Lewis; his treasurer and wife, Lindy Lewis, who does an outstanding job; and the club captain, Aaron Lindsay as well. I got a tour from Lindy Lewis, the treasurer, who I am told did a fair chunk of the work in making this happen. Aaron was so proud of his wife, and together this family has done a great job in helping to secure this for their community.

I am pleased to update the house on the plans for the Goolwa Surf Lifesaving Club, which are well and truly underway. In August this year, I approved the allocation of \$2.615 million for the surf lifesaving club redevelopment fund for the Goolwa Surf Lifesaving Club development. South Australia-based company Mossop Constructions has been the successful tenderer. The construction of the clubrooms has commenced and it is expected to be operational in late 2019, which puts a smile on the face of the member for Finniss.

In addition, the member for Finniss will be pleased to know that the clubrooms at the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club are scheduled to commence construction in the financial year 2019-20 as well. I very much look forward to getting along to the club once completed and know that the improved facilities will make a huge difference to the local community and volunteers. Members in this place may not be aware that there were six coastal and ocean drowning deaths in South Australia during last year's surf lifesaving season. During the same period, 37 per cent of fatalities in SA happened while swimming and 31 per cent happened while boating.

I am pleased to inform the house that South Australian surf lifesavers performed 73,592 patrol hours, 250 rescues, 1,391 first-aid treatments and 11,355 preventative actions. South Australian surf lifesavers responded to 53 lost children, 56 missing persons searches and 98 shark sightings. Even more surprising to members would be that 64 per cent of Australians can't swim more than 50 metres in the ocean without stopping, so it is why our surf lifesaving clubs are incredibly important. I know the member for Finniss is very passionate about the surf lifesaving clubs in his area.

HOSPITAL BEDS

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:22): My question is to the minister representing the Minister for Health. Given that private hospitals in metropolitan Adelaide are all full, won't your decision and the government's decision to open 20 beds in private hospitals simply displace private patients back into the public health system in an expensive merry-go-round?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order, sir: standing order 97 precludes argument from being contained in the body of the question.

The SPEAKER: Yes. There is argument in that question. I'm in a merciful mood. I will give you an opportunity to correct it, member for Kaurna.

Mr PICTON: Can the minister assure South Australians that the decision to use 20 private beds will not displace those patients into the public system?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:22): Again, I'll go back to the Minister for Health. I'll take that question on notice. I'll go back to the Minister for Health—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —get an answer and bring it back for the shadow minister.

FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:23): My question is again to the minister representing the Minister for Health. Can the minister guarantee that the government's decision to close down immunology and other pathology services at Flinders Medical Centre will not lead to longer delays, including for leukaemia patients?

The SPEAKER: The minister has pretty wide scope there. Minister.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:23): Could the shadow minister please repeat the question? I couldn't hear the end, I'm sorry.

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Could the member for Reynell please be quiet so that I can hear the member for Kaurna's question?

Mr PICTON: The question was: can the minister guarantee that the government's decision to close down immunology and other pathology services at Flinders Medical Centre will not lead to longer delays, including for leukaemia patients?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Can the minister representing the Minister for Health give that guarantee? I will go to the Minister for Health, I'll take the question on notice, I'll ask him if I can give you that guarantee and I will bring his answer back to you.

LOT FOURTEEN

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (15:24): My question is to the Minister for Industry and Skills. Can the minister update the house on the progress—

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell can depart for the rest of question time under 137A.

The honourable member for Reynell having withdrawn from the chamber:

Dr HARVEY: My question is to the Minister for Industry and Skills. Can the minister update the house on the progress of Lot Fourteen and the state government's initiative to make South Australia the innovation and start-up capital of the nation?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (15:24): I thank the member for Newland for his question. Being a Doctor of Philosophy, in the sciences, he is very interested in innovation and what is happening with the commercialisation of research and the opportunities that Lot Fourteen is providing here in South Australia to do that.

The Marshall Liberal government is delivering on our election commitment to create jobs, lower costs and provide all South Australians with better services. Our initiatives are the basis of business confidence continuing to grow here in South Australia, now at the highest level in a decade. The Bank SA business survey, the NAB business survey, the Property Council business survey—all of them reporting that business confidence has returned to South Australia.

Before the election, the light had gone out at the end of the tunnel; there is a glaring blaze at the end of that tunnel now. That is what the business community is telling South Australians. There is no doubt that our state has a bright future. To support this optimism, we are making South Australia the nation's start-up capital. South Australian start-ups, while smaller in number, on average are more ambitious in terms of jobs growth than in the rest of Australia. The Marshall Liberal government is building Australia's largest incubator and start-up hub in the heritage buildings at Lot Fourteen, the former Royal Adelaide Hospital site.

Recently, expressions of interest were sought for the new hub at Lot Fourteen. The process closed on 2 October. The response to the expressions of interest and the registrations of interest process has been very pleasing. The large response shows that there is significant local and national market interest for business to take place in the hub. Lot Fourteen is already vibrant, and we expect many more start-ups and scale-up businesses and entrepreneurs to be working from that precinct by the middle of next year.

Businesses currently operating from Lot Fourteen include satellite communications company Myriota, Chamonix IT Solutions and SA Pathology, with the University of Adelaide's Australian Institute for Machine Learning set to relocate there next year. Our focus is to support businesses in transforming their strengths into profits, create the right conditions to expand domestic and global markets, and ensure more jobs for South Australians. Chief Entrepreneur, Jim Whalley, states:

Based on the success we've already seen through the EOI/ROI, it's evident that South Australian businesses are eager to capitalise on fast-growing, high-tech industries like space and defence.

It's great to see the Office of the Chief Entrepreneur as part of the hub. This ensures there is no longer a disconnect between great ideas and business success.

Grievance Debate

BADCOE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:27): Pretty much everyone in my neighbourhood has a stake in planning and development decisions. Whether you are a home owner or a renter, planning affects how we enjoy our own spaces and how we feel about where we live. Like most members of the Badcoe community, I am not against sensible development. Well-considered new housing can add to our community in terms of its streetscape and social and environmental outcomes. There are also obvious economic benefits to constructing new homes, renewing ageing buildings and investing in eco-sensitive design and technology.

Badcoe locals recognise that we need a diversity of housing for a diversity of people. While the three-bedroom home with the big backyard remains the dream for many families, it is either not affordable or not necessary for everyone. We need a combination of established housing, affordable homes and, importantly, public housing for our most vulnerable citizens. A level of development and density is needed because we do not want Adelaide stretching for hundreds of kilometres, meaning

we all need to pay higher taxes for more roads, schools and hospitals to cater for uncontrolled urban sprawl. Most people do not want high-rise apartments littered throughout character suburbs, preferring them to be restricted to major roads and transport routes.

We are lucky in Badcoe to live on the city fringe, halfway between the city and the sea, and lots more people want to live in our great community. However, local residents also know that imposing corridors of poorly planned and cheap-looking high-rise apartments add nothing. We know that there has to be give and take, but some developments are just not right in our neighbourhood. That is why so many people in Glandore and Plympton have rallied against bad development proposals, like the eight-storey apartment block at 192 Anzac Highway, Glandore, near the corner of Beckman Street.

You can easily see why this site is attractive to a developer and, in turn, to investors. The site is a stone's throw from the Kurralta Park shopping centre, delicious local cafes and the Beckman Street tram stop. There are convenient bus stops and it is zoned for Adelaide Botanic High School and also Black Forest Primary School. There are great parks and a community centre nearby as well.

Building a 36-unit, eight-storey development on not much more than a large house block is simply too much. The issues with this development are many, from being entirely out of place amid single-storey Art Deco homes in a declared character zone to blocking the sunshine to surrounding homes and overshadowing all solar panels local people have recently invested in, from inadequate parking provision to significant concerns about traffic flows onto one of Adelaide's busiest roads.

The reason a developer can even suggest an eight-storey apartment block in this location stems from an historic council error. Several years ago, Glandore residents fought hard to have a character zone established, with a maximum height of three storeys, which they rightly thought included 192 Anzac Highway. Due to a council error when drawing the lines, this site was not bound by the rules of the character zone.

I have written to the planning minister and raised in estimates our community's desire to have the height limit reduced to three storeys, as with the surrounding properties. I am glad that the minister has recently acted on those pleas, kicking off the change process with a statement of intent. The West Torrens council, and I acknowledge councillor John Woodward, who is here today, will now consult with locals about reducing the height limit, for which I expect to receive overwhelming community support. Any change will not be applied retrospectively to an existing landowner, but it will make a difference in the future.

Before question time, I tabled a petition of 602 signatures from local people opposed to reckless low-quality urban infill. Hundreds of them have spoken specifically with me about the development at 192 Anzac Highway. An application was lodged by the developer Walpole earlier this year, but it was withdrawn before the panel (SCAP) had a chance to consider it at its June meeting. It is unknown whether the plans will be resubmitted or changed.

Sadly, despite efforts to meet with Walpole they have not replied as yet, but my offer still stands to meet with them and discuss what is important to our community. I hope that the developer has heard the voices of our community and is seriously reconsidering their plans. I also hope that this government hears Badcoe's concerns—certainly Labor does and we will have more to say about planning in future.

Our community is not opposed to all development, but we will insist on respect for the character of our community, our needs and our expectations. I will keep working with my community to achieve sensible planning outcomes in Badcoe. I thank all those in my community who are doing exactly the same.

PANCARE FOUNDATION

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:32): I rise to speak about residents in my electorate and great friends of mine, the Beaumont family. Late last year, the family—made up of dad, Wayne; mum, Sharon; and sons, Jake and Adam—had to go through the unthinkable when Shaz died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 51.

Younger son, Adam, set out to find a way to raise money for Pancare, a charity that raises awareness of pancreatic cancer and raises money to fund research into curing and preventing this terrible disease. Adam decided that he would ride his pushbike to Melbourne. He is not a rider; he is a football player and a handy volleyballer as well, but this is what he decided to do. Adam, Wayne and Jake worked tirelessly, approaching companies for sponsorship and donations, as well as hosting fundraising events. In fact, I worked with them to host a very successful winter warmer with Patritti winery in Dover Gardens. A big thankyou to Ines Patritti and all the team at Patritti winery, who got right behind the event. We raised more than \$4,000 on the night to go towards the cause, which was absolutely outstanding.

After months of training, organising and fundraising, Adam and his fellow Brighton Secondary School student friend Matt Greer, as well as a family friend, the slightly older Adam Brown, set off in all their purple Pancare glory on the morning of Friday 5 October from the Brighton Football Club, where Adam played footy. The president, Kym Steer, got right behind this as well and they put on a wonderful breakfast. Andy, from Better Brick Paving and Landscaping, donated money for the breakfast and another \$1,000 went into the kitty, and it was great to have so many people there to see them off from Brighton all the way to the MCG.

The trio rode for nine days, taking the back roads through to Mount Gambier. On the first night, they went to Strathalbyn, then continued down to Meningie, through Kingston to see Larry the Lobster, on to Robe and then, as I said, to Mount Gambier. I am told that that was the coldest day they had: it was wet and it was rainy. They were at about the halfway mark and had plenty more ahead of them. They did a marvellous job.

It was really great to hear in some of the reports back that people were stopping along the way and that everywhere they went they were singing the message of the Pancare cause. In fact, I would like to give a shout out to one person in particular, Denise Hann, who pulled them over and donated \$150. That is absolutely fantastic. They were helped out along the way by the generosity of everyone in pretty much every town they went through, whether it was a meal provided by a local pub or business or somewhere to stay that evening.

The community was very generous to the cause. Again, Wayne did an amazing job in organising every step of the way. He was in contact with SAPOL and VicPol as they crossed the border. Every part of the community was right behind this ride when people saw their bright purple jerseys. In the Pancare world, purple is the colour that they use, and some people suggested that the three of them looked like three Phantoms on bikes when they were all decked out in their purple. People would see the uniforms riding past, look up Shaz's Ride to Cure and then they would go and donate, which is absolutely outstanding.

Helping out with the ride were Matt's dad, Trevor, as well as a support crew, made up of Steve Cornish and Michelle Cornish, Mel Milsteed, who was there as first aid and official masseuse—she was overworked, I think, in particular by old mate Adam Brown—and, of course, Wayne Beaumont, who was a big part of the support crew as well.

They set a goal of raising \$20,000 for Pancare, and they have definitely exceeded that total. At the moment, it sits at \$30,915, which is a great achievement. There is still time to donate, and you can do so by searching Shaz's Ride to Cure on Facebook or googling Adam Beaumont's GoFundMe page and accessing the official page. Well done to Adam, Matt, and old mate Adam, but also to Jake and Wayne. My congratulations—you have done us proud and you have definitely done your mum, Shaz, proud too.

HURTLE VALE SPORTING CLUBS

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (15:37): Today, I would like to speak to and place on record some of the successes of the various sporting clubs in the electorate of Hurtle Vale and congratulate them all on a fantastic season. Local sports certainly keep the community connected and very busy during the cold winter months. I take great pleasure in attending as many games as I can, working on barbecues and in canteens, and also getting to as many presentations as I am able to. It has been a very busy and successful winter sports season in Hurtle Vale.

Onkaparinga Rugby Union Football Club celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and held some very successful events celebrating that. Congratulations go to the Onkaparinga premier

reserve division for winning the 2018 grand final, the under-14s and under-16s for making their grand finals and, in fact, all junior teams for making finals, along with their first, second and third grade teams. Huge congratulations go to the club on hosting the grand final day in their 50th anniversary year. This was attended by around 3,500 happy spectators. All in attendance were really well catered for and it had a great feel that day at the club.

The Southern Tigers Basketball Association have been playing in Morphett Vale since moving there from Glenelg some 45 years ago. They also have had another successful season this year, with huge congratulations to the 2018 premier league men on winning their finals, defeating the Forestville Eagles 70-64. Congratulations also to these following teams on making grand finals for the Tigers: the under-23 division 1 men, the senior division 1 men, the under-23 division 1 women, the senior division 4 men, the senior division 2 women, the senior division 2 men, the under-12 division 2 girls, the under-16 division 1 boys, the under-10 division 2 girls, the under-14 division 3 boys, the under-10 division 1 girls and the under-10 division 2 boys. It is a very successful club.

As for netball, most games were played at the Southern United Netball courts or in the Southern Hills competition. Congratulations to both the under-13 team 1 and team 4 of the Ladybirds Netball Club on winning their grand finals, and the Inters White team, who also won. The Hub Netball Club, actually located in Reynella not the hub itself, are the A-grade premiers. This year was very tough for the club, with their coach, Bronte, losing her son during the season, so it was really nice to see the club reward her with such good play and winning that grand final. Congratulations to the under-11s on making the grand final as well.

Congratulations also go to the Morphett Vale 'Magic' Netball Club and its under-13 teams and Inters 1 on making grand finals. The Pulse Netball Club is a fledgling club, but it is improving its participation numbers every year. This year saw the club field Inters for the very first time. Congratulations on a wonderful season. All teams made finals, and the top seniors team came away with the A-grade premiership, so that is a real feat.

Also, congratulations to the Southern Stars Netball Club, which I think had five or six teams in the grand finals this year. Clarendon, the Dons, is a huge netball club, with nearly 200 players playing out of very small grounds down at Clarendon. It had four premiership teams this year: the senior A1s, the Inter 1 blacks, the senior B1s and the Inter 2 blacks, with five other teams making it to grand finals but being runners up on the day, including Inter 1 purples, Inter 2 purples, Inter 3, Inter 4 black and 13 and under division 2.

The women had a great season at the Noarlunga United Soccer Club, with the under-13 girls finishing runners up and the under-15 girls winning. The Morphett Vale Football Club is rebuilding, but it saw its senior women in the grand final but not able to get over the line, and the Hackham Football Club and its Sunday A-grade (also known as the C-grade) finished runners up in their grand final.

Congratulations to the Reynella footy club (the Winies), with the under-13s and A-grades making it into the grand final. The under-13s became undefeated premiers, and also congratulations to Dave Denyer and Michelle Rice, who got their women into the game this year. The Happy Valley footy club is in a rebuilding phase, but their women's division 3 premiers against Gaza was a huge success. I loved the competition with Dana Wortley, the member for Torrens. We went out to three of their games, and I hope that the rivalry continues with Happy Valley remaining premiers.

NEWLAND ELECTORATE

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (15:42): I would like to congratulate the Tea Tree Gully District Football Club on winning its very first ever division 1 final in the Adelaide Football League against, I am sorry to say, Mr Speaker, Rostrevor Old Collegians—

The SPEAKER: Outrageous!

Dr HARVEY: —a number of weeks ago at the Thebarton Oval. After finishing second at the end of the home and away season, Tea Tree Gully won its first two finals to go straight into the grand final, which they then won and which was better than two seasons ago, when they got to the final but unfortunately lost, and last season, when they went out a week earlier.

In particular, I would like to congratulate coach, Justin Maschotta; captain, Alex McKay; and all the players. I would also like to acknowledge the club president, John Curley, and the committee, as well as the Tea Tree Gully Sportsman's Club and its president, Peter Martin, and their committee, as well as all the volunteers and supporters who contribute so much to the club.

This has also been a challenging season for the club following the passing of former team mate John Birkin last December, and also earlier this season with the sudden cardiac arrest on the ground of their under-18 player Tyler Bennett. However, thanks to the quick-thinking actions of Alex McKay and Peter Martin, as well as the Brighton Football Club's trainer, Helen Wise, Tyler survived this extraordinary ordeal. I would like to congratulate the Tea Tree Gully Football Club on its success. I also congratulate a fellow umpire Chris Rasch, who not only officiated in the grand final at Thebarton Oval but also won the Casey Cooper Medal for the best field umpire in the league following an outstanding season.

Football grand finals go further within Newland as well. I also congratulate the Kersbrook Football Club on its successful season. They had three out of four teams reaching the division 2 Hills League final that was held on a very cold and wet day in Callington, where we were hosted by the Bridgewater Callington Raiders Football Club and where I caught up with my friend and colleague the member for Heysen, who, along with other volunteers within the club, was busy selling pies and pasties.

I would like to congratulate the Senior Colts and B-grade side on winning their games, becoming premiers for the 2018 season. The A-grade side fought to the end, but unfortunately went down to the Ironbank Football Club in the final. They got off to a bit of a slow start. They fought right through to the end, but unfortunately did not quite get over the line.

I would like to acknowledge senior captain/coach, Brett James; club president, Tony Humphrey, and the committee; Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park president, Justin Goodman, and the committee; and of course all the players, volunteers and supporters who do so much work to keep these clubs alive.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:45): I rise today on an extraordinary censorship issue in South Australia by the Electoral Commission of South Australia. It involves the upcoming council elections. This should disturb anyone who has any sense of fairness around the democracy that we live in and the right to freedom of speech.

We have a candidate running for mayor in the City of Onkaparinga. Her name is Erin Thompson. She is the only one of five candidates who has not been a member of the Onkaparinga council or is currently a member of the Onkaparinga council, putting their hand up in this mayoral race. She sees herself as a cleanskin and as someone with 10 years of experience in communications in the Unley council. She has worked with business and tourism over her career and she lives in the City of Onkaparinga.

When she set out to explain who she is to the voters in the City of Onkaparinga, the Electoral Commission of South Australia actually knocked her back. They drew big lines through words as terrible as 'but', 'fresh start', 'new leadership', 're-engage', 'better', 'back on track', 'better again' and 'clean slate'. This is outrageous. What we have here is a system where, because council elections are postal votes, each of the candidates for council election and mayoral election has to write a 150-word story and that gets sent out with the ballot papers by the Electoral Commission. People should be free to say exactly what they like in those 150 words.

Let us just remember that anyone who knows anything about councils, whether you live in the council area of Onkaparinga or not, and anyone you talk to about the Onkaparinga city council will tell you that it has been dysfunctional, that spending is out of control and that there are a lot of problems with it. That happens with the people next door to me, the people in the next town and the people in the next suburb. Everyone is of that same view. When you have someone who wants to take on a very big job as part of her already busy lifestyle, those people should be commended.

I will read from the original of Erin Thompson's 150-word pitch to voters in our local area. She started by saying, 'Our city is a fantastic place, full of promise and potential.' That got the tick

from the censors at the Electoral Commission of South Australia. They said that it was a positive statement but that her next sentence started with 'but', which of itself introduces a negative statement and a criticism of council. The offending sentences are set out below and I have highlighted the trigger words. This is by a fellow from the Electoral Commission. Thompson says:

But council needs a fresh start and new leadership to re-engage the community and deliver better services and facilities.

I reckon most people in the City of Onkaparinga would agree with that statement from Erin Thompson, candidate for Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, but this fellow has taken out the words 'but', 'fresh start', 'new leadership', 're-engage' and 'better', which precede of course services and facilities. In the next paragraph, Erin Thompson, candidate for mayor, says:

I have the vision, energy and experience to get Onkaparinga back on track delivering better outcomes for you.

The words 'back on track' were censored—out. The words 'better outcomes' were out. She also goes on to say:

I will give Onkaparinga a clean slate through transparency, zero waste of ratepayers' hard-earned cash and active community engagement.

She cannot use the words 'clean slate'. You know what? As a ratepayer of Onkaparinga city council and a local resident, I know we all want a clean slate. Someone like Erin Thompson, who is putting her hand up to be mayor, should be able to engage with the voters in our area and tell them exactly what it is. It is not up to the censors at the Electoral Commission to decide what is in or out. Provided it is not illegal, people should be allowed to write whatever they want, as long it does not defame anyone. She is putting her point of view, which everyone of us in this place appreciates.

We do not always get it right when we go out and have our say, but we appreciate and respect the right of everyone in this place, and indeed people in our wider community, to stand up and say what they think. I think that this is a disgrace. I think the Electoral Commission of South Australia owes Erin Thompson, candidate for Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, a massive apology. They should look at posting out her 150-word profile, in full, next week when the printed brochure (which I am sure has already been printed) goes out to voters across the City of Onkaparinga.

INVICTUS GAMES

Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:50): I quote William Ernest Henley:

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,

I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

Those are the words of William Ernest Henley's 1888 poem, *Invictus*, which encapsulates the fighting spirit. After losing a leg to tuberculosis at 16, Henley had further complications with his remaining leg, which in 1873 required surgery. Of course, he spent many hours in the infirmary. Whilst recovering, Henley wrote the verses that became *Invictus*—powerful words of fortitude and stoicism. Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela have also used the words from that poem on many occasions.

The importance of Henley's work has today been realised in the official poem of the Invictus Games. This month, over 500 competitors from 18 nations will converge in Sydney for the 2018 Invictus Games. These include 72 athletes competing under the Australian flag. Created in 2014 by the Duke of Sussex, His Royal Highness Prince Harry, the Invictus Games set out to promote the importance of sport and physical activity as part of the rehabilitation and recovery of wounded service members and veterans. Derived from Latin, 'invictus' means unconquered.

It is this fearlessness and fighting spirit that encapsulate the wounded, injured and ill service men and women. The Invictus Games challenge perceptions and send a positive message about life beyond disability. Along with important mental health programs and access to quality health care, the Invictus Games is an important initiative promoting physical and mental health. This year, nine South Australians are participating in the Invictus Games: Ben Yeomans in athletics and indoor rowing, Darren Peters in archery and wheelchair basketball, Steve Sandman in archery, Christopher Pitman in cycling and indoor rowing, Corporal Steven Avery in wheelchair basketball, Leading Seaman Vanessa Broughill in athletics and swimming, Ms Emelia Mysko in cycling and indoor rowing, Able Seaman Daniel Marsh in cycling and sitting volleyball and Brendan Hardman in wheelchair basketball and sitting volleyball. These individuals will compete in 11 adaptive sports.

The traumas that our service men and women have experienced on the front line are unfathomable to many of us, and it is indeed fantastic that they are out there representing our nation once again. The welfare of veterans was of course central to the opening of the Repatriation General Hospital in 1942 as an important site for those men and women recovering from the horrors of war. Since then, we have come to understand how important the mental health and wellbeing of veterans is.

As you know, Mr Speaker, the former Labor government promised to never, ever sell the Repatriation General Hospital, but that is exactly what they did in the last term of government. The state Liberal government is committed to revitalising the Repat as a health precinct for South Australians. The pool is now open, and this is an important place for many in my electorate who require rehabilitation.

By ensuring that rehabilitation facilities are well maintained, we can best look after our service men and women, as well as the wider community. We have been listening to the public and continue to consult with them about the needs of the Repat and what they want on that site, and we hope to have full services back there by early 2019.

Last week was Mental Health Week. There are injuries from amputations to PTSD, more than just injuries that can be seen. Between 5 and 20 per cent of veterans will experience PTSD at some point in their lives compared with only 5 to 10 per cent of the broader population, and 8 per cent of current serving members will suffer from PTSD in a given year. Suicide and PTSD remain complex issues for many in the community.

Between 2005 and 2015, suicide accounted for 20 per cent of deaths whilst people were serving, with 13 per cent of those in the Reserves and 17 per cent comprising ex-service men and women. Between 2002 and 2016, ex-servicemen had an age-adjusted suicide rate 18 per cent higher than all Australian men. It is our very important duty to honour and to look after those who have served. I wish all those people the best in the upcoming Invictus Games.

*Ministerial Statement***OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT**

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:55): I table a copy of a ministerial statement made by the Treasurer earlier today in the other place.

*Bills***CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SAFETY) (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL***Final Stages*

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the following schedule, to which amendment the Legislative Council desires the concurrence of the House of Assembly:

No. 1. Clause 6, page 3, lines 22 to 34—Leave out the clause.

Consideration in committee.

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendment be agreed to.

I thank the members here and those in the other place—the Hon. Connie Bonaros, the Hon. Tammy Franks and my pair in the upper house, the Hon. Michelle Lensink—for their interest and engagement with this amendment bill and the important issue of child protection.

The proposed amendment to section 50(4) regarding the circumstances in which a reunification assessment would not be required to be undertaken will not proceed. We took this step in the interests of securing support for the bill and not delaying the scheduled commencement of the act and the important reforms it will bring to the child protection system.

I do not accept the assertions made by the member for Badcoe that this amendment in any way sought to water down the need for reunification assessments. The event of an emergency removal was not contemplated in the drafting of the act, nor was it recommended in the findings of Commissioner Nyland that a reunification assessment be made in the event of an emergency removal. This amendment made that clear by fixing potential drafting issues. I would refer the member for Badcoe to the relevant passages in chapter 9 of the Child Protection Systems Royal Commission report for a better understanding of the intent of the provision that her party drafted.

I recognise that during debate, and in my staff providing briefings on this bill, a number of significant issues have been raised, in particular about including the 'best interests of the child' as the paramount consideration. I reconfirm my commitment to undertake a comprehensive review of this act in the following 12 months after its operation, and we will welcome input on this and other important issues as part of that review. This amendment bill will support a smooth transition for the commencement of this landmark child protection legislation on 22 October. I thank members for their support.

Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018*Estimates Committees*

Adjourned debate (resumed on motion).

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (16:00): I was talking about education and the concerns I have about the funding for infrastructure for year 7s moving into secondary settings not having been provided through the budget process, but taken from funding that was intended for another purpose, which was to upgrade the facilities at those schools and to expand capacity for growth in the area, not expand capacity for students who are in schools just down the road.

I am particularly concerned that the government does not appear to have been able to supply detailed information about the schools that are in the first tranche of the Building Better Schools

program. There are some 31 that are either high schools or area schools, birth or reception to 12 schools, and that means their work will be proceeding apace yet there is no advice about which of those 31—or perhaps all of those 31—will be losing some of the money they had expected to be able to use for one purpose but will now be required to spend on another purpose. I am hopeful to get more information about that from the minister in due course.

Of course, there are a number of high schools in Adelaide, in particular, that do not have funding under Building Better Schools—because they previously received significant upgrade money—that are already very full. Brighton, Marryatville, Adelaide and Glenunga are the notable ones, and I am uncertain how the government proposes to increase the capacity or reduce the pressure on those schools. The minister appears to believe—and of course I take him at face value—that zones will not be changed and that special entry programs such as the languages selection for Adelaide High School, for example, or the Ignite program at Glenunga, will not be adversely affected by the need to fit in another year level of students.

However, I am a little at a loss to see how else that will happen. The severing of sibling rights for special entry could well occur, and I think that would be of deep concern to parents who have or who intend to have an older child attending school on those grounds. I believe that is already underway for Henley High School with their sports program, and it is causing some concern.

The early childhood area appears to have few, if any, initiatives within the budget. There was some discussion about the question of having three-year-old preschool, an issue I have been pursuing for some time. Members may recall that the previous premier, the current member for Cheltenham, had pursued with the federal government an attempt to facilitate the offering of three-year-old preschool. The minister referred to a report that was taken to the ministerial council without giving any detail in the estimates committee so, for the record, the report, which was produced earlier this year, includes a recommendation that three-year-old preschool be progressively implemented in Australia.

It includes the comment that two years of early childhood education is the minimum duration needed to have a good chance of reaching a good level of performance at age 15. That reference to age 15 is because the only international assessment we have with which to compare different education systems is PISA, which is undertaken at the age of 15 across all countries every few years.

It is clear from the PISA evidence that systems which start preschool from the age of three have students who do significantly better by the age of 15 than our own students. We are one of the very few nations now, with the wealth that we have, that does not offer 15 hours of preschool for three year olds: in fact, the same report notes that internationally many countries are offering 20 to 30 hours of preschool for both three and four year olds.

This is an area that this country must deal with, and it should not be a matter of Labor or Liberal. Federal Labor is advancing the case very strongly, and I note again that that was not welcomed warmly by this government, but it is a place we will need to be if we want to be able to compete internationally with high-quality education. There is no point in lamenting every year the NAPLAN scores in South Australia if we are not prepared to do something to improve our education, and early childhood education is the best way to invest in order to make a difference.

We also discussed SACE briefly. I am looking forward to seeing the minister at the SACE ceremony early next year. I do not believe as shadow minister he attended at least the last couple and always asked questions about how much it cost but I was pleased to hear that it is still going to happen and that he does intend to be there. Of course, there is also a big review going on, but we will discuss that once the review is completed.

There was a discussion of TAFE, seeking the justification for the closure of the seven campuses. The person who is Acting Speaker at the moment might be very interested in understanding the justification, and I am still battling to see how we can grow TAFE while shrinking it, particularly in the city. A concern that I have about the way in which, although additional funding is being provided to TAFE, it is largely coming back out again in the form of savings that are back-ended through the forward estimates. The money that is also going in on another budget line is because of closing TAFE campuses and dealing with the shortfall in projected revenue. I would have

thought the only thing we can do with TAFE in South Australia is to grow TAFE in order to help it remain and be even more so the major player that is required for our skills and training.

If I can now move to the environment portfolio, a very polite and reasonable conversation was had throughout the estimates period with the minister, which pleased me. I am concerned about the staff cuts that are going to occur. I appreciate the way in which staff cuts are counted. The plan in the budget is 20 in the next financial year, 87 in the following financial year and six in the financial year after that, which is 113 FTEs over that period. If you count that in terms of work effort, the 20 in the next financial year are also not working in the subsequent two years, the 87 are also not working in the final year, then that is in fact a work effort number of some 200.

What concerns me, because we have already talked about that element previously, is that Treasury have come out and said in this year they will finance TVSPs. So all departments, of course, are very quickly moving to put out for expressions of interest to seek to shed their staff now while Treasury will pay for the TVSP package. What concerns me is that, although no staff need to go according to the budget this financial year, in fact many will this year, and we will lose that work effort in the important area of environment and water.

We discussed at length the opening of the reservoirs for recreational purposes. I noted that there is only \$5 million allocated to that which appears to be relating to infrastructure associated with walking trails and barbecues and so on. There is no funding that has been allocated for increased water treatment and I think what that means is that either there is some fantastic advice that I am yet to come across that says you can have people going into the water and that it will not require any additional treatment—and I know that Professor Don Bursill is very sceptical of that being sound advice that might be yet to be received—or we will run a risk which I am sure the government does not wish to do or, thirdly, there will be little or no activity in the water itself and that the opening up of the reservoirs will be about walking and barbecues. We will watch that very carefully.

Marine parks are undergoing a review at present. I was disturbed that the company that is undertaking that is EconSearch. It is a sound company, but it is an economically specialist company, not scientifically or environmentally specialist, and I will be very interested to see how that transpires. The minister said that he was not putting words into the conservation sector's mouth but 'I understand the conservation sector has a reasonable level of confidence'. That is not the case.

As I am sure the minister is now aware, I believe he will be receiving or has received correspondence to that effect. The conservation sector, I believe, is extremely concerned about any kind of review of the marine parks network that does not have a very serious scientific approach. However, I was pleased to hear the minister say that he was absolutely open to considering more marine parks and more sanctuary zones, and we will see how that plays out.

We did not have a discussion about the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission, the lack of extension, and therefore the inability of the commissioner to summons people from the commonwealth to attend and give evidence, because the minister felt that that belonged entirely to the budget line of the Attorney-General. That may be technically correct, but I would love to hear the minister speak passionately and loudly to defend our water and the absolute need for us to hear from everybody about what is happening with the loss of our water in the up-river states.

There was a discussion about NRM. We are yet to see where the minister will take his NRM reforms, so I will suspend judgement. I am on the Natural Resources Committee of parliament and I look forward to participating in the review of the proposed legislation. I was interested that the minister said that he was considering taking some of the levy money raised in one part of the state and spending it in another. I am not sure at this stage whether that can take place legally, but it will be interesting to see in the process whether it is considered by the government to be an acceptable approach, whereby people in Adelaide would have some of their levy raised through the council processes not spent in their region.

I wait with interest to find out how the money from the Green Industries fund is being spent. It appears to be being spent on all sorts of parts of government, including in the Minister for Energy's area, I believe. I am interested to find out how much is being spent in various areas and how those who provide the money for the fund feel about that.

There was a discussion about the dividends being raised in SA Water. It remains to be seen how legitimate it is to appropriate that degree of extra money without causing pressure on water prices. The fees will be going up in the EPA, both specific fees to be applied to petrol station owners—essentially, the people who have underground tanks for storing petrol—but also more generally on licensed entities.

My concern is that, while I would love to see greater regulation—for example, in relation to Adelaide Brighton Cement in my area, which a lot of the local community has very serious concerns about—raising additional fees will not result in any additional regulatory effort, but it is a way for the EPA to receive less money from general appropriation and to receive money directly from companies. This will not make a jot of difference for the people in Port Adelaide who live right next door and who are concerned about the impact of both noise and dust emissions.

Finally, with Green Industries, formerly known as Zero Waste, the minister spoke today in a government question about the money that is being spent to respond to China's refusal to take any more plastics, that it is not going to local government but is going to industry. I think that is a high-risk strategy. If it comes off I will be supportive but, if not, I will be raising it many more times.

Personal Explanation

RENEWAL SA

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (16:13): I seek leave to make a personal explanation.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Today, in question time I was asked by the member for West Torrens a question, which included:

What time on 27 September this year did the Attorney-General have a telephone conversation with the ICAC commissioner, the Hon. Bruce Lander QC...

He then went on further as to the detail. I answered, 'I had two conversations with the commissioner on that day.' In fact, I had one conversation on that day and a second conversation on the afternoon of 2 October 2018 in respect of this subject matter, so I wish to make that clear as to the correction of the same.

NURSES DISPUTE

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (16:14): I seek leave to make a personal explanation.

Leave granted.

Mr PICTON: During question time, the Premier, the member for Dunstan, alleged that I had worked as 'the Chief of Staff to the architect of Transforming Health'. That is manifestly untrue. I presume he is referring to the Hon. Jack Snelling, who I never worked for. Further, I finished employment for the South Australian government some six years before Transforming Health was ever announced.

Bills

APPROPRIATION BILL 2018

Estimates Committees

Debate resumed.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (16:14): I would like to speak on the reports of Estimates Committees A and B. I start by acknowledging the Chairs. The Deputy Speaker was one of the Chairs, as was the member for Waite, who conducted the hearings mostly in an orderly fashion and, where not, brought them back into order as soon as possible. I also acknowledge the ministers who opened themselves to questions and scrutiny of the budget lines and initiatives that related to their portfolios, and in particular, to the ministers in the committee hearings that I participated in: the Treasurer, the Minister for Human Services, the Minister for Environment and Water and the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and at the same time Minister for Planning.

Additionally, I thank the public servants who attended the hearings and those who put work into the lead-up to the estimates process, some of them many weeks prior.

This was the first state budget for the Marshall Liberal government and the papers outlined a return to surplus in 2018-19, a net operating surplus of \$48 million and projected surpluses across each year of those forward estimates. It really demonstrated that the 2018-19 budget was a strong budget that put in place the plan for not only the 2018-19 budget year but also the next four years of this government that will help South Australia's future. There is no doubt about that. At the same time, it was the first Liberal budget for 16 years and came with new priorities. So most of the ministers who made themselves available for questions were undertaking this for the first time, except for the Treasurer.

Certainly, it was these priorities and programs that were detailed in both the Budget Measures Statements and the Agency Statements that were opened up for questioning as part of the estimates process. The first hearing I participated in was with the Treasurer, and he fielded a wide range of questions and made himself very open. He did not make lengthy statements or opening statements, but rather went straight to the questions to allow his budget lines to be investigated. It showed that the government was committed to making South Australia an affordable place to live and, included in that, is affordable water prices, which is important to help South Australians manage their cost-of-living pressures.

One of the budget lines outlined that funding of \$1 million in 2018-19 had been allocated for the establishment and operation of an independent inquiry into water pricing in South Australia. This will be used to inform the government if the methodology used to determine SA Water's bills is reasonable. This independent inquiry into water pricing will commence, if it has not already, very shortly and will hopefully be finalised by 30 June 2019. This again delivers on one of our election commitments.

One of the questions I asked the Treasurer to outline during the estimates process was in relation to the former government's commercialisation of the lands titling and property valuation services in South Australia. It was revealed that a private sector consortium had paid \$80 million up-front to have exclusive rights to negotiate with the state for any future government registry commercialisation projects. Under this agreement, the state was and is contractually obliged to use its best endeavours to commercialise the motor registration and driver licensing registry within three years, repay that \$80 million amount or grant a seven-year extension to the existing 40-year term of the land services agreements, which will be at the state's discretion.

We also talked a bit about the interest rates. That \$80 million comes with a 10 per cent interest rate as well, so it will be some direction north of \$80 million. Given this contractual obligation, \$500,000 was set aside in the 2018-19 state budget for a scoping study to be undertaken on the feasibility of commercialising the motor registration and driver licensing registry.

In relation to probably more appealing matters for the population of South Australia, both for the business and general communities at large, the budget also saw the introduction of the removal of payroll tax for all small businesses with an annual taxable payroll below \$1.5 million. They will be exempt from 1 January 2019. This will mean that approximately 3,200 businesses will become exempt from payroll tax, making a saving of up to \$44,550 a year for those businesses.

The reforms in the budget will help to grow the economy and create a level playing field for businesses. As you heard today in question time, the Premier detailed how all South Australians will benefit from the reduction in their emergency services levy, some \$360 million over the next four years. The first of those bills has arrived in South Australians' letterboxes and the savings that they are now experiencing is money that they can elect to spend how they see fit, providing a \$90 million boost to the South Australian economy this financial year. That is some welcome news in the budget lines.

The Minister for Human Services took questions and really demonstrated that the Marshall Liberal government is committed to helping the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community. The budget in the Human Services portfolio not only delivers on key election commitments but also strengthens communities and looks at ensuring greater efficiencies. The Agency Statements outlined

the abolishing of volunteer screening check fees for South Australians, which really recognises the huge contribution volunteers make to the community and how it strengthens them.

At local sporting clubs, whether that is football, soccer, or at the lifesaving club, and in all opportunities for people to volunteer, we know how many countless hours volunteers put into South Australia and the economic impact that makes. In fact, over 1.7 million volunteer hours are put in each week. This measure will provide \$677,000 in 2018-19 and \$1.4 million from 2019-20 onwards.

It is also worth mentioning that funding of over \$11.9 million over the next four years has been allocated to a suite of domestic violence measures to ensure that women living in violent or abusive relationships are better able to access immediate support. Some of that \$11.9 million includes establishing 40 new crisis accommodation beds. These are very critical for emergency needs as, often, domestic violence occurs at night time.

There will also be \$5 million in interest-free loans to non-government organisations to fund new domestic violence support housing. In my role as Mayor of Holdfast Bay and working with Vinnies, the council was able to provide two cabin-based transportables to be used by Vinnies so they could use them for domestic violence support and emergency housing for people.

In addition, another \$1.66 million will be made available over the next four years to help extend the Women's Safety Services SA Domestic Violence Crisis Line to 24 hours a day. That, again, is very important. Also, an amount of \$2.6 million will be provided in 2018-19 to continue to support the transition of the state disability services to the non-government sector as a result of the reforms that are currently underway with the NDIS.

In terms of social housing, the minister was also able to touch on the initiatives that this government is undertaking to try to reduce homelessness and increase access to appropriate housing. I heard that today on the radio as well—the pressing need for investment into housing. The government has recently signed the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, which sees \$118 million per year directed towards improving access to affordable, safe and sustainable housing across the entire housing spectrum. Under that agreement the federal government will contribute about \$108 million per year and the state government \$9.6 million per year. That will be a fantastic way to try to alleviate some of the problems associated with housing.

The Liberal government is also trying to work through a backlog of maintenance ranging into hundreds of millions of dollars for what is left of the broken housing system that we have inherited. Many of those \$34,000 homes are run down and in a chronic condition. From the budget it is a step in the right direction, but you can see, though, that the public housing system is not going to be fixed overnight. However, with the establishment of the new SA Housing Authority we are working to clean up the mess we have been left with.

I move on to the Minister for Environment and Water. He is particularly articulate and passionate about his portfolio and outlined how this budget will deliver strong and practical environmental outcomes for the people of South Australia. It really does reset the environmental agenda here in this state. You could definitely pick up that there is a renewed focus on not only the coasts but also the parks and ranges, with ambitious plans to create a new urban national park and to unlock the state's reservoirs for recreation.

In fact, the budget includes \$27.7 million of new funding to some key environmental programs that will see some lasting benefits for our state's environment and deliver lasting impacts across the state. Part of this package, as I said before, includes \$10 million over four years for the once-in-a-lifetime Glenthorne national park, which extends right the way through down to Marino and which is on the coast not too far from the seat of Morphett. They are certainly fantastic recreation spaces that are a really short drive away for the residents of Morphett.

I know that the member for Black and his community are fully supportive of this initiative. Also, there is \$5 million over the next two years to open up reservoirs. We talked at length about the Happy Valley reservoir—which is one of those that will be opened up—and what the opportunities will be there as well. In terms of other initiatives, \$2.9 million was set aside to undertake crucial preservation works on the Waterfall Gully summit trail—a very popular walking trail for all people in metropolitan Adelaide. Once you are up the top it gives fantastic views of the city itself.

Also, \$300,000 is committed to deliver an independent marine parks review, which was one of the promises made prior to the election, and at the same time \$2 million is committed to Greener Neighbourhoods. In the estimates the minister spoke of how the Greener Neighbourhoods will be really important to reduce the heat island effect that can occur in built-up parts of metropolitan Adelaide, particularly in new developments. Certainly with respect to the Resilient South project, the members of the councils of Holdfast Bay and Marion looked at the heat island effect and it really was stark.

Looking at the established suburbs, which have trees and bigger spaces between housing, the heat map on those was starkly cooler compared with newer developments where houses are packed in a lot closer. There are fewer tree canopies providing that important shade, so certainly this Greener Neighbourhoods is going to be a good step in trying to reduce that heat island effect.

Another aspect that was really important to the residents of Morphett, and also to visitors (because the coastline is very important along Glenelg, Glenelg South and Somerton Park) was the \$5.2 million that has been allocated to our metropolitan coasts in particular. I pressed the Minister for Environment on this issue and he outlined how South Australia has 5,067 kilometres of coastline. However, it is a coastline with many points of vulnerability, particularly along metropolitan Adelaide as it is the case that 80 per cent of South Australia's population is located along this 100 kilometres, or so, of coastline that makes up the western side of metropolitan Adelaide. It does certainly bring pressures to bear on that coast.

It was clear from the minister's response that this government sees coastal protection as a critical area that really does require considerably more investment in the short, medium and longer term, and that is why this state budget and also the forward estimates mark the beginning of our coastal protection undertakings over the next three years. The \$5.2 million will be dedicated to protecting our pristine coastline and beaches by investing in sand replenishment on those beaches and also the research associated with that sand retention.

These beaches are constantly battling a northward littoral drift of sand, starting at Hallett Cove, in the member for Black's electorate, and then making its way up past Kingston Park, Brighton, Somerton Park, Glenelg and Morphett. It is then interrupted by some man-made structures, such as the marina at Glenelg and the marina at West Beach, and that sees West Beach suffering in a way because the natural drift seems to bypass West Beach, and that really is where the initial focus is.

Certainly, the beaches at Somerton Park have seen some success with sand retention measures. Even big textile bags filled with sand and put along the shoreline to form groynes have been successful in increasing the beach over the last 10 years. Whilst still visible at times, especially at low tide, they have increased the amount of sand not only on the beach near the tideline but also up closer to the rock walls.

In the week before the estimate hearings, I was fortunate enough to attend West Beach with both the member for Colton, who has West Beach as part of his electorate, and the environment minister when the minister announced significant funding towards that beach to help with this coastline: \$500,000 a year for the next two years, which involves 100,000 cubic metres of sand. This will be brought in from Semaphore, where there are sand retention measures, which is built up sand at that end, and brought down to West Beach to help alleviate the problem. We need to look at other measures as well around that, and that is why the \$1 million of funding towards research is so important to try to initiate that sand retention.

We also talked in estimates about seagrass, how it is an important element inhibiting sand drift below the water, and some of the opportunities, focusing on seagrass meadow restoration as well as some stormwater harvesting schemes to prevent nutrient-rich stormwater entering the gulf with the impacts this has on seagrass. The minister outlined that he sees a real opportunity for the blue carbon industry for South Australia for not only seagrass but some of the wetland habitats around there and restoring those particularly around the saltmarshes and mangroves.

The point was made at the Paris climate talks that Australia has become the international leader on blue carbon. This really is a fantastic opportunity for South Australia to be a leader with this funding that will lead to habitat restoration, as well as carbon sequestration opportunities, and

put us at the forefront of driving a blue carbon economy, so we are really keen to move forward with that.

In my concluding remarks, I will say that, whilst I was not present to hear the Minister for Police, I did read through his contributions. It was pleasing to note that he outlined that the government is increasing the operating hours of police stations at Norwood, Henley Beach and also Glenelg, which is a premier seaside tourism destination. This really is a positive move that has been well received by the community of Morphett. The budget itself dedicates \$12.9 million to implement this new staffing model in metropolitan police stations, which will enable more sworn police to be available for patrols and the three abovementioned police stations to open when the community needs them.

These and similar measures demonstrate that the Marshall government has delivered a strong budget that really delivers the reform that South Australia needs and lays a strong foundation for the future. It is a budget that is fair and responsible and fulfils the commitments made to South Australians at the recent election to lower costs, create jobs and provide better services.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (16:34): I would like to make a contribution to the report of the estimates committees. I will be reporting on Estimates Committee A, which I sat on. From the outset, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to acknowledge your chairmanship of that committee. You did a very good job under very difficult circumstances, and I was glad to be there to support you, given the hassles you had from government members on the day.

I would like to give some context before I address some of the issues in my portfolio areas that came up during Estimates A, and it is perhaps useful to quote some of the things the Deputy Premier, the member for Bragg, said this morning in her contribution to this debate. She said:

...we are very proud as a government of the new budget and of the commitment we made in the lead-up to the election to make provision in the budget for those commitments, to honour those and keep our promises to the people of South Australia.

It is a very interesting quote. Right through the whole budget debate and all through the appropriation process and the estimates committees, it would be fair to say that the members of the government actually spent more time talking about ALP policy, the Labor Party and the Labor government than about their own policies. One can only assume that they are not really keen to talk about the budget. If my seat were in the north-eastern suburbs, I would not want to talk about Service SA or perhaps the other issues about park-and-rides. I can understand why some of the members in those seats would not want to mention those.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: However, putting that aside, I am actually going to talk about my portfolio areas. I am happy to talk about Light any day, and I will be doing so later this week. It is interesting that through the whole process the government spent so much time talking about the opposition's policy, rather than about theirs. The Attorney-General went on to say:

Let us be clear: the new government is there to provide information and to provide that support in our responsibility to the parliament.

If you had been here in question time today, you would not have thought that it was the same political party making those comments because most of the ministers spent most of their time avoiding the questions, to the extent that even the Speaker had to uphold our point of order that the minister's answer had no relevance to the questions themselves. The Attorney-General then said:

We have, as a new government, an obligation to expect that questions will be asked about what we are proposing...

I will quote from *The Advertiser* of the Friday after the estimates process finished and what Daniel Wills said about some of the minister's answers to questions during the estimates. He talks about one particular issue, but the part I thought really interesting is when he talks about the estimates committee I was on, as follows:

Infrastructure Minister Stephan Knoll gave a series of ridiculous-looking non-answers, which included repeating ad nauseam—

etc., etc. I think that Mr Wills has got it right. That was the whole tone of the estimates committee I was on; that is, the minister kept saying the same thing and avoiding the questions. He was only saved by a few Dorothy Dixers from the members of the government.

Getting to the more substantive issues which came up in estimates and which I think provide some commentary, the first portfolio I sat on was Veterans' Affairs with the Premier in his capacity as Minister for Veterans' Affairs. I will be very careful about what I say because I am a strong believer that this is an area we should be bipartisan on, given that we need to show the utmost respect for those people who have served this nation in overseas conflicts—those who have given their life and those who have come back and given their lives in other ways.

An issue I would like to put on the record, which I did during estimates and on which I had hoped to have an answer by now, is one I put to the minister about whether the government would consider changing shop trading hours on the 11th of the 11th to enable people in the community to attend 11am services. The minister did say on the day that they would consider it, but I am not aware of an answer or of a decision being made public. As you will be aware, shop trading hours commence at 11 on a Sunday, and I do not think it is an unreasonable request to put it back an hour on that day to mark the centenary of the end of World War I.

The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan: If the 11th is a Sunday.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Yes, it is.

The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan: I know that it is this year.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: That's right. I do not think it is an unreasonable request to enable those people who work on a Sunday to go to local commemorative services to honour those people who gave their lives—and not only those people who gave their lives but also those families left behind by the war effort.

The minister gave a commitment to provide an answer to that. I understand that it was being discussed, but I have certainly not yet had any confirmation. It would be good, first, to do it and, secondly, to have the answer made public. Obviously, a number of RSLs right across the state, if not the nation, are organising their commemorative services, and it would be good to know what sorts of numbers they can expect. I fully understand that shop trading hours are a bit of a sensitive issue for the government at the moment. Putting that aside, it is important that we have an opportunity to come together as a community to show respect and to honour those who fell during World War I, just as we do on ANZAC Day, so I look forward to that.

I must confess that it was also good to hear that the government are now investigating and have done some preliminary work on collecting data on veterans who enter both the health system and the criminal justice system, and I commend them for that. It was one request made through discussions with veterans groups to me as shadow minister for veterans. They are very keen to make sure that, when veterans enter either the health system or the criminal justice system, there are a number of veteran-oriented or veteran-focused organisations to provide the necessary support.

Unfortunately, it is very sad that a number of veterans who come back from conflicts overseas still do not enjoy good mental health. The rate of suicide amongst veterans is still far too high. If we can provide support to our veterans when they enter the health or the criminal justice system, hopefully the outcome will be much more positive. I am aware that the government has started that process, and I commend them for that; hopefully, that work will continue. They are the few comments I wanted to make about the Veterans' Affairs portfolio. As I said, we will continue to work closely with the office for Veterans' Affairs in South Australia and the Premier to make sure that we continue to have a bipartisan approach to veterans in our community.

I would now like to make a few comments about the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. I sat on that committee and asked some questions about the government's position and policies regarding a greater level of transparency and openness in the planning process. The minister indicated that he was looking at that and would seek some advice from the state Planning Commission, which unfortunately now has a new head.

I would like to thank the previous head of the Planning Commission, who provided very helpful advice to me as the shadow minister for planning. I would also like to congratulate Michael Lennon, the new chair of the Planning Commission, who comes with a wealth of experience in the government, non-government and private sectors, as well as many years ago in local government in South Australia and across Australia and internationally in the non-profit housing sector. I look forward to working with him to improve our policy frameworks and settings.

One concern which I have and which I expressed at the estimates committee, and the minister was not really able to provide an answer, was in regard to the process for developing policy codes. One of the biggest criticisms and concerns I hear is that despite it appearing to be a very engaging process in fact it is not. In fact, it involves key stakeholders, and the community at large have been largely excluded from the process in a ministerial way. In fact, my colleague the member for Badcoe raised some of those concerns today in her grievance.

The question I put to the minister was about how we were going to open up the process, and one of the concerns I have is about the resources the planning commission, which will have the responsibility, if you like, of endorsing the policies, will have. In reality, what will happen is that they will be given a whole range of documents by the department—and I am not suggesting anything improper by the department at all—but they will have very few resources to be able to question those policy documents. We could have policy documents that are not actually supported by the community at large—and, in the end, one has to govern by consent.

Another concern raised with me by the development sector is that, with a new system coming into place—and generally speaking there is overall support for that new system coming into place—it does not hold up the process by having existing DPAs in the system slowed down. The minister gave me an assurance that that was not happening, that in fact things had sped up, yet when I go around to the regions and speak to councils one of the issues they raise with me is the fact that a number of their DPA processes have slowed down.

Some have taken years, to the extent that it is some causing difficulties for the proper development of those rural communities. So I ask the minister look at the DPAs, in particular, that are actually for some minor adjustments or that are to remove an anomaly in zoning, which is becoming more difficult to adjust. Those are some issues that have come up in the planning area.

One of the other issues is that this Minister for Local Government and minister Speirs as well have talked about how they are going to stop the process of cost shifting. That is interesting because there are a number of things this government is now doing, or is contemplating doing, that are, in effect, cost shifting. You can call it what you like, but it is cost shifting, particularly for local government.

When I asked, for example, about the e-portal or the new planning process, the new system, and whether council would see the benefit from the investment they are required to make in the system, the minister made it very clear, that they would be required to pay up-front to set up the system and benefits would be some years later down the track. That is, in effect, shifting the cost from the state to local government.

Another issue I raised with the minister was that in the next section of Service SA—and this came up today in question time as well—he talked about equity actually being achieved by increasing access to Service SA centres. I am not sure how you increase access by closing two centres down. The minister made it very clear that one of the reasons for doing that was to try to make savings and provide these services more efficiently, yet by his own admission he is going to open up a new centre on the very same existing model for the ones he has closed are based on.

He then went on to say that people can actually get a lot of these services at post offices now, but it is interesting to note that he is proposing to open a new centre in Mount Barker, and the last time I looked I think Mount Barker did have a post office. I am not sure on what basis he drags those services away from two communities and then opens up an identical service in another community. There is certainly no equity in that. The greatest inequity in this whole issue, though—and the minister was quite glib and quite arrogant in his response on this, saying 'I can actually do these things online'—is that not everybody can do things online, minister.

In fact, it is often members who represent rural communities who get really upset at that sort of answer about just sending people online. There are a number of people in our community who are not IT literate for one reason or another; some older people as well. So what this minister is saying is, 'If you cannot go online, bugger you. You just have to drive extra kilometres to an extra service point.' What he is saying is that the most vulnerable in our community, those people who least have the ability and resources, are the ones this government is going to target.

This government then justifies that decision by punishing the poor and those people who are less literate by saying, 'We had to make tough decisions.' That is how he justified making tough decisions, so it is a tough decision to hit the poor and make their life more miserable and then actually help those who are more wealthy. That is the value system of the Liberal Party that sits opposite.

Then we come to Renewal SA, formerly the urban renewal authority. I must confess that, in my opinion, the stuff-up by the government in the way it has handled this issue in terms of the ICAC inquiry into some personnel is of its own making. They can blame nobody else except themselves. It is interesting that the minister handled this whole matter really poorly. They must get some better media advice because not only did they stuff up the original announcement of this, then the Attorney-General decided to add to their misery by issuing a media statement to confirm everything they were denying throughout the whole estimates process which made it very interesting.

On one hand, the minister said, 'I know nothing,' and then the Attorney-General said, 'Well, we do know something. We are not going to tell you and we are not going to tell you what we do know.' The unfortunate part, though, is that it has tarnished the urban renewal authority. It is an authority that is very important in terms of the role it plays, particularly in overseeing the major investment on the old RAH site. That is a key site in the development of our city. The key agency that is responsible for that has now lost its CEO and senior executive. Just on that, I congratulate Mark Devine on his appointment as acting CEO. I think he is acting or is he the CEO?

Mr Picton: I don't know. It changes day by day.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Yes, but Mark is an excellent operator.

Mr Brown: He's acting.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: Acting CEO. I did not ask that because in estimates the minister had confidence in his then acting CEO and he said he could be acting CEO indefinitely until the other CEO who was on indefinite leave would come back at some point in time, so it is hard to know.

Mr Picton: What a mess!

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: What a mess! It is unfortunate. But I have a lot of confidence in Mark's abilities to steer the urban renewal authority, given his background. He is a very level-headed man and will do good. One thing I would question in the minister's answers in relation to the whole fiasco with the urban renewal authority was his claim that he did not raise putting the CEO on indefinite leave with the chairman of the authority itself at all, and that was unusual. That was unremarkable, according to him, that the authority's CEO was put on indefinite leave and another person was then put on leave as well. The chairman would say, 'Nothing to see here. Look elsewhere.' It really does sound incredible.

With the few moments I have left I would like to touch upon local government. It is interesting that the minister decided to hand over \$200,000 to ESCOSA to look into their rate oversight bill to develop their model, and when asked what they were doing, his answer was 'I do not know. ESCOSA answers to the Treasurer. I am just the Minister for Local Government.'

Mr Picton: I just work here.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: I just work here—and working very hard, of course. That was the mantra we heard today—that they are all working very hard. They are working very hard on working very hard. We heard that quite a few times today, so that was interesting. We have the rate oversight bill which has not been passed. He does not care whether or not it gets passed because he has shown no interest in actually pushing it through the upper house but then went and spent \$200,000 this year on developing a model to implement it.

If things could not get any worse, then we come to Leigh Creek which is part of the Outback Communities Authority where the minister is the minister responsible for the authority but showed very little interest in the outback communities. Again, he said, 'I am just the Minister for Local Government. You have to ask this minister, that minister and that minister for the other thing,' so it is unfortunate that there is no lead minister to look after the welfare and wellbeing of the people of Leigh Creek. That contrasts with what we did at the time, which was to make sure that we had a lead minister who would take responsibility to make sure we had a comprehensive cross-government response. This government, through this estimates process, has shown that it is not ready and not fit to govern.

Mr PICTON (Kurna) (16:54): I rise as well to comment on the 2018 estimates process. This is the fifth estimates process while I have had the honour of sitting in this parliament, but probably the most intensive that I have been involved in. In the first two years, I was a government backbencher. As I am sure a number of backbenchers learnt during this process, it is a very boring process to go through if you are a government backbencher, to sit there through many, many hours of discussion.

Then for two years of estimates I was a parliamentary secretary or an assistant minister. One of the perks of the job of being an assistant minister is that you have no involvement in the estimates process whatsoever, either as a participant, in that you do not have to front the estimates process, or as a member of the committee.

Mr Brown: Dream job!

Mr PICTON: It is. I recall a number of colleagues being rather jealous that I got to skip those two years. I was then appointed a minister, but sadly after the estimates process finished last year, so I got to skip that process. However, now, as a shadow minister, I got to more fully appreciate the estimates process. Particularly, from my perspective as the shadow minister for a minister who is in the other place, this is the first and only time every year you actually get to properly front up to that minister and directly ask some questions, so I did relish that opportunity.

I have a couple of comments generally about the process. In particular, Deputy Speaker, I thought you did a sterling job as the Chair of committee A. You were not kind to us, but you were fair and you were firm, which is the right approach in terms of the standing orders. Unfortunately, in the other place, in committee B the member for Waite did not do such a good job.

The member for Waite, as all of us know in this parliament, has been overlooked for a position in the ministry. He has been overlooked for a position as a parliamentary secretary. I think he was going out of his way in this estimates process to try to show that he has what it takes to be a minister one day. Because of that, we did not see the fairness and the firm hand of an impartial chair in that committee. We saw somebody who was just trying to look to make his mark and to hopefully—whether it is replacing the Minister for Police one day or the Minister for Child Protection, who knows? There are people who are speculating, but I am not one.

Mr Brown: He could sub in for anybody.

Mr PICTON: That's right. He is willing to step in at any time and fill that. That is what we saw in his approach to chairing, unfortunately. I have to say that I noticed some of the comments from the Deputy Premier earlier about her views on estimates, and I am sure that she has repeated them ad nauseam during her 16 years in opposition, which is obviously a significant period of time. She said this morning that maybe it would be better to have an approach where public servants get to front up and answer questions, as they do in Senate estimates.

From my perspective, I have to say that, if that is what the Deputy Premier wants to put forward as an amendment to the estimates process, I think we would say, 'Bring it on.' If she is interested in public servants fronting the process, we would welcome the opportunity—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: But they are not going to be transparent; that's the problem.

Mr PICTON: That's right. I do not think that there is any chance of them doing that because their claim to be open and transparent is purely a political slogan for this government and there is absolutely no accuracy to that whatsoever. I have to say that this is probably the most interesting estimates in probably the last 17 years. Estimates have generally not produced that much news or

that much information, but quite a lot of information and quite a lot of news came out this year, largely due to the shadow minister for government accountability. I would encourage people to look at the website koutsmp.com.au and send in their tips. There was quite a lot of interest in that.

My major focus, of course, was in relation to my shadow ministerial responsibilities as shadow minister for health. There were a number of areas where we gained a greater insight into what is actually going on in this government—that is, rather than their rhetoric, their press releases and their photos ops what is actually happening under the hood of this government. I have to say that what is happening is very worrying.

The first order of business was in relation to the KordaMentha report. The government commissioned this report from the firm KordaMentha. It is not a health advisory firm, not a specialist in terms of giving advice about public hospitals; it is a specialist firm in relation to liquidation and administration. In fact, the minister could point to no examples of its providing any similar advice in relation to public hospitals. It has been brought in to look at the Central Adelaide Local Health Network, which is the largest health network in South Australia and includes two major hospitals, as well as a whole range of statewide services.

What we found was that the government paid KordaMentha almost \$1 million to provide this report, but they went through no procurement process whatsoever in the lead-up. The minister and his officials admitted that there was no call to the market and that there was no approach to any particular people, other than KordaMentha, to provide the service. Originally, they had intended to hire somebody, but they decided not to hire somebody and just go to KordaMentha. That is pretty dodgy, I have to say.

From our perspective, it looks to be a serious breach of the state procurement guidelines, and that is why the shadow treasurer has referred this matter to the Auditor-General to investigate. There are very clear guidelines in terms of how procurements should happen; in particular, large procurements over half a million dollars need to go through a process of contestability. That did not happen here. There are some exemptions, but none of those exemptions is applicable in this regard. Clearly, other people could have done this work. Clearly, there was no emergency risk to public safety, such as a natural disaster, that had to circumvent a proper procurement process. We look forward to the Auditor-General considering this matter, because we think it is a very serious matter.

Secondly, we learnt that the government has the first KordaMentha report. They have had it at least since the start of estimates because on the first day of estimates when the Treasurer fronted he said that he had received the report. He quoted selectively from it, but then he refused to release the report. There is this perverse idea that you can claim cabinet confidentiality over a document, quote the bits that you like from it, just pick out particular bits that you like, but that somehow that does not ruin the cabinet confidentiality of the rest of the document.

We are calling on the government to immediately release that report. Once again, this is a sign that their claim to be open and transparent is nothing more than a slogan. We know that there is a second report coming; if it has not already landed on the minister's desk, it will be coming within weeks. We are very concerned about what this report is going to mean in terms of significant cuts to services, cuts to beds, cuts to doctors, cuts to nurses and cuts to other services at our hospitals.

The third thing we are particularly worried about is what this means in terms of privatisation of our services. We have seen already that this is a government addicted to privatisation. They have announced in the budget that they are willing to embark upon a track of privatising SA Pathology and SA Medical Imaging Services, some of the crucial back-of-house clinical services that people need when they are in hospital in South Australia. They are willing to see these privatised in South Australia as well as a range of other things, such as prisons and ambulance transfers. Clearly, KordaMentha are looking further into privatisation.

One thing we learnt through the estimates process was that there are some very significant conflict of interest issues in terms of one of the people who has been appointed by KordaMentha to undertake this report. They have engaged Dr Michael Stanford as part of this review. Funnily enough, Dr Stanford sits on the board of Australian Clinical Labs, which is one of Australia's largest providers of private pathology services. I am sure that he is one of the people who would be very eager to run pathology services in this state, maybe counting a loss for a few years and then jacking up the price,

as we usually see in all sorts of privatisations that happen across the board. That is a very significant conflict of interest.

The minister was asked in detail about the process and how this was being managed. Certainly, there was no revealing of this on the government's behalf before questions were raised in the estimates process. It is clear that they did not engage any probity advice about how it should be managed. I think this probably does need to be investigated, and I think it will be a cloud that will hang over the report that we will see.

Another significant thing that came out of this estimates process was more murky details about what is going on in terms of the management of the Australian Craniofacial Unit and the minister's promises that the unit would not be changing and that it was going to continue the work of the South Australian of the Year, Professor David David. Sadly, what we have learnt through this estimates process is twofold. Firstly, overseas patients, who have been a hallmark of the unit from day one, are in jeopardy. South Australians are very proud of their ability to provide this expert care for people across the world who need it.

There are patients stuck in Indonesia who, sadly, are waiting for this treatment, and Professor David has been contacted by doctors there who are very concerned. This goes against the commitments made by the health minister that this would not be happening, and the minister was not able to provide us with any assurances that these treatments would be provided. He has referred the matter again to the Office of Public Integrity for investigation, highlighting the serious nature of these concerns.

Secondly, the other thing we learnt about the Craniofacial Unit is that, behind the scenes, people within the health service have been emailing each other saying that they want to change the nature of the service and, in particular, that they should not be committed and that the minister should not be committed to having overseas and interstate treatment as part of the unit in the future. That has always been part of the unit, but there are clearly people working within the health service who want to see that changed.

This could easily be fixed by the minister; in fact, it should have been fixed by the minister. If we actually had a strong, decent minister who was committed to continuing this work, they could have fixed this many months ago. Sadly, we see no action from the government. They are willing to let the degradation of this world-leading service continue and not listen to the advice of the South Australian of the Year, Professor David David. Sadly, I do not see any sign that that is changing any time soon, although I hope that it does.

The third thing we heard about was in terms of the boards. The government's approach to the governance of the health system is to set up a whole series of boards across South Australia. There are going to be three metro, six country and one statewide, in terms of the women's and kids' board. Clearly, this process is off track. Clearly, this process is stumbling. The minister has not made a series of critical decisions he needs to make before this process comes in in the middle of next year. This is a massive reform operation, particularly in terms of how to split up country health services into six new entities. It is way behind track and turning out to be a very expensive exercise.

We found out that \$13 million is going to be spent on fees alone, but there is still no clarity in terms of how much money is going to be spent on all the other bureaucracy that will have to surround this bureaucratic change. It is clearly money that the government did not get from Treasury. They got no provision for this funding, and they are going to have to use resources that could otherwise help patients on the front line. Unfortunately, what will happen is that they will go into hiring bureaucrats instead.

We have talked about a number of the very harsh cuts that this government is progressing in this budget, and I think that chief among them is the closure of South Australia's statewide HIV service, Cheltenham Place, run by Centacare. Centacare have been vocal in their opposition to the closure of this service. It is not as though they have taken the funding and are putting it to some other service to help HIV positive-affected people: they are just going to cut it entirely. They are just going to leave those people stranded with no services whatsoever.

It came out through the estimates process that the minister has not visited there, he has not spoken to them, he has not been briefed about it. This was a callous cut that was made with no

information and with no understanding about what this service was. In fact, they stuffed it up so much that they even described it completely incorrectly in the budget papers and said that it was a homeless service when it is absolutely not a homeless service.

If they had taken a first step to investigate what they were actually going to be cutting, they could have learnt about it. They would have learnt that this is a necessary service and that this is something that should be maintained. It is another example where, sadly, the government is making callous cuts without thinking about the consequences.

We also discussed a very important matter in terms of the north-eastern suburbs. People in the north-eastern suburbs know all about privatisation because they had to suffer through the privatisation of Modbury Hospital under the previous Liberal government. Within months, what has happened under this government is that the ambulance transfers between the Modbury and Lyell McEwin hospitals are going to be privatised. They are going to be put out to the market and, sadly, it looks like they are not going to be run by SA Ambulance Service anymore.

This is very concerning for patients there. Also, particularly the paramedics have been very concerned about this because a number of very critically ill people go in that ambulance. This is not an ambulance that is used only by people who are non-urgent. In fact, we are told that the vast majority of people—some 80 per cent to 90 per cent—would require some sort of medical attention while they are in that ambulance. So, to have a service where it would be the lowest common denominator, where you would not have a paramedic in the back with somebody attending to them, potentially could put lives at risk.

The government clearly has not thought this through. We saw the minister trying to flip flop on the day and say that this is going to affect only non-urgent patients. Well, that is only some 10 to 20 per cent of people who use this ambulance service. This whole thing is up for privatisation, sadly, in the north-eastern suburbs, and it is yet another example of how people of the north-eastern suburbs, who backed the member for King, who backed the member for Newland, have been let down in this budget of cuts and privatisations to their area in particular. They have been singled out in this budget of cuts to their area.

There are a number of very significant concerns, chiefly in terms of the north-eastern suburbs as well, and this was borne out by questions asked by the member for Wright. One of the key promises made to people there was about reopening the high dependency unit at Modbury Hospital. People in the north-eastern suburbs are expecting that to happen. However, we are seven months in and it has not happened. In fact, what we heard during the estimates process was that it is not going to happen in the next few months and that it is not going to happen next year. It is maybe going to be right at the end of this entire term of government that they start treating patients there.

Through FOIs, we know that they are actually looking at not establishing a high dependency unit but potentially something of a lower order than that but dressing it up to look as though the government have delivered on their commitment, but they are not actually not going to do anything from years on end from now on. Time after time, when you look at the government's rhetoric about health, what it is saying about health, the truth is clearly different. We heard again today the Minister for Energy trying to defend what the government is doing in terms of health by talking about investments all over the place.

Well, the budget documents are very clear: 880 staff to be pulled out of the health service this year. That is just to happen in one year. There is no way you can tell me that pulling out almost 1,000 doctors, nurses and other staff from our health services is not going to have a material effect in terms of how patients are treated, in terms of our waiting times, in terms of ambulance ramping. This government's recipe for our health system is clearly about trying to dress that up as though it is doing a good job, but if you look at it in any great level at all what you see are privatisations, you see a cuts agenda, you see getting rid of 900 staff and you see a whole range of other issues, such as changes to our world-leading Craniofacial Unit in this state.

This is the result of what we have been finding out through estimates. I think that there is a lot more that we will find out over coming months about what this government's true intentions are, and I think critical to that will be what this KordaMentha report says about what the government's cuts agenda is at two of our biggest hospitals. Sadly, I think that that is going to be a recipe for

patients not getting proper treatment and for the government to break their supposed mantra of better services in this state.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (17:14): I was not going to make a contribution to estimates because I felt that, being in the chair the whole time, it may not be appropriate. I do thank the member for Kaurna for his backhanded compliments, in terms of my ability.

Mr Pederick: Faint praise.

Mr DULUK: I hope that his faint praise was no reflection on your ability to chair. I have not been to as many estimates as the member for West Torrens, but I have been through two or three. I know that, for the last two years, the member for Schubert and I have thoroughly enjoyed—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: He's done much better than you, though.

Mr DULUK: —it has not been before ICAC yet—the process. What I—

Members interjecting:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I know it is tempting, but the member for Waite will be heard in silence. Member for Waite.

Mr DULUK: Thank you for your protection, sir. What I find really interesting is that the member for Kaurna goes out in the media a lot and he did some media around estimates. He gets out and about in his new-found role. I know he wants to be a little bit further up. He wants to be further up the backbench.

Members interjecting:

Mr DULUK: He wants to be further up the backbench in opposition, but the member for Kaurna has been intimately involved with health policy for this state for many, many years. He was an adviser to former minister Hill. He was an adviser to former federal health minister Roxon. He then came into this place with no jobs outside advising. He had no real-life experience outside of his bureaucracy. He then served in the dying days of the Weatherill Labor government. The reality is more so—

Members interjecting:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Waite, just take a seat. There will be no—

Members interjecting:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members—

The Hon. S.K. Knoll interjecting:

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Schubert. Sorry, minister. I call you to order.

Mr DULUK: More so—

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have not finished yet, member for Waite. The member for Waite is making a valued contribution to this debate. Others have been heard in silence and he will as well. Member for Waite, you have the call.

Mr DULUK: More so than any other member of this opposition has the member for Kaurna been tied up with the health policy of the former Labor government. At the point of time that estimates came about in September and the budget handed down at 30 June, the new Marshall Liberal government had been in power for about three or four months and so we are looking at the year in its entirety.

The moment that the member for Kaurna got in those strange seats on the other side, he pretended that everything that is ill with the current health system is somehow our fault, somehow Stephen Wade from the other place's fault. It is just phenomenal. I suppose my message to those who are following this debate, especially those in the media, is not to take at face value the words of the member for Kaurna when he is talking about issues of health policy and the position of the government.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Don't flatter yourself, mate. No-one is watching.

Mr DULUK: Correct, no-one is watching. The media rolls out and gets the press release from the member for Kaurna and then they report his lies. Time and time again the member for Kaurna, in his position as shadow health minister, has been found wanting. We have seen it when he has come out of late with his statements around certain issues at the Flinders Medical Centre where the government has had to come out and correct the record. The member for Kaurna is very, very good at stretching the truth and I suppose I am saying to him that he is better than that. I think that he can actually work with the government in finding some solutions to the problems because he created most of them.

The member for Davenport was in committee with us. In the whole day of health estimates, not once did the member for Kaurna ask a question about the Repat. The first question on the Repat came from the member for Davenport. The member for Kaurna did not ask for clarity about who closed the Repat and about the issue that we have right now in SALHN where 100 beds have actually been taken out of SALHN due to the decision of the former Labor government.

Where are they at the moment, and where is the head of the nurses' union, Ms Dabars? Where is Ms Dabars in terms of fighting for my community and her members who work in SALHN? She is nowhere. She was happy to work hand in glove with the Labor Party in closing the Repat and in closing 100 beds in SALHN at the Repat, Flinders Medical Centre and of course Modbury and the services there.

Where was she? I will tell you where: she was nowhere to be seen because she wants to be in the Legislative Council, like all former members of the ANMF who have gone there. I want to see Ms Dabars come out and say that she does not aspire to office within the Labor Party. The next time she is on Ally and Dave or Will and Penbo or Leon Byner, I want to see if she comes out and says, 'I am just going to put my conflict of interest. Before I criticise the current government, I am just putting on the record my intention to stand for Labor Party preselection at some point in time in the future.' But we will not see that from her, although that is what she wants.

Ms Dabars is out there, right now, doing the proxy work for the member for Kaurna, trying to defend the abysmal record of the former Labor government. The member for Kaurna knows that we are in a huge mess in health at the moment. We have obviously had the preliminary KordaMentha report showing the issues in CALHN, as Treasurer Lucas outlined in his estimates contribution.

The member for Kaurna was part of the decisions that have taken CALHN to where it is today. Once again, I urge the member for Kaurna to work with us on the solutions. Come and work with us on the solutions. I am sure the Minister for Child Protection would like to see some reports released as well. I am sure that, in the fullness of time, the South Australian public will see what they have inherited, through this government, after 16 years of Labor mess.

We see it across the board. We saw it today in energy, where we have spent \$800 million on generators. We saw it in the report from Mr Livesey QC, and we are seeing it again in health. We have seen the way Country Health has been decimated across the board in your community, sir. We see the legacy of Labor's decision-making. I remind all those who are following the debate, member for West Torrens—and I am sure they eagerly are—that it is Labor's legacy that we are dealing with and trying to fix up. It is the closure of the Repat, and it is also the morale within SA Health staffing and the intimidation and bullying that members of SA Health and its employees were forced to endure by the former government, where they could not come out and criticise government policy that was affecting their communities.

We know that the former Labor government left us with huge problems. They know it, but they do not want to admit it. They move on to the next story of the day whenever they can. They do not want to be part of the solution. They are just there for their cheap media grabs.

The Hon. S.K. Knoll: koutsmp.com.au

Mr DULUK: Correct: koutsmp.com.au. When the member for Kaurna goes on ABC radio and the presenters have to push back and say, 'We are getting a stream of negative responses from our listeners on our ABC,' we know that the members of the public are on our side in this debate. They know that the member for Kaurna has been a terrible architect of the former government's

Transforming Health policies. I urge him to join us in fixing the solutions. I look forward to seeing him next year in Estimates Committee B.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (17:23): That was an extraordinary vomit into the parliament. The worst part—

Mr DULUK: Point of order, sir.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —about vomit is that it smells after it is done.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Waite has a point of order.

Mr DULUK: Yes. I think it is unparliamentary for the member for West Torrens to refer to my contribution as vomit, and I ask him to withdraw it, sir.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not necessarily unparliamentary, but it has offended the member for Waite. So, member for West Torrens, at the outset you could withdraw that.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I could, sir, but I am not—

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I would prefer you to.

Mr DULUK: It is offensive to vomit, too.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Waite is offended. Withdraw it and continue with your remarks.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: If the member for Waite—is it Waite or Davenport? I cannot remember because you move seats so often.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: I withdraw the remark.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member for West Torrens.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: In the contribution, there was an extraordinary attack on the motives of a hardworking union official, Ms Dabars.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Again, see the mockery of working people who dare to organise; the mockery of hardworking nurses who dare to say, 'We have our own independent voice'; the mockery from the landed gentry opposite, who believe that whatever workers organise somehow they are in it for themselves.

I find it remarkable that the member for Waite would make an accusation that is defamatory and cruel, that the only reason Ms Dabars is raising issues that are affecting nurses and their workplace is that she is somehow attempting to receive preselection or endorsement from the Australian Labor Party into the Legislative Council. Why anyone would do anything to enter the Legislative Council is beyond me. That is point 1. Point 2 is that it is a terrible slur on Ms Dabars and the people who elected her.

In the middle of a dispute in which the Premier is not intervening, which clearly sees nurses pitted against the government, to have a junior backbencher get up and make an accusation like that against Ms Dabars (1) is offensive, and (2) I think is defamatory. Luckily, the comments are covered and cloaked in privilege for the member for Waite, but if he repeated those accusations outside the parliament I think he would be in some serious trouble.

Ms Dabars showed no fear or favour whether it was a Labor government or a Liberal government. I can tell you that she gave me no quarter as treasurer. She gave me absolutely no free ride as treasurer. The idea that somehow she serves a political party other than her members is just wrong, and I think that the member for Waite will come to regret his comments in the parliament today. I think he has done the government a huge disservice. I think he has done the health minister a huge disservice. I think he has done the Premier a huge disservice. More importantly, he has done himself a huge disservice.

Ms Dabars cannot reply in this chamber. When you attack someone without any evidence in this chamber, using privilege is appalling. Privilege is designed to hold the powerful to account, not so the powerful can use it to attack workers and their representatives, which is the reverse of what privilege was designed for. The member for Waite should reflect on his contribution and on the motives of Ms Dabars and all those hardworking nurses who get up every morning to deal with some of the most difficult and traumatic situations that South Australians could ever comprehend.

Nurses are our first responders. They are the ones who are dealing with our loved ones who are dying. They are the ones who are dealing with our children who are suffering. They are the ones who are seeing people on their knees needing health care, and the best that the member for Waite can do is to question their motives. The South Australian parliament deserves better than that.

We can disagree on health policy, and that is okay. There is no problem whatsoever with a government coming in and saying, 'After 16 years we feel that there should be a different direction and this is that direction.' We are entitled to say, 'We think that new direction is unfair, it is cruel and it hurts the people who are most vulnerable.' We can have that debate, but I do not question the motives of the people involved in the debate. I think that the member for Waite will come to regret those remarks, and the shadow health minister will drive it home like a stake through the heart of those words.

Quite frankly, even though you asked me to withdraw the term 'vomit', Mr Deputy Speaker, I have to say that having that sort of bile ooze out over the parliament is unfair and it has degenerated this debate. They should look to my example to lift the tone of a debate in the parliament. One thing the member for Waite is right about is that his office has never been raided by ICAC and he has not had three chief executives govern his department in three weeks. That unenviable title goes to the junior minister—

The Hon. S.K. Knoll: Unenviable.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: —yes, whatever you like—that unenviable title goes to the junior minister who is currently here in the chamber.

We saw in estimates a pretty appalling level of cover up from the Minister for Housing and Urban Development or Transport and Infrastructure—whatever portfolio structure Renewal SA has given authority to the minister. We have now had John Hanlon go on leave, we had an interim CEO put in place and we had a new chief executive put in place yesterday, Mr Mark Devine. That is three chief executives of Renewal SA in three weeks. Renewal SA, more than any other agency in government, deals with the private sector. They are the ones who touch developers, excavators, demolishers, people involved in industry. They, more than any other agency, are out negotiating private contracts, and right now there is a cloud over this agency.

The estimates process discovered a number of things. One was that the government is not as open and transparent as it claims to be, that it is not prepared to tell the public what is occurring in its government agencies, that it is not prepared to tell the people of South Australia that law enforcement officers have executed search warrants and seized computers, telephones and other equipment from government agencies.

This is the people's property. The people own these computers, the people own these telephones and we have a right to know what has occurred in this agency. We have a right to know if there is a cloud hanging over this agency. We have a right to know if the stench of corruption has seeped into one of the most important agencies in government that touches the private sector—but we get nothing from the government. Ralph Jacobi always used to say that the best disinfectant is sunshine.

The parliament is given privilege for a reason. The parliament is the highest forum in the state, and parliamentarians are given that privilege for a reason: to inform the public, without fear or favour, about what is occurring in this state—and we do not know. The government are not talking, and when they do talk I fear they do so illegally. I have grave concerns about the conduct of the Attorney-General and the manner in which she has conducted herself. She refuses to tell the House of Assembly whether or not the ICAC commissioner authorised her to make a public statement; she refuses.

She mocked the parliament in question time, mocked the process of question time, saying to the house, 'I refuse to answer. No matter how many times you ask me,' she said, 'I will not answer that question'. The first law officer of this land is entrusted with upholding the laws of this state, and what we found out in estimates on that day, 27 September, was that the Attorney-General may have broken the law. If that is true, she must stand down. She must stand down and there must be an independent inquiry to ascertain whether or not she has.

More importantly, we hear today that the Attorney-General sought advice from no less than the Solicitor-General about whether or not she had broken the law. That is Caesar checking into Caesar, the Crown offering advice to the Crown on whether the Crown had broken the law. Who would prosecute the Crown if the Crown had broken the law? It is the Crown. The Attorney-General cannot seek the Solicitor-General's advice about whether she broke the law. She needs personal legal opinion about whether or not she broke the law. She cannot use the offices of government for that process.

The estimates process has worked well because it has uncovered a stench that has already festered in a government that is less than a year old—already, three chief executives in three weeks and the Attorney-General with a massive cloud hanging over her head, a payment to an accused murderer. Everywhere the Attorney-General goes, along with her go controversy and potentially something larger. This house should be very concerned.

Today, we have also heard that the budget has been impacted again by the attempt to privatise the state-owned power plant that the former Labor government committed to buy. There are two points I wish to make about that. The first is that the former government released an energy plan, and within that energy plan we made two commitments in relation to generation; one was that we would procure backup generation for two summers to get us through the peaks of summer, and then we would purchase a permanent power station to provide for the needs of the state.

We always said to South Australians that we would be purchasing our own generator. What the General Electric generators give us the ability to do is to do both. They were able to offer us temporary diesel generation over two summers and would then be moved to a permanent site when they would become a permanent power station to offer us backup supply. What the government is doing now is removing the safety net the state had, the safety net the former government had put in place—and worse, the government has broken an election commitment.

The Premier, before the election, said they would not privatise the generators. They just wanted to understand the contract. He made a solemn commitment to the people of South Australia. I refer the house to another commitment made by another premier before an election, the Hon. John Wayne Olsen, who said that if elected they would never privatise ETSA, that there were no privatisation plans for ETSA.

Indeed, Graham Ingerson, his deputy premier at the time, said, 'We are not selling ETSA full stop.' After the election, what did they do? They privatised ETSA. What did the current government say before the election when they were in opposition? 'If we are elected, we have no plans to privatise the generators.' What did they do after the election? They announced that they are privatising the generators.

The estimates process has also shown that the government claims that there is money procured of \$200 million in the budget papers for an interconnector, yet the budget papers nowhere reference anywhere on any page any line item or any procurement for \$200 million for an interconnector. Nowhere. This is the people's money. Yet the government wants us to believe this. The government has told the estimates committees, and therefore this parliament, that the Treasurer and this Appropriation Bill procures \$200 million but it is not mentioned anywhere in the budget. I do not believe them.

I do not believe them. I think this parliament has not been told the accurate facts within the budget. How could it have been? The budget papers set out all expenditure proposed for this financial year and over the forward estimates with not a single line or reference to the interconnector or \$200 million. The answer from the minister? Held in Treasurer's contingency. The last refuge of a scoundrel—Treasurer's contingencies.

An honourable member: Under the couch.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Under the couch. In my bed. In my mum's bank account. I have a girlfriend at another high school. The usual rubbish you hear from people making up things that simply are not accurate. I see what they have done in the Livesey report, which I understand cost nearly half a million dollars, which is a dramatic expense in itself. They have used operating costs amortised over 25 years to claim as a blowout in the cost of the generators to hide the deception the government has of privatising an asset they promised they would not.

Deception this early does not bode well for the government. Broken promises this quickly set a very difficult path. I feel sorry for the backbenchers who were told to go out and sell this rubbish, even though they had absolutely no say whatsoever in the structure of this budget, its formulation or its delivery, yet they have been asked to go out and sell it. I think some of the cruellest cuts have been outlined by the member for Kaurua who had to sit here and tolerate a childish rant back at him.

One that concerns me a lot also is public transport cuts to services. The idea that this government is cutting over \$40 million in public transport routes over the next four years, without telling the people of South Australia which routes are going to be cut and why, I think is scandalous. I think any reasonable person who has been following this debate would ask themselves, 'If the government wishes to make efficiencies on public routes, which ones are they?' That way you could consult with people who might be affected, you could ask them questions about how they would be impacted by this and do a cost-benefit analysis of whether or not it is worthwhile to cut these routes. In effect, what we have is no consultation, no discussion with the public and an arbitrary decision just to cut routes.

In conclusion, I think that the estimates process overall will probably cost the Deputy Premier her job. I think that the Deputy Premier is in more trouble than the early settlers. She has already had to come into the parliament today and correct the record. She claimed in parliament today that she had two conversations with the ICAC commissioner, the Hon. Bruce Lander QC, on 27 September. That was not true.

The questions we want answered as the opposition are: when did the ICAC commissioner authorise the Attorney-General to make a public statement in relation to the law enforcement raids on Renewal SA? Did the ICAC commissioner at any stage authorise the Attorney-General? The ICAC commissioner, from my reading of the act, has no retrospective power to grant an approval retrospectively for a statement already made.

I also point out to the house that the Attorney-General today said clearly that she will not let this parliament or this house know whether or not she did receive any advice about whether or not she could make a public statement. If she has received no authorisation or written authorisation by the ICAC commissioner to make a statement about an investigation of the ICAC, the penalty is imprisonment or a fine, depending on what a court finds.

I make no judgement on the guilt or innocence of the Attorney-General, even under privilege, because that would not be appropriate. However, what I do say is that, on the merits, it looks as though at the very least someone should investigate and look at this because if the first law officer of the land, who is authorised and someone who administers the ICAC Act, breaches it themselves, what faith or trust can any South Australian have in any law and its implementation in the state? What faith or trust can any of us have in the Attorney-General? I have to say that estimates bore that out.

Estimates bore out exactly what a poor Attorney we have and what a flagrant disregard she has for the rule of law, and I am shocked that she will not even provide to the house evidence of her authorisation by the ICAC commissioner to speak. It is important to note that the ICAC make it very clear to anyone who has any dealings with them that you must have written authorisation by the ICAC commissioner to make any comment. In his statement, the ICAC commissioner made it clear that he authorised the media to publish their statements. I have not seen any authorisation by the ICAC commissioner, the Hon. Bruce Lander QC, authorising the Attorney-General to make any public statement, yet she did.

Not only that, but today a member of the public sector was thrown under the proverbial bus when I asked, 'Why did the Attorney-General seek to have her public statement withdrawn or not

published from the media outlets she had sent it to?' She said, in response to that question, that she had not. I have spoken to media outlets who received calls from the Attorney's office.

If the Attorney-General is using this parliament to claim that she had no knowledge of a statement being put out or that it is all her staffer's fault, that is disgraceful. Staff act on instructions and on instructions from their ministers. You cannot hide behind your staff. It is not fair, it is cowardly and the people of South Australia should not accept it from the second highest ranking politician in South Australia.

My remarks on the Appropriation Bill will end with this: the great economic managers opposite have borrowed an extra \$3.3 billion in claiming that they are fixing up a mess. Since when do you borrow your way out of trouble?

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (17:44): I rise to make a contribution to this debate, which centres on the estimates but essentially is about the Appropriation Bill. I note with interest the contribution of the member for Kaurna. Listening to that contribution, I was of a mind to come in and defend the member for Waite, having been in his position before for a while. That was, of course, until he made those extraordinary remarks about Elizabeth Dabars, the nurses' union and the motivations that might be behind their recent actions. As the member for West Torrens conveyed in much better terms than I ever could, it was an absolute disgrace.

I think it is a disgraceful performance born out of frustration. I should not be too harsh on the member for Waite because I understand that frustration. I was in his position for four years. I chaired Estimates Committee B for the previous four years as the Chair of the Economic and Finance Committee, as he is. As the member for Wright rightly points out, I chaired it with distinction. I think I set the tone for all future Estimates Committees B. I think the member for Waite let the team down a little.

I did notice he picked up some tips from me. He was pedantic, which I enjoyed, but I think he was rather too stilted in his approach. He interrupted the flow of questioning. It is important in estimates to have a fairly informal atmosphere so that the minister can relax, as much as anything. I noticed in the estimates committee in which I was involved, with the Minister for Police, the constant interjections from the Chair were, in fact, discombobulating the minister and perhaps preventing him from providing some of the answers that he should have provided. Perhaps I am being too generous to the minister; perhaps he intended not to provide some of those answers.

In any case, I thought the member for Waite did a fair job. I go back to my initial remarks. I think the member for Kaurna was a little unfair in relation to the member for Waite's performance in estimates, although I do only have my interactions with the Minister for Police with which to compare it. He was firm at times, and he was fair at times, but I think the pedantry overtook the fairness and the contribution to the flow of the debate.

We have spoken many times in this place, since I have been here at least, about reform to the estimates system. Some of those things have been mentioned today in passing. We have pointed to Senate estimates committees, where public servants come in on a regular basis, on a triannual basis, and are grilled by senators. I think that is a fairly good model. As the member for Kaurna said, it is something we could probably talk about, and other models have been suggested. As the Chair of the Economic and Finance Committee, which I was for at least as long as the member for Waite will be, we did discuss this many times at various conferences. It was always a hot topic at ACPAC, which is the peak body of economic and finance committees and public accounts committees across Australia. They are always looking at ways to improve the estimates.

I think that our estimates committee system here does set a pretty poor example. I do not know that it has been reformed in recent times. It certainly has not been in the last eight years that I have witnessed it. In many ways, it embodies many of the problems we have inherent in our question time system: the government questions, which pose as government questions. They are Dorothy Dixers. I have never liked them. I do not like them now. I certainly do not like them in estimates. I think they waste everybody's time. It is always particularly on show in those ministers who are not particularly confident in their portfolios or who fear making a mistake. It really does prevent the parliament and the people from investigating the budget properly.

I take my role now as shadow minister very seriously, at least as seriously as I took being the Chair of Estimates Committee B. These are portfolios which, in their total, add up essentially to public safety. Public safety is something of a given: you do not notice it being there; you only notice it if it falls away. There is a genuine danger of seeing public safety fall away or being pushed away by some of the cuts, the measures and the privatisations in this budget. Public safety is inexplicably under attack in this budget.

There are thousands of little cuts—apart from some of the bigger ticket items, which I will get to—which do not seem to make any sense. Minor cuts to road safety programs and minor cuts to police cadet programs and those sorts of things by themselves are relatively minor, but they add up to what amounts to a genuine risk to public safety. The CCTV grants in the city, the safe city grants and the crime prevention program grants that go out to the suburbs and provide things like CCTV and lighting in places like the Parklands to keep people safe, for some reason—to save a few dollars—this government has got rid of them.

I heard the member for Kaurua also make comment about the process of estimates drawing out more information, drawing out some clarity from the government and drawing out the reasons and the motivations behind why these cuts are necessary. I did not find that at all, frankly, talking to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. I found that it was a struggle getting a straight answer. It was essentially a replay of every question time and, in fact, every radio interview of the minister's I have heard.

In the time I have available to me, I will go through the portfolio areas and start with road safety, which was the first item on the agenda that day. This goes to the heart of what I am saying about some of the structures of estimates being particularly obstructive to the parliament and the people getting straight answers out of the minister. There were some absolutely perplexing cuts and omissions in the road safety budget, and I regret that we had only half an hour to really interrogate that.

Believe me, half an hour in the estimates committee process, particularly with the style of chairing the member for Waite exhibited, goes very quickly. We even had a Dorothy Dixier in there—a lengthy government question in a half-hour session on road safety—which is inexplicable. I have said before in this place that road safety is a genuine passion of mine. I have told this story before in this house, but just to contextualise the estimates process I will tell it again.

I joined the police intending to be a detective and, at certain points, became interested in prosecution and thought about studying the law while I was doing that. During my short time in the police, I was convinced very quickly that almost the most important job they do is keep our roads safe. Road safety—I know the previous shadow minister agrees with this entirely—is at the heart of community safety. That is why the very first question I asked the minister was why this government had made the decision to drop the road safety portfolio as a stand-alone portfolio from the ministerial suite of portfolios.

Again, the answers were incomprehensible, but it seems to me that it demonstrates a certain blasé attitude towards road safety. It is simply seen as an adjunct to police policy; a casual attitude, perhaps. Genuinely, to give it half an hour and to have a minister there who is not even, by name, the minister for road safety—

The Hon. S.K. Knoll: Yes, he is.

Mr ODENWALDER: No, he is not. In fact, it is interesting that the Minister for Transport interjects because apparently the responsibility for road safety is spread across two ministers—and you are one of them. That is right: you are, in fact, also a minister for road safety.

I managed to get from the Minister for Police that he was in charge of the strategic direction of road safety, but upon subsequent questioning I could not get him to outline a particular vision that he has for the next four years in terms of the road safety portfolio, other than to say he was continuing the excellent work of the member for Kaurua and the member for Croydon.

There were, as I said, inexplicable cuts to this particular part of the portfolio. Given the time allotted, it was very difficult to get to the bottom of any of them. Perhaps the Minister for Transport can answer this in his contribution. There was \$1.1 million cut from road safety programs, unspecified

in the budget. I have put a question on notice to the minister. Hopefully, we can get some answers on which particular road safety initiatives the government is cutting.

I know that organisations like the RAA run some excellent road safety programs for young people, old people and other organisations, too. Many small organisations, Rotary groups and local councils all run road safety programs. It would be very interesting to find out which of those road safety programs the government deemed fit to cut.

Another interesting aspect was that they did not fund, as the previous government had promised to fund, a full rollout of the RAA's very successful Street Smart Primary program, which provides, as the Minister for Education would know, road safety instruction to primary school children across the state. The RAA advised me recently, and they advised the government last year, that just \$400,000 a year would see their program rolled out from their current rollout, which is a third of the state's primary schools, to all of the state's primary schools. Inexplicably, despite the RAA's submission, the government chose not to pursue that line of funding. I do not know why. It seems to me a wholly reputable and worthwhile program.

The previous government also promised \$8 million for road safety programs around schools for community-initiated road safety programs. Everyone who is a local member of parliament—perhaps not the people in the other place but everyone here—knows that, in local electorates, for local MPs road safety around schools is a very big issue. Every school thinks that their school is probably the most dangerous place in the world to drive around, and that is because they all are. Over the last 15 or 20 years, the traffic around schools has increased exponentially for some very good reasons, including some structural and planning reasons, but these are things we need to address as governments.

The previous government promised \$8 million in the budget to ask communities what they think the solution is. Is it speed control devices? Is it parking around schools? Is it kiss-and-ride or park-and-rides? Could any of these things make the community and the roads around your school safer? Sadly, this was an initiative that the current government did not pick up. I could not see any new initiatives for road safety at all, but I would have thought that a simple program around school road safety was at the heart of what a minister for road safety should be about: keeping our kids safe around their schools. Any local MP who is in touch with his or her community knows what a big issue this is.

I will touch briefly on rural speed limits. The government, or the then opposition, made a big deal going into the election about restoring very high speed limits on certain rural roads, which the previous government, on very good advice from the department, had chosen to decrease. They made a promise—a very popular promise in rural communities. You cannot blame them for making that promise, but they made that promise seemingly without any consultation with any road safety expert or anyone in government departments. They did not seek any briefings.

They made this commitment and then, six months from the election, we discover that they can no longer fulfil that promise—surprise, surprise! Those roads at those speeds are quite unsafe and so they cannot fulfil their promise. They go back to those communities and say, 'Sorry, we cannot fulfil our promise because the roads are slightly too unsafe. We need to have studies. We need to see how we can improve the safety on those roads.' It is all fairly obvious stuff but all stuff that should have been done before you make a promise.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: I welcome to Parliament House the 2019 SRC from Wilderness School and also staff member Mrs Rosie Broderick. I look forward to seeing you shortly.

Sitting suspended from 17:59 to 19:30.

*Bills***APPROPRIATION BILL 2018***Estimates Committees*

Debate resumed.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (19:30): Picking up roughly where I left off, I move on to the police portfolio. Road safety, as important as it is to me, took longer than I expected. The major cut, and one of the more inexplicable cuts, was the \$38 million savings target for SAPOL over the next four years. This budget measure was made with the express proviso that it does not touch front-line police services. Quite a lot of the questioning in estimates from me; from the member for Croydon, the leader; and from the member for Kaurana was about how this could be done.

From my reading, the minister simply could not put his finger on any particular measure. He put it to the commissioner, which is only proper as the commissioner makes those decisions, but the target itself is the problem. I am advised that SAPOL spends something like 80 per cent of its budget on wages, as I am sure most public sector organisations do. Of that, 90-odd per cent is spent on active sworn police officers. I do not have the maths in front of me, but it does not leave very much from which to save \$38 million over four years.

As I said, the minister could not give us any guidance about where the advice came from that that was the figure that should be saved, and he could not give us any advice about any preliminary discussions he had had with the commissioner about where those savings might be met. That something that we as the opposition will be watching very closely over the next four years.

We also explored with the minister the delay of the December cadet intake. There is a delay in the budget that at first seems fairly innocuous—it seems like a savings measure. If a bit odd, it just seems like a way to save a few bucks along the way. However, it affects the ability of the government to achieve its ongoing target of 4,713 active sworn police officers. This is a target that both the opposition and the government have now committed to, and it is as set in stone as any of these figures are. It is hard to see how this is going to be met in a continual way.

The minister points to a 30 June figure, that this number of 4,713 will be met or exceeded every 30 June. That is fine. He talked about fluctuations between attrition and recruitment. That is fine: obviously, you cannot very accurately foresee how many people will retire or leave the police. What you can do, though, is control how many people you recruit, give or take a few who leave or who are otherwise dismissed along the way. However, if you have a gap or a delay of a cadet intake, if you have a target like that you need continual recruitment against attrition. That is obvious.

If you have a gap, you are going to see not just a fluctuation but a steady decline as people leave the police over the six months. As I said, you cannot accurately predict attrition, but you can at least more or less presume a certain amount of attrition. It is very difficult to see, but we are going to reach a point in April, May or June when the figure really is going to fall quite considerably below 4,713, you would think. Again, we will be watching this very closely—as will the Police Association, I am sure—to see how the targets are being met. I think that even the 30 June figure will be very difficult for the government to meet. It remains to be seen, of course, but I think it will be very difficult to meet.

There is no mention in the budget, of course, of Crimestoppers funding. This was funding which the previous government put in place and which was not honoured by the budget. The minister, in his usual way, did not quite answer where it could come from, apart from pointing to the in-kind support that SAPOL do give to Crimestoppers, which we all know is important and we all know would continue. I did have various questions planned along the lines of SAPOL's own contribution and a detailed analysis of their own contribution to Crimestoppers. What is more important in the immediate term is the nearly \$1 million that has been cut, that is not going to be provided to Crimestoppers over the next four years.

For those who do not know the history, Crimestoppers was initially funded by BankSA. That funding was withdrawn and they have been eating steadily into their cash reserves. They came to the previous government last year to fill that funding gap in order to run their programs. They recently

ran a very successful program to highlight the use of ice and to encourage people to report to the police any instances of ice, and I am told that we have seen a decrease in the use of ice over the last year, which is very pleasing. I have unfortunately run out of time, but I hope to continue these remarks in a grievance debate.

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (19:36): I rise to speak on this bill and, in relation to it, on a matter of great importance on a development in football that is both groundbreaking and historic. After 54 long years or, as one fan put it to me a few months ago over a chat at the Port Adelaide-South Adelaide match, after around 19,800 days or around 474,000 hours, a senior South Adelaide Football Club side claimed a premiership this year.

On ANZAC Day, our South Adelaide Football Club's women's team took on the Norwood Football Club, reigning premiers, in the second year of the SANFL women's competition grand final. After a spectacular and somewhat nail-biting game, which was well fought by both sides, the South Adelaide Club, which I am very proud to be a member and board member of, came out on top by five points.

I put on record my congratulations to this fine team and all who support them. Congratulations also to the valiant Norwood Football Club on an excellent performance and for digging in when things were tough. They put up a very good fight that certainly gave many from the blue and white army quite a fright. It was brilliant to see a large, and at times very loud, crowd vociferously supporting their teams, demonstrating the growing support for women's football here in our state.

Mr Cowdrey: There was a lot of rum in there. It was nice.

Ms HILDYARD: Was there? Okay, thank you. Amongst them, it was particularly pleasing to see so many young girls and boys cheering for their sporting heroes and to see so much emotion from long-term supporters of both these well-regarded football clubs, clubs that bring people together in communities on opposite sides of town, equally passionate about the team that lies in the heart of their respective suburbs.

This incredible game followed a strong season by the South Adelaide Football Club of nine wins and only one loss, which put us at the top of the ladder throughout the season. It also followed a fine season and a year in which it was indicated that the Woodville West Torrens and Central District football clubs would join this competition, a competition that means there is now a pathway from school and local club footy to the SANFL, to the AFL, for every girl who aspires to take her football dreams as far as they can possibly go.

Winning the premiership in our inaugural season in the competition is testament to the vision and hard work of a number of people: our extraordinary coach, Krissie Steen, and all the coaching crew; the outstanding, big-hearted, determined players, whose support for one another saw them finding a whole family of sisters; CEO, Neill Sharpe; staff; volunteers; our women's committee; our sponsors; and our supporters. This was truly a team effort, and a team victory that every member can be proud of and that speaks to the enormous hearts of the women on the oval and the work done off the oval to ensure that in fielding a team every aspect of our culture and operations as a club were reviewed to ensure that these women were equally included in every aspect of club life.

Together, amongst many other initiatives, our club worked hard to secure equal representation of men and women on the board, to flag constitutional changes to include girls and women in the rules of the club and to ensure that access to training facilities and the club's traditional celebrations were equal. The South Adelaide Football Club will continue to work towards equality in all that it does because we proudly understand that we are indeed stronger together.

Throughout the season and in the lead-up to, during and beyond the grand final, it was wonderful to see our southern community backing these women in. I know that many local community members are deeply proud of what they achieved. Throughout the season, as have many other clubs who worked to develop the girls' and women's competition, South Adelaide proudly saw its membership and sponsorship base grow. Thank you to all who signed up for the South Adelaide Football Club's inaugural women's membership and to corporate and individual player sponsors for providing the young women of South Adelaide with the opportunity to chase their dreams. Well done also to the SANFL on this competition, and on their work to grow women's footy in our beautiful state.

At the commencement of the AFL Women's competition, there were around 16 clubs with women's or girls' teams here in South Australia. That number is now well over 100, which speaks to the adage that 'If you can't see it, you can't be it.' It tells us that when girls and women can see what is possible in women's football, and when all women in sport are celebrated, supported and covered in terms of the media, girls and women get the message that their place in football is no longer on the sidelines but jostling for the first touch following the centre bounce, bumping someone off the ball, or kicking from 50 straight through the big white goalposts.

Thank you also to Statewide Super for their leadership, vision and passion to support equality in sport. Their support for girls and women in sport has been instrumental in making this growing league as strong as it is and in encouraging other businesses to back women's sport.

Following the grand final victory in May, I was moved, happy and proud to support the South Adelaide Football Club's women's best and fairest and very honoured to present the inaugural best and fairest medal to the invincible Nikki Gore, a young woman who lives in Christies Beach in the heart of Reynell. Nikki is supported by her twin sister, Amy—who, incidentally, is taking the pro-surfing circuit by storm across the country and beyond—and her brilliant mum, Fiona, who instils in her girls that anything is possible and that their place in sport is wherever they want it and dream it to be. We expect to see Nikki Gore in next week's draft, and so many of these brilliant SANFL women following in her footsteps.

It was brilliant also to see recognised Cheyenne Hammond as the players' MVP, Lisa Whiteley as the most ferocious player, Courtney Gum as leading goal kicker, and Elyse Haussen, who received the coach's award. A number of these awards were presented by coach Krissie Steen and her team. Krissie and her team were outstanding in empowering these young women to develop their football skills, to develop resilience and commitment, and to be part of a team who were deeply connected and supportive of one another on and off the oval, who believed in themselves and their abilities, who deeply believed that they could win and, most importantly, believed in their power to inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

Well done to all these award winners. The Panthers were rightly named in the *The Advertiser* SANFLW Team of the Year with Krissie Steen as coach, our fabulous co-captain Kristi Harvey as centre half-forward, Jaslyne Smith as half-back, Cheyenne Hammond as back pocket, Nikki Gore as rover, who also won the SANFL Breakthrough Player award, and Elyse Haussen on the interchange. I am proud to have played a small part in helping to get this extraordinary group of women going in the SANFL women's football competition, and am so very inspired by the courageous and skilful way these women play and how they support one another.

Thank you again to everyone who shaped our culture into one where girls and women are able to equally and actively participate and play the game they love. It has been a privilege to celebrate the outstanding efforts of these women and to celebrate just how far we have come in growing women's footy in our state. Thank you to everyone who has put their heart and soul into doing this and into giving girls and women the pathway and inspiration to follow their football and sporting dreams. Thank you again to all who know the power of sport to provide a shining example of what it is possible to achieve in terms of equality both on and off the oval when we truly include everyone in the sport they love.

With the background of this historic growth, it is indeed devastating that the South Adelaide Football Club, the Woodville West Torrens Football Club and so many community clubs in South Australia have been let down by this cruel government, let down in that they callously cut the final fully funded round of the former Labor government's female facilities program. So many clubs have come to me and others on this side of the house to speak about how upset they were after their volunteers put such incredible effort into their applications.

There were clubs in all codes, everywhere from Hallett Cove and Morphett Vale to Kalangadoo, Woodville, Whyalla and everywhere in between. There are other clubs who desperately need facilities who wanted to apply in future rounds but, cruelly, the female facilities program has been cut altogether and the pittance that this government will put towards grants is so much less. It is contingent on club and council funding and it locks out numerous codes altogether. If you play rugby, soccer, basketball or hockey, you are locked out altogether from any of these grants.

The fact is that no matter which way the government spin this they have let girls and women down. They do not support women in sport, they do not support local community clubs and they absolutely do not support equality. You only have to look at the appallingly low representation of women on that side of the house to see this. South Australian girls and women deserve so much better. Club officials, athletes, coaches and supporters will not stop until they are better treated and respected by this government through funding.

They know, and we on this side of the house know, that when we see women and girls play sport at the highest level, how we see them is transformed, and that gives us an immense opportunity to address all sorts of issues that we grapple with that arise through the lack of gender equality. They also know the cost that comes with gender equality and a lack of appropriate facilities in sport.

I was talking just the other day to a mother at a football club who, before they had the opportunity to start renovating their change rooms, was in those change rooms with a group of under-18 girls who play football. Because of the state of the change rooms and the way that they are configured, a man came into those change rooms thinking he was just going to the bathroom via the door through which he usually went. That mother had to quickly take that group of under-18 girls out of there, not because anything the man was doing was inappropriate but just simply because of the way that those change rooms are configured. Luckily, that club was the recipient of a grant from our former Labor government and those facilities are and will continue to be redeveloped so that they are appropriate.

We have heard many stories in this house of women and girls having to change in toilets, in their cars or simply having to go home after games to be able to change, and there are certainly many stories of girls and women not having the place to debrief, to be briefed, to prepare before and after games. The lack of commitment by those opposite to advancing the interests of women and girls is not just evident in their cruel cut to female facilities, almost every budget measure has a particularly negative impact on women.

We know that the fastest growing group of people experiencing homelessness is older women, yet for those who are more vulnerable and living in Housing SA homes we cruelly jack up their rent and put them at risk by forcing them into having to make choices about whether to pay the rent, to buy food or to access medicines they may need.

In addition to my office being inundated with calls from people absolutely appalled at the female facilities program being slashed—a program that would have improved facilities for all—it is also being inundated with calls about this government's impending cruel cuts to bus services, to Service SA centres, and to funding for community safety measures like CCTV cameras, managed taxi ranks and so much more.

Shockingly, there is not one dollar in this budget for domestic violence prevention, not one dollar. It is, of course, the responsibility of all of us to prevent and end domestic violence, but without any resources whatsoever for organisations and community members to develop programs to do this it makes it just so much harder.

In estimates, I asked both the Minister for Human Services and the Minister for Recreation and Sport about their definition of gender equality, a question I would have thought everybody in this house should be able to answer. Neither of them could give an answer. It was simply brushed off as an unimportant question or as an issue for someone else. When I asked the Minister for Human Services about what the plan was to achieve gender equality in terms of the parliamentary representation of those opposite—the second worst representation of women in the country—again there was no clear answer given. That is so because they do not have one.

This government, through its budget, through its lack of any plan to include women in this parliament, through its comments about women's faces, and through its cruel cuts in so many areas, has shown its utter disregard for the girls and women of South Australia.

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (19:51): This is a budget of cruel cuts, privatisations and closures. In the portfolios of the arts and child protection, there are cuts to funding, cuts to services, outsourcing of front-line programs and the closure of important initiatives. There is also a glaring lack of vision.

I was hoping that after making inquiries through estimates, the details gleaned from that might enlighten some plan or overarching strategy from this government or, at the very least, some reasons for the slashing that had occurred, but unfortunately not. Budgets are, of course, always a statement of priorities. The numbers reveal where the focus is, and it is clearly not on us or on child protection.

In terms of child protection, I am not sure whether it was more outrageous, or whether it has been more outrageous, that this minister has been claiming achievements and improvements in some areas, like kinship carers and the reduction in CARL call waiting times, despite doing absently nothing to achieve them herself, or the very galling title of her budget media release, which states, 'Child protection is a priority', while at the same time stripping services like financial counselling from families who need it most. The hypocrisy is pretty amazing.

This is a budget that fails on the basics. The child protection budget is quite simply built on a lie. Forecasts in the budget are for 33 additional children in state care this financial year. I would like to see an increase of zero; in fact, I would like to see a decrease, and I am sure everyone in this house would join me in that, but that is just not in keeping with what is likely and what is reality—and budgets, if nothing else, need be based in reality. What is the point if they are not?

In the Budget and Finance Committee this Monday just gone we heard that there have been 210 to more than 400 extra children coming into the child protection system each year over the past five years. Even if that rate of increase were halved—and I hope it is—which is what the minister has actually committed to estimates, that would still be an increase of 96 children each year. In fact, she aims to achieve that target in two years, not one.

This is a pretty basic mathematical failure. There is a very big difference between 33 children and 96 children, and a huge difference between 96 children and 210 children and 400 children. Really, that is a bit surprising from someone with a background as an accountant. The minister stated in estimates:

I would expect that figure—

that is, the 33—

to be higher... I am advised that that is not a figure that our department gets to set. It is to do with budgeting and money coming in, not actual numbers.

If the budget is not based on actual numbers, then we have a problem on our hands. We heard in estimates from the minister that the budget is now being rewritten. Rewritten? The ink is barely dry on this budget and it has to be rewritten, and that is because she confirmed in estimates—and her department officials in Monday in the Budget and Finance Committee—that 33 is not a realistic estimate when it comes to the increase of children in care. It is not what she is expecting to transpire in reality, and it is not what the department is expecting either. What a glaring failure. The first budget and you cannot even get the basics on which your budget is built right.

We also found out in estimates that this is the figure given to the department by Treasury. You can just imagine the scene, really, can't you? It should be the case that the department is saying, 'Look, this is the increase we're expecting in the number of children in care. This is how many children we're expecting to have to care for.' But, no, it went quite the opposite way, I am sure, where Treasury said, 'This is how much money you're getting; now work out the estimate of how many children you can actually afford to care for, how many extra children this budget will actually be able to care for.'

Clearly, the answer to that was 33, which is a long way off the aim of 96 and the reality, which looks a lot more like 210 to 400 additional children into the system. It is a pretty farcical way to construct what is meant to be a guiding document and a plan not just for the year but for four years ahead.

So what are the ramifications of taking this approach? It has to result in either a budget blowout or poor support for children and families who need it most. We know that just leads to more cost. It leads to more pressure, not just on the child protection system but also on other departments, like education, health, the criminal justice system and the human services system as well. So really it is not much of a saving at all.

There was also the confession that either there is no modelling or maybe they just do not want to disclose any modelling there is when it comes to the change in children entering the system as an impact of the implementation of the new Children and Young People (Safety) Act. The act makes fundamental changes, yet it is strange that in the department or the minister's office there is no estimates and no modelling that has been done about what impact that will have on the child protection system. It is probably why they have to redraw the budget so suddenly.

This budget—the child protection budget, that is—also sought to redefine what reduction even means. It is not actually reducing the number of children in care, according to this minister; it is reducing the growth in the number of children in care. Asked for what her goal was for reducing the number of kids in care, as I mentioned, the minister replied that she wanted a rise confined to 3.3 per cent within two years, so that is 96 children a year but not achieved for another two years. That is actually not fewer children; it is more. That is a rise in the number of children coming into the child protection system.

Of course, it is admirable to slow the number of children coming into care. We all want that. We want to see not just a slowing, we want to see a genuine reduction. On this side, we support a slowing and an ultimate reduction. But a slowed increase is not a reduction. It simply does not match the rhetoric. So what we heard before the election about cutting the number of children in care is actually not even the plan. It is not what is in the budget; it is not what is being aimed for. It is simply a slowing that is being aimed for, not an actual reduction in the number of children in care.

The other point worth noting is that the growth in the number of children in care was actually already slowing. It started under Labor quite some years ago. We got those figures—in fact, they were pretty broadly known already—reiterated and updated in the Budget and Finance Committee on Monday. They reveal that between 2015 and 2016 there was a 14 per cent increase in children coming into care compared to the previous year, and that was a pretty bad year. The following year there was a 7.5 per cent rise, and then between 2017 and 2018 there was a 6.6 per cent rise. So, as you can see, it is coming down—a considerable slowing, in fact, in just three years, from around 14 per cent to 6 per cent.

The minister's stated aspiration of a 3.3 per cent reduction in the number of children in care to be achieved in two years' time would simply follow the trajectory, though rather more slowly than it was already being achieved under Labor, nothing more than that. This budget redefines what is meant by this government in terms of a reduction. A reduction is not really reduction at all, it is just a slower increase.

In this budget, the spin simply does not match the substance. The budget day spin was that a \$30.9 million boost was being injected into caring for children in state care. It sounded good, but when we looked at that it was actually just \$7.3 million this year and the rest—\$23.6 million, the bulk of it—was whacked on to last year's budget to drive up the deficit so that the Treasurer could claim a worse financial position than he had inherited for this fledgling government. It is following a theme of blame the person who came before rather than take responsibility now that you are in government.

Worse still, there is no additional money in years 2, 3 and 4 of the forward estimates, no increase in funding, no extra funding to be able to care for children who need our care so badly. Either this crisis in child protection being claimed by the Liberals will be entirely solved this financial year or we are set for a budget blowout or we are going to see some recalculations in the midyear economic review and we know that is probably the most likely option because we have already been told that the child protection budget is right this moment being redrawn because we know that the fundamentals that it is based on, that 33 number, is wrong.

This is straight out of the Lucas bag of tricks circa 16 years ago to just blame everything, push everything back to the previous budget and blame someone else. But it is a pretty unfair area to be swindling the figures. It is a really important area, child protection, and if nothing else we should be honest with the public about what it really costs to care for children, what the different methods of care cost and how many children are likely to come into our system. At least then we can give them some assurance that those children who are unfortunate enough to need our help are going to get good quality help and that we have budgeted for it and we can afford it.

This is a heartless and short-sighted child protection budget. The so-called outsourcing of the financial wellbeing program is shameful. It is not even outsourcing; it is just a cut. This is a service that works both ends of the spectrum when it comes to child protection. It is working with families who are likely to come into the child protection system or have already had attention from the department. These financial counsellors—59 FTEs but a bit over 60 individuals—sit down with families and they find out what is going wrong in their finances. As we all know from our daily lives, no matter how lucky we are, finances can be a huge source of stress for any family. Of course, we all need decent finances in order to best provide for young children.

They sit down with these families, figure out what is going wrong, teach them how to better deal with their money, how to make savings, how to do banking, how to efficiently run their financial affairs, and sometimes that helps families quite a lot; sometimes it even keeps them out of contact with the department and out of the child protection system, which of course we do not want more people coming into.

But this service also looks after children at the other end, those who have been in the state's care may be for a few years, maybe for several years, and helps them to develop the skills to be able to cope in the outside world and helps them to stand on their own two feet. The work that they are doing with children leaving care, helping children to transition from care, is so valuable. Looking at the budget you would think that, in terms of the financial counselling service, the princely sum of \$1 million was being offered to a non-government organisation to run the same service. That is what it looks like when you look at the figures.

While that is not something I am a big fan of because the service itself we found out was costing about \$4.6 million, so you are replacing a \$4.6 million program with 59 FTEs with a \$1 million budget, which would equate to about 10 FTEs. Anyway, regardless of that, we might have seen, if it was being outsourced, some skilled workers who currently have roles pick up similar jobs in the NGO system and provide an avenue for families and young people to be able to continue getting the support and advice they need as far as financial management goes.

Under estimates questioning, it became clear that that is actually not what is happening at all. The 59 FTE staff are losing their jobs, with no similar service replacing them. When asked what this \$1 million was for, the minister and department officials revealed that an NGO or NGOs would get a portion of that money to top up services they already provide. There is not a like-for-like service and, in fact, that is exactly what they said: there is no like-for-like service.

When asked what services would be replacing the financial wellbeing program, the reply was a list of excellent programs, which the member for Port Adelaide would probably find quite familiar because they were all announced previously by her as part of the Labor government's comprehensive package of reforms in response to the Nyland royal commission. There was not anything new there. So we are cutting a service and then saying we are replacing it with something that actually already exists. The service is getting axed and replaced with things that are already there.

There was particular mention made of the value of the sortly app. This is a great app. It is one that the former minister actually commissioned. The CREATE Foundation, which works with children in state care, helped to develop this app based on a previous model. I have used it myself; I have checked it out. It is fantastic. You can get all sorts of information that young people need around things like health care, education and accessing jobs services—all really valuable stuff. There is even a little bit in there about financial services. But you know what? It is not a specialist financial services tool. It is certainly not the same as a young person seeing a financial counsellor and getting specific financial advice that suits their needs and someone sitting down and teaching them the skills that they need, not just to get through a transition period, but to live the rest of their lives.

When there was all this talk about this app and how it would replace the financial wellbeing program, I can understand that those 60-odd financial counsellors employed in the Department for Child Protection felt pretty ripped off that this government thinks that they, with their skills and experience, can be replaced by an app. It is offensive. What those financial counsellors find even more offensive and what they are really worried about are the scores of families—families who are in need, need a bit of help to get on top of their finances, and young people leaving care who need

some assistance to learn the skills that they are going to need for life—who will not have access to a tailored guidance and support package. We should be investing in early intervention and prevention to help people stand on their own two feet, not cutting services such as this.

This budget also sees cuts to residential care. An amount of \$3.9 million was slated for new residential care facilities, but those have now been scrapped. I accept the minister's explanation that she was not a fan of the type of accommodation that was planned. She could have built something else if she felt that that particular style of housing was not conducive to children's needs. Instead, the project has just gone. The money for it has gone, too.

No-one wants more children in residential care and I hope we do not even need the accommodation, because, as a society we are doing better in caring for our kids and we do not have as many kids coming into state care. That, of course, would be ideal. As I said earlier, we need to base decisions and budgets on reality. How the minister can make a decision to axe this facility is puzzling, when, as I discussed earlier, there is no modelling or accurate forecast of the number of children coming into care in the next year.

Certainly the minister has already conceded that the figure of 33 extra children coming into care in the next 12 months is wrong and that she expects it to be higher. Looking back on figures from previous years, the department certainly expects it to be higher. So why you would cut investment in residential care, or any sort of capital infrastructure for children who are going through this experience and for families who need support, is just beyond me. At the very least, the minister might have sought to divert that money into other forms of care—but that was not done.

This is a budget where promises simply were not delivered. We have heard a lot about this budget delivering on the promises of the Liberal government. In child protection, that is simply not true. This minister has put a lot of ideas out there in her time in opposition and some pretty interesting ones since then as well.

The minister was a great advocate, especially on FIVEaa, of a secure therapeutic care facility. She talked about it a lot. When I asked the minister where the money for it is in this budget, out she whipped the pre-prepared written-down speech, which in effect said, 'I'm not really progressing this. It's not really a priority.' It is a pretty stark difference from when she lobbied for this for years beforehand. It seems that the minister is backing away from this idea at a rate of knots, even though she was quite an advocate for it previously. It is not the only area in which she is doing that.

The minister was also a fan of the Public Service's 2up campaign. This is a campaign aiming to ensure there are always two workers on at a time in residential and commercial care facilities. The PSA put forward some very good reasons for it, including the safety of their members. We know that there are sometimes accusations and, in fact, sometimes offending against children, so there is an accountability and security aspect. They also put forward that people need to have safe and fair working conditions, and a 2up arrangement is a way of achieving that. The minister was a supporter of it, but where is the money for it? Nowhere. I am waiting for some questions on notice about staffing at residential care centres and I look forward to getting them but, quite simply, this is a project that is not going to occur.

Over the years, we have also heard a lot from this minister about early intervention and prevention, and we still hear about it. We still hear her and this government speak about the need for investment in early intervention and prevention, and I agree—this side of the house absolutely agrees—that we should be investing in early, mid and even late intervention projects and prevention projects to make sure that we do not have the sort of stress we are currently and have been experiencing for some time on our child protection system. When asked about where the money is for that in this budget, she says, 'It's nowhere. It's not in this budget. It's someone else's responsibility to look after that.'

*Parliamentary Procedure***VISITORS**

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Hurtle Vale, it gives me great pleasure to welcome to parliament this evening the members of the Gilles Plains Lions Club, who are guests of the member for Torrens. Welcome to Parliament House. I hope you enjoy your time here.

*Bills***APPROPRIATION BILL 2018***Estimates Committees*

Debate resumed.

Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (20:11): Yes, welcome to fellow Lions and thank you for attending parliament. Thank you for this opportunity to speak on the report of Estimates Committees A and B, the Appropriation Bill. It gives me yet another opportunity to speak to and reflect on the Marshall government's first budget. Indeed, I am sure that for those on the other side of the house today's debate marks the closing chapter in the tale of the 2018-19 budget—move along, nothing to see here.

There have been cuts to services, closed TAFE campuses, closed Service SA centres, job losses, privatisation and attacks on South Australia's most marginalised and vulnerable. But for those of us on this side of the house who actually care about policy implementation and impact in our local communities, today is just another day in a very long campaign to hold this government to account for the decisions they have made in this budget.

No longer can the Premier or my opposite in the other place shrug their shoulders and cry, 'It wasn't me! It wasn't me!' shirking their responsibilities to the South Australian people as an elected government. They are now owners of their decisions. Henceforth, those opposite will be left to carry the can for the litany—

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

Ms COOK: —you should behave a lot better as a minister of the Crown—of bad policy decisions we are already witnessing less than a year on from the election because the truth is that being in government is hard work. Decisions must be made that directly impact on the lives of everyday South Australians, those South Australians whose care you are charged with in terms of policy and government.

In government, suddenly policy positions and actions have consequences. The fog of outrage and being incensed in opposition gives way under the weight of responsibility, and a good government makes this transition with purpose and with humility. We on this side of the house know what good government should look like. I have lived through that experience. I respect both the sanctity and the responsibility of being in government. I am proud to serve under our Leader of the Opposition, who is determined not to lead a contrary, negative opposition. As Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, we on this side of the house will continue to serve the people of South Australia with purpose through every decision we make.

Sadly, the people of South Australia are not getting that from the government opposite because government, as hard as it is, ultimately boils down to priorities. I am proud that my priorities and the priority of every member of this side of the house are better schools, advancing hospitals, better access to work, real action to climate change, a strong commitment to renewable energy, a strong economy and a reliable and state-of-the-art public transport and infrastructure network.

Labor's strong record in office reflects this, and I have been proud to see Labor initiatives, such as the North Terrace tram extension, the Torrens to Torrens South Road upgrade and the Virtual Power Plant program, to name but a few, being realised in the months since the election. I do question where the Marshall government's priorities lie for the future, however. This has been a question I have returned to time and time again as I struggle to make sense of the outright neglectful and hurtful decisions the budget has delivered to many of the people in South Australia. That was sadly borne out through the estimates process.

We know that affordable housing for South Australia's most vulnerable does not appear to be a priority for the Marshall government. We know this because of the attack on bedsit and one-bedroom cottage Housing Trust tenants, with rent rises of as much as \$10 per week, going up and up over the forward estimates. When asked in estimates what consultation the minister had undertaken with the Housing Trust tenants, with the housing sector more broadly, with the Housing Trust Tenants Association or, to be frank, with anybody, the minister advised that that is not how policy formulation, consultation or implementation was typically handled.

In fact, I recall being told that it is impossible to do that in opposition as you do not have access to people. Well, I do not have any trouble accessing people. They come to us and we go out in our communities and actively engage, so I do not buy that. This response has become a hallmark of the 2018-19 Marshall budget, with proper community consultation abandoned for the sake of political expediency and delivery on policies that have been poorly thought out.

Decisions that affect hundreds and thousands of South Australians have been foisted upon them by stealth by a government that did not have the guts or the courage of its own convictions to publicise what it really stood for before the election. I have read the material. There is nothing about \$10 rent increases on our most vulnerable, making it harder for thousands of South Australians already doing it tough to afford to put food on the table, fuel in their car, buy their medications or stay out of an already full hospital system.

There was nothing about the closure of three Service SA centres, making it harder for South Australians to pay their bills, acquire a licence or register their cars. Not all people in South Australia have access to high-speed broadband. Not all South Australians have the luxury of being able to use the internet or, indeed, get to another centre further away from their homes. There was nothing about closing seven TAFE campuses, making it harder for young South Australians in the regions and suburbs to equip themselves with the skills and experience they will need for the world of work.

A precedent has now been set that I look forward to returning to in the lead-up to the 2022 election. Now we know that anything the government promises or advertises in the lead-up to polling day cannot be trusted because it may well change. The public despise a government that promises one thing but delivers another. We will hold the Premier and my opposite minister responsible for this each and every single day between now and Saturday 19 March 2022.

The estimates process yielded a number of issues that surprised me and, I think, speak to both the priorities and the management style of the Marshall Liberal government. For example, the free volunteer screening checks—an election commitment of the Marshall government—could have in fact been introduced as indicated and suggested and allowed to be understood much earlier in the piece, at any time, through a regulatory process.

With regard to the change in regulations to alter the fee to zero dollars, the minister has not been able to provide information as yet as to any briefing regarding that, but I am sure that that will come and we will see that this could have been put in place much earlier so that organisations spending many thousands of dollars on volunteer screening fees would have been able to either (a) budget for it or prepare for it or (b) have it in place.

Do not get me wrong, I am really grateful. I think it is one of the best policies that I saw being rolled out, because we should have no barrier to volunteering, but organisations in my electorate, and the many dozens and dozens of them that I have consulted with since the election, felt that this was coming in on 1 July. It is disappointing that the delay of the measure has been so protracted, with many volunteer organisations being very unhappy, as they are on the rocks and have to spend many thousands of dollars out of unbudgeted funds to pay, waiting until January next year.

I am pleased that it has been brought forward to 1 November. I am glad that that lobbying from the sector and from others in this place has been effective and that this has been brought forward. I thank the government for that. I have to say I remain extremely concerned regarding the government's budgeted increase of only 844 screening applicants for 2018-19, despite the introduction of free screening checks. With these free checks, I am quite concerned that that number will climb extremely high.

What is more disappointing is that the minister was not able to tell us the cost of the government's signature election promise to give free checks to volunteers. My colleague the member

for Elizabeth and I have asked many questions of the Minister for Police concerning the future of VOAN checks through SAPOL. I asked many questions in estimates about this. I look forward to his response. There was much confusion at the estimates table concerning the future of these checks and its intersection with the free screening checks to be offered through DHS.

I was also disappointed to learn through estimates that small community organisations, both in my electorate and throughout the state, missed the opportunity to purchase and replace equipment, given the freeze in the grant process following the 2018 election. This was also unannounced. There were three months at least where no grant funding was available. It was waved off when I asked questions in estimates about this.

No consultation was undertaken before the freeze was implemented. Many missed out on the opportunity to apply for much-needed funds. These small items purchased under the grants program can mean the difference for community organisations in terms of them being able to deliver their programs. It enables them to replace small pieces of equipment that have worn out or to purchase new pieces of equipment for innovative programs. So it is disappointing.

When it comes to youth, I am saddened to report that not much is happening there. No new investment was provided for the youth portfolio for 2018-19, nor was the minister able to articulate whom she has met with or how often in the youth portfolio. I am saddened that young South Australians seem to be being left behind by this indifferent government.

I also asked questions of the minister regarding the government's decision to privatise supported disability accommodation. I was frustrated by the lack of information provided by the minister. What consultation has the government undertaken with clients, workers and the broader sector when it comes to privatisation of disability accommodation? Nothing but crickets. How and when was this communicated to clients, workers and families, each concerned for their welfare, the welfare of their loved ones and their job security? There was nothing at all.

There were two small lines in the Liberal policy platform online about privatisation and outsourcing of supported disability accommodation—nothing. No consultation and no forewarning. There are hundreds of families and residents who are all very upset and very frightened for their future, and about 1,300 workers.

I would like to take the opportunity to touch on the importance of education. I would like to congratulate the Deputy Leader of the Opposition on the fantastic work that she is doing as shadow minister for education and also on the work she did firstly as minister for education. As I travel through schools, I learn that, without doubt, our shadow minister for education is one of the most loved and popular ministers that schools have ever had. There is an enormous amount of respect for her, and I think that has set us in good stead to carry on forward as we go through in opposition, supporting schools.

Education sets the foundation for life and I am really proud that I was part of a Labor government that for decades prioritised the investment in our schools in order to provide engaging, innovative environments to take learning into the future. The spending on our schools during the last term of our government was in the billions of dollars—a solid, thoughtful, targeted and certainly much needed investment.

I have attended a few openings of STEM facilities with the Minister for Education. I know this is a bipartisan supported project that is much appreciated by everybody. As the STEM facilities are opened, there is a procession of joyful ribbon cutting. I am hearing some wonderful stories about young people and what they are able to do with their education whilst in these new and innovative spaces. They are modern. They are spacious. They are inspiring.

However, I am very concerned about the moneys that were committed to be invested in the Building Better Schools fund. I am worried that much of the planning for how to spend this funding to benefit schools and the community in general will have been for nothing, and I am very concerned for schools in my electorate. Reynella East College, a P to 12 school of around 1,700 students, will only grow under proposed changes by the Liberal government and the movement of year 7s to high school. Woodcroft Primary School, which currently has a population of around 800 students, will have students move off. Both these schools have made big plans.

I was part of a big consultation process for Reynella East as they looked into the future and set up some dreams and aspirations for the community around arts and sporting spaces that could be used by our community, as well as by the school. They had commenced engaging with all levels in government and they were scoping external groups and clubs to partner in the build and in the use of the facilities. They have done an enormous amount of work.

The full development would cost \$17 million, so the money already committed by the Labor government would go a long way towards funding this. There would be performing arts complexes, basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton, change rooms, retractable seating, classrooms and function spaces. This is a school that does not have a space big enough to hold its graduation ceremonies.

This visionary complex would be able to host state, national and international sporting competitions, as well as other activities. The school had given a deputation to the City of Onkaparinga and was truly excited. We do not know what is happening there. There is no better news for Woodcroft Primary School either. In fact, they are worried that they are not going to be able to commence any planning for another two years, so I am not sure what is going to happen there.

The educators and the communities know that this investment in our young people would pay us back in spades. My community is committed to helping young people at school develop into well-grounded and well-rounded adults and these learning spaces would have helped them to do that, so I hope that the Minister for Education listens and goes to speak to my schools to see what it is that they have planned for the future.

In the last four minutes, I would like to respond to the member for Waite. The member for Waite's speech was interesting. Adjunct Associate Professor Elizabeth Dabars is no Labor stooge. She is a role model for tens of thousands of nurses within this state. She is a leader. People aspire to be as strong and as informed as Elizabeth Dabars. There are 30,000 nursing members of the Australian nursing and midwifery union.

They do not just provide representation industrially; they provide education and they provide support and advocacy. That speech, given under parliamentary privilege, slandering the name of Elizabeth Dabars and making allegations about her that were completely untrue, is a blight on this parliament and it should be retracted. The member for Waite cannot, in opposition, make friends with community leaders like Elizabeth Dabars and quote her on his website—2½ paragraphs worth of accolades on her advocacy opposing Transforming Health, and laud her for this only 12 months ago, and then 12 months later accuse her of being some Labor stooge. It is an outrage and it will not be forgotten.

Neither will samduluk.com.au be forgotten, as we continue to wade our way through the history of his sudden memory lapses, such as his friendship and accolades for Elizabeth Dabars, such as his sudden loss of capacity to advocate for epilepsy in South Australia. Who is next? What organisation with which he was friends in opposition will he forget next? Will it be Autism SA? Will it be the CFS or will it simply be the people of the Adelaide Hills?

You cannot be friends with someone and give them accolades and applause and talk about them like they are the pinnacle of advocacy in the healthcare system and leave that sitting on your website and then come out and slam them and make false accusations about them. He needs to retract that or, I can tell you, it is going to be a very long, dark, cold 3½ years in government for the Liberal Party, who are making enemies of someone who has been an independent, fearless and frank voice for the healthcare system.

Motion carried.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (20:32): I move:

That the remainder of the bill be agreed to.

Motion carried.

Third Reading

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (20:32): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

TEACHERS REGISTRATION AND STANDARDS (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 19 September 2018.)

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (20:33): I indicate that I am the lead speaker for the opposition on this bill. It is a pleasure for me to address this bill because not only do I have the utmost respect for teachers and the work they do but I also have respect for the Teachers Registration Board, the work it does and the people who work for it and who are board members of it.

I would like to take some time to talk about some of the activities of the board and also to thank the people who are so significant in its ongoing success and hard work. For members who may not be aware, the Teachers Registration Board is a statutory authority, hence an amendment bill to its act, that is responsible primarily for the registration of teachers but also for promoting the teaching profession and the professional standards of teachers.

Members may or may not be aware that a teacher is required to have 60 hours of recognised professional development every year in order to maintain their registration. The Teachers Registration Board confers and collaborates with teacher education institutions with respect to the appropriateness for registration purposes of teacher education courses. That is, they work with the universities who train our teachers so that we make sure that the teachers who are coming into our schools are equipped with the very best knowledge, skills and capacity to teach our young people well.

They also work with other regulatory authorities and, of course, that is particularly important in a federation like Australia, where teachers frequently move from state to state and need to ensure that they are able to carry their education, training and registration from one to another. The board is responsible for constantly keeping the standards of the teaching profession and the regulation of the profession under review and to give advice to the minister from time to time, as appropriate, on necessary changes that might need to be made.

Clearly, this bill has come from advice that has come from the board, previously to me as the previous minister and then again to the minister in the incoming government, about the way in which the act can operate to best support our teachers, our schools and our students. The board of this organisation is a very well respected board. The registrar is Dr Peter Lind, who has done an extraordinary job for a number of years as the registrar and commands a high degree of respect across the teaching profession and across the three sectors of schooling and individual schools.

Jane Lomax-Smith is now the chair of the board and I was delighted to appoint her to that role a couple of years ago. She, of course, shares with me and the current minister the experience of having been education minister, and I think made a profound change to the quality of our education system in the time that she had that role. She was responsible for the superschools that have been so successful that they are almost immediately full. The majority of those superschools were squarely targeted at low SES areas, where schools were not supported sufficiently by their community and from which many students were turning away to find places in other sectors.

The fact that a school such as, for example, Mark Oliphant College immediately became a roaring success is due to the vision and the investment that Jane Lomax-Smith led as minister. She was also responsible in large part for the instigation and perhaps not quite the implementation of the SACE review, which led to a new SACE which has been an unmitigated success. The first year of the new SACE was 2011 and since then we have seen a more than doubling of the number of Aboriginal students who complete high school and we have seen a steady climb, some 13 per cent increase between 2011 and last year, in the proportion of students overall who are completing secondary school and graduating.

We have seen a SACE that has been able to balance the demands of ensuring that students are literate and numerate, making sure that they pass English and maths in year 11; that they meet the highest standards in their final exams in year 12; and, for those who go on to university, that they receive the merits that they have earned and deserve. We have seen that steady increase over time in the number of merits being given, but at the same time this great broadening of the number of students who feel that they can complete high school, that that is something that their education will culminate with at school and that they will not leave early.

We have seen a steady increase in the number of students undertaking VET over that period as part of their SACE, weaving it in, regardless of whether they choose to go to university or not. I would like to pay tribute to Jane Lomax-Smith. I was a little hesitant in asking her to take on this role because she has done so much already and was very busy. She is chair of the board of the Museum and, no doubt, many other activities. Yet, immediately she said yes and immediately she could see that she could contribute, and she grabbed the opportunity to be part of the education world yet again. So I am grateful to her. She came to me a little before the election with the substance of the bill that is before us today. I gave my in-principle support, and I am pleased to see that it has culminated now in the bill before us.

I would like to turn to some of the other members of the board before I look at the bill itself. They are: Mardi Barry, Susan Miels, Robert Woodbury, Colleen Tomalin, David Coulter, Patricia Cavanagh, Joanne Hill, Lynda Macleod, Bruno Veceli, David Freeman, Bernadine Bourne, Judy Clark, Helen Doyle, Kate Cameron and Fiona Brady—the last two being appointments of and by the minister. They are very worthy people to be on this board and they have really made a serious contribution to making sure that we regulate our teaching profession well.

What we have in this bill is the culmination of a first tranche of work, and there may indeed be others. With the breadth of the ambition that Jane and Peter Lind came to me with for making sure that the act was sufficiently modern and responsive to our contemporary needs, I know that there may well be other elements to that. However, I am pleased that they have come with these sections. In my own mind, and when describing it to my colleagues on this side of the house in order to secure their support, I divide that into three major activities.

One is the importance of having an acting registrar. That seems a fairly straightforward matter, and in some ways it is surprising that no-one had done it before we got to this bill. When poor old Peter Lind goes on holiday, he has to time it very carefully in order to make sure that there is not work that is required to be done by the registrar of the act, because he will not be there and there is no provision for an acting registrar. So this is a small but extremely useful and effective clause. There is nothing we like more in legislation than something that will actually make a little bit of a difference.

The next section is really a replacement, modernisation, clarification and elucidation of the way in which the obligations that are conferred on a teacher to make sure that they are properly registered under the law and that employers of a teacher do not ask someone who is not a teacher to undertake teaching activities. The way in which that is clarified in these subclauses makes a lot of sense and is probably far more workable than the existing provisions.

However, it is the third section that I think is of most importance, usefulness and significance; that is, we need to come to grips with the way in which we protect our children and our schools in circumstances where someone may not yet have been found guilty of a serious charge but has been found sufficiently suspect to be charged with an offence of a serious nature.

I think that, within an individual school, there is a fair degree of certainty that a principal and other teachers will be aware of someone being charged with a serious offence and that they will move to make sure that that teacher is no longer able to teach during the period in which they are on bail and under charge prior to any conviction or acquittal.

The concern is when a teacher who may wish to continue to teach in some form or another is able to move to a different school—perhaps a different school in a different sector—that may not have a clear line of sight as to what has occurred with that individual. This was the matter which was brought to me as being of most seriousness by Peter Lind and Dr Jane Lomax-Smith. It was the concern that, in making sure that they balance all due fairness and procedure, they are able to

nonetheless warn other schools—all schools—and any potential employer of the person as a teacher that there is a now question mark.

The way that this has been laid out in the final bill is very sensible. Obviously, it allows for prescription of which offences, and I think we can have faith in the government to choose the appropriate offences that would trigger this. Having had that trigger, it is extremely important that the Teachers Registration Board is able to then have that as part of their register of the teacher so that future employers are able to see that that has occurred.

The bill also pays attention to due process and to the capacity for appeal and for review by the Teachers Registration Board. I know that, while the union was slightly noncommittal in its initial comments, not having seen the bill, it was broadly supportive and needed to be assured that there would be these provisions. As I understand it, it remains broadly supportive of the effort that has been gone to here. With that, I would like to say that this side of the house supports this bill and wishes it a speedy passage.

Ms LUETHEN (King) (20:45): I rise to support this bill on behalf of parents and teachers in King. 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.

Our educators 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 community. I am sure that most people here, and most adults at home, can remember the teachers who impacted their lives. I certainly can remember the teachers from my primary school years who made a lasting impact on me for good, and sometimes not so good, reasons.

I remember the teacher who taught us our multiplication tables by guitar, which was great. I remember the teachers who acted very quickly when I had my asthma attacks. I remember the physics teacher who only wanted to answer the boys' questions, and so my parents employed a tutor because I wanted to learn and I had plenty of questions. I remember the teacher who used to stroke my back in circles when I asked him a question, and it made me feel uncomfortable. Now, knowing what I can remember about my childhood, it probably made me feel even more uncomfortable and unable to speak up because of other things in that space that were happening at home.

Because teachers can make such an important impact on our children's lives and they spend six hours a day with our children five days a week, the good teachers and the majority of the teaching profession deserve 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 spend that amount of time caring for our 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, amongst 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 act immediately to 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 wait for the outcome of related court action before it can even commence a disciplinary process.

Currently, a teacher's registration remains valid while any court proceedings and subsequent disciplinary inquiries are underway. This means that a teacher can potentially hold themselves out

to be a fit and proper person to work as a teacher or tutor, despite being the subject of serious criminal charges relevant to the safety of children. Herein lies today's risk to the wellbeing of our children. A teacher facing serious criminal charges related to offences against children remains on the public register while these matters are finalised, and they have the potential to negatively impact on the safety of children. This risk undermines the integrity of the register of teachers.

Clause 7 of the 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 a proper cause for disciplinary action against the teacher. The clause also provides for the registrar to vary the conditions of a teacher's registration by imposing new conditions if they are charged with a prescribed offence. 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 action against the teacher, or 120 days after the day on which the last charge to which the 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.

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. 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.

All children have the right to be protected from violence inflicted on them by anyone in their lives—whether it be by parents, teachers, friends, family or strangers—and all forms of violence experienced by children, regardless of the nature or severity of the act, are harmful. Beyond the unnecessary hurt and pain it causes, violence undermines a child's sense of self-worth and hinders their development. The adverse effects of child abuse can be lifelong.

I remember when it was reported in South Australia that there had been a critical incident report filed on sexual abuse in South Australian schools every two days in 2013. In just 74 school days to the end of May 2013, 35 critical incident reports concerning sexual abuse had been filed in SA schools. The year before, in 2012 there were 47 critical sexual abuse incidents recorded in SA schools. At the same time that Justice DeBelle was inquiring into the Labor government's handling of child sex abuse cases, sexual assault critical incidents were being recorded at a rate of one every two school days in South Australian schools.

In King, a teacher was reported for serious offences against children and prosecuted last year. This goes on. The widespread silencing of sexual abuse in institutional settings has been so vividly revealed by the testimony given to the Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2013-17). State recognition of the potential for institutional abuse has been enshrined in Australian legislation from as early as the 1880s, when states enacted clauses criminalising teachers' sexual offences on their pupils.

Research and reports have shown that the longest delays in the reporting of child sexual abuse occur where the alleged perpetrators were authority figures such as teachers, priests or foster carers, with data showing that the majority of these reports were made at least 10 years after the incident.

The government will today introduce legislation into parliament to amend the Teachers Registration and Standards Act to enable the Teachers Registration Board to immediately suspend the registration of a teacher charged with serious criminal offences, including rape, murder and drug dealing. Existing provisions mean that if the board becomes aware of a serious charge laid against

a teacher, it may need to await the outcome of related court action before it commences a disciplinary process.

A teacher's registration currently remains valid while any court proceedings and subsequent disciplinary inquiries are underway. This means that while a teacher charged with serious offences would be stood down from their current employment they could potentially seek employment in another school or as a private tutor. This is a risk to young people in our educational settings in South Australia. I commend our education minister for advocating and delivering the current provisions in our act that need to change. Our minister said:

Every day across South Australia our teachers work hard to improve the lives of students and contribute to a well educated and engaged society. They deserve the trust and respect of our community.

However, the Teachers Registration Board has brought to the government's attention that current provisions in the act potentially allow teachers to present themselves as suitable for employment in a school setting despite being the subject of serious criminal charges relevant to the safety of children. We believe that teachers facing such serious charges should not remain on the register while these matters are being finalised. Children could continue to be at risk. The new bill allows the board to immediately suspend the registration of a teacher or vary the conditions of a teacher's registration if they are charged with a prescribed offence.

We must do everything we can to keep our children and young people safe at school and to uphold the integrity of the teachers register. The legislation has been welcomed by the Teachers Registration Board, which seeks to close the loophole. 'The board undertook consultation with a range of stakeholders about the proposed changes, including representative organisations for the education sectors, principals, unions, parent groups and providers of initial teacher education,' said Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, the chair of the Teachers Registration Board.

I expect these changes to be welcomed by school communities, by the parents living in my electorate and by the overwhelming majority of teachers who dedicate their lives to giving our next generation the best possible start in life. I thank our minister of the Marshall Liberal government and commend this bill to the house.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (20:57): I am very pleased to be concluding the debate on the Teachers—

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Treloar): Sorry, I need to say, minister, that if you speak you close the debate.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I think everyone is comfortable with that at this point, but thank you, sir. I am very pleased to conclude the debate on the Teachers Registration and Standards (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill. I thank the member for Port Adelaide and the member for King for their contributions and for indicating their support for the bill. This is a bill that I have been very pleased to see has the support, as I understand it, of all members of this house, and I hope it will have a speedy passage through the Legislative Council in the coming weeks.

It is an important bill. It is important in that it deals with the safety of our children, which is of course an utterly critical priority, and indeed it is also a bill that ensures that the register of teachers kept by the Teachers Registration Board can be seen and understood to be an utterly reliable primary source. If a teacher is on the register, then they will be known, as a result of this bill, to be not facing such charges and it will become a document of utter reliability.

This is desirable because, of course, we have tens of thousands of teachers in South Australia and we have tens of thousands who are worthy of being on the register and who dedicate their lives to the education of our youngest South Australians. It is a worthy and a noble profession. It is a calling. Their reputation should not be sullied or tarnished by the despicable and disgraceful behaviours and acts and criminal offences of some people who, up until the passage of this bill, have remained on the register for far too long.

So it is important for teachers and it is valued, I think, by many teachers. The shadow minister indicated the support of the Education Union and, given the significant number of Education Union members on the Teachers Registration Board who indicated their support for this bill, I was hoping

that those members would be able to speak on behalf of the profession through that role. Clearly, they have.

Even more important than that, though, is the protection of our children. The member for King articulated extraordinarily well in her contribution; in a very personal sense she conveyed the utter importance of this legislation. I am very pleased it has the support of the Labor Party, and I hope it will pass in the Legislative Council very quickly in the weeks ahead. I commend the bill to the house.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (21:01): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

At 21:01 the house adjourned until Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 10:30.

*Answers to Questions***TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

278 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public-sector FTE positions were funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 753.46 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
EXF	1	1
SAES2 (Equiv)	11	11
SAES1 (Equiv)	31	31
MAS3	8	6.9
ASO8	84	80.1
ASO7	62.8	59.2
ASO6	116	106.18
ASO5	120	110.19
ASO4	167	156.72
ASO3	114	105.1
ASO2	65	57.55
ASO1	3	3
AHP4	5	4.5
AHP3	6	5
AHP2	9	9
AHP1	3	3
WSE4	1	1
OPS03	2	2
OPS04	1	1

Note: This figure does not include the Office of the Valuer General and the Office of the Registrar General, as employees were still paid by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) at the time.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

279 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTEs were employed in the Department of Treasury & Finance?

1. What is the number of employed FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 718.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees that were active and paid in the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of employed FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
EXF	1	1

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2 (Equiv)	10	10
SAES1 (Equiv)	31	31
MAS3	6	5.8
ASO8	87	83
ASO7	53	50.1
ASO6	107	102.1
ASO5	113	103.8
ASO4	159	147.8
ASO3	109	99.2
ASO2	63	54.5
ASO1	1	1
AHP4	3	3
AHP3	6	4.6
AHP2	7	5.9
AHP1	2	1.8
Trainee	3	3
WSE	1	1
OPS03	2	2
OPS04	1	1
MINADS	7	6.6

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

280 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many South Australian Executive Service (SAES) level 1 FTE positions were funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 29 SAES level 1 positions funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).

Note: DTF at this time also had 2 non-SAES executive positions that were the equivalent of a SAES level 1 position.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

281 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many South Australian Executive Service (SAES) level 2 FTE positions were funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 7 SAES level 2 positions funded in the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).

Note: DTF at this time also had 3 non-SAES executive positions that were the equivalent of a SAES level 2 position.

REVENUESA

282 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Revenue SA?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 193.3 FTE positions funded by RevenueSA. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	3	3
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	9	9
ASO7	12	12
ASO6	18	15.8
ASO5	36	34.3
ASO4	69	62.3
ASO3	28	25
ASO2	34	30.9
ASO1	0	0

SUPER SA

283 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Super SA?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 153.03 FTE positions funded by Super SA. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	3	3
MAS3	2	1
ASO8	9	8.7
ASO7	6	6
ASO6	16	13.8
ASO5	24	21.16
ASO4	52	50.74
ASO3	53	48.63
ASO2	9	7
ASO1	1	1

Note: Based on 1 July 2017 budgeted positions (162.03 FTE)

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

284 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in the Office of the Chief Executive in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 16 FTE positions funded in the Office of the Chief Executive in the Department of Treasury and Finance? The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
EXF	1	1
SAES2	2	2
SAES1	0	0
MAS3	1	1

Classification	Number	FTE
ASO8	1	1
ASO7	1	1
ASO6	6	6
ASO5	2	2
ASO4	0	0
ASO3	1	1
ASO2	1	1
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

285 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Financial Services branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 8.5 FTE positions funded in the Financial Services branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	0	0
SAES1	1	1
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	1	1
ASO7	1	1
ASO6	3	2.8
ASO5	2	1.8
ASO4	0	0
ASO3	1	0.9
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

286 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Veterans SA branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 7 FTE positions funded in the Veterans SA branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	0	0
SAES1	1	1
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	2	2
ASO7	0	0
ASO6	1	1
ASO5	1	1
ASO4	1	1
ASO3	1	1
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

287 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in ICT Services SA branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 43.6 FTE positions funded in the ICT Services branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	0	0
SAES1	1	1
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	5	5
ASO7	7	7
ASO6	9	7.6
ASO5	13	12.2
ASO4	3	3
ASO3	8	7.8
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

288 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Public Finance branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 48.8 FTE positions funded in the Public Finance branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	4	4
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	10	9
ASO7	6	5.4
ASO6	8	7.8
ASO5	6	5.4
ASO4	7	6.8
ASO3	3	3
ASO2	6	5.4
ASO1	1	1

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

289 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Budget Analysis and Performance branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 71.5 FTE positions funded in the Budget Analysis and Performance branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	6	6
MAS3	1	0.9
ASO8	13	11
ASO7	7	5.9
ASO6	16	14.5
ASO5	17	14.4
ASO4	11	10.4
ASO3	7	6
ASO2	2	1.4
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

290 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in New Schools Public Private Partnerships branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 4 FTE positions funded in New Schools Public Private Partnerships branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	0	0
SAES1	0	0
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	2	2
ASO7	0	0
ASO6	1	1
ASO5	1	1
ASO4	0	0
ASO3	0	0
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

291 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Simpler Regulation Unit branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 7 FTE positions funded in the Simpler Regulation Unit branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	0	0
SAES1	1	1
MAS3	1	1
ASO8	3	3
ASO7	0	0
ASO6	1	1
ASO5	0	0

Classification	Number	FTE
ASO4	0	0
ASO3	1	1
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

292 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in Commercial Projects Groups branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 22.31 FTE positions funded in the Commercial Projects Groups branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	2	2
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	5.51	5.51
ASO7	3.8	3.8
ASO6	5	5
ASO5	3	3
ASO4	1	1
ASO3	1	1
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

293 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA) branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 82.1 FTE positions funded in the SAFA branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	4	4
MAS3	1	1
ASO8	15	14.93
ASO7	13	12.1
ASO6	21	19.79
ASO5	9	8.13
ASO4	11	10.28
ASO3	4	3.87
ASO2	2	2
ASO1	1	1
WSE4	1	1
OPS03	2	2
OPS04	1	1

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

294 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in CTP Insurance Regulator branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 30 FTE positions funded in the CTP Insurance Regulator branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	3	3
MAS3	0	0
ASO8	5	5
ASO7	3	3
ASO6	5	5
ASO5	5	5
ASO4	3	3
ASO3	4	4
ASO2	1	1
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

295 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in the Office of the Valuer General branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 36 FTE positions funded in the Office of the Valuer General branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2	1	1
SAES1	0	0
PO5	1	1
PO4	2	2
PO3	6	6
PO2	3	3
PO1	9	9
ASO6	1	1
ASO5	3	3
ASO4	2	2
ASO3	6	6
ASO2	2	2
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

296 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in the Office of the Registrar General branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 11 FTE positions funded in the Office of the Registrar General branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES	1	1
MAS3	2	2
ASO8	0	0
ASO7	3	3
ASO6	2	2
ASO5	3	3
ASO4	0	0
ASO3	0	0
ASO2	0	0
ASO1	0	0

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

297 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public sector FTE positions were funded in the Lifetime Support Authority branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 47.35 FTE positions funded in the Lifetime Support Authority branch of the Department of Treasury and Finance. The number of funded FTE positions by classification level was as follows.

Classification	Number	FTE
SAES2 (Equiv)	1	1
SAES1 (Equiv)	2	2
ASO8	6	6
ASO7	1	1
ASO6	6	6
ASO4	5	4.8
ASO3	1	1
ASO2	5	4.05
AHP4	5	4.5
AHP3	6	5
AHP2	9	9
AHP1	3	3

FUNDS SA

298 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018 how many total public-sector FTE positions were funded in Funds SA?

1. What is the number of funded FTE positions by classification level?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were no publicly funded employees in Funds SA employed under the Public Sector Act 2009. Funds SA is a self-funded government business enterprise established under the Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia Act 1995. The corporation operates on a cost-recovery model, employing 40 FTE on this basis as at 30 March 2018.

Funds SA maintains its own enterprise agreement. Funds SA employees comprise a combination of those on contracts, and those on the Enterprise Agreement. The Funds SA enterprise agreement contains a unique salary framework that is different to the state government classification structure.

Consequently, Funds SA has neither publicly funded positions, nor position levels that mirror state government classification levels.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

299 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). Can the Treasurer advise what consultancies and/or contractor arrangements have been engaged by the Department of Treasury and Finance since 19 March 2018?

- (a) What is the purpose of each consultancy and/or contractor arrangement?
- (b) What is the estimated cost of each consultancy and/or contractor arrangement?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Contract Title	Description	Date Awarded	Maximum Term	Maximum Value
SA Schools PPP Project—Commercial Adviser.	Provision of commercial advisory services to the SA schools PPP project during the project planning, procurement and development phases.	10/05/2018	3 years.	\$880,000.00
RevenueSA Information Online System—Project Management Services (2018).	Deliver project management services to successfully execute the program of work associated with RevenueSA's Project Management Office and project manage a critical RIO System upgrade.	25/06/2018	6 months.	\$118,800.00
Combined Actuarial Review of Superannuation Schemes (2018).	Actuarial services to provide high quality reports to comply with state and federal reporting requirements for the schemes administered by Super SA.	28/06/2018	5 years.	\$234,410.00

FUTURE JOBS FUND PROGRAM

301 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). Has the review of the Future Jobs Fund program been completed?

- (a) If so, when was the review into the Future Jobs Fund program completed?
- (b) Which applicants have been approved for a grant or a loan?
- (c) What is the amount of the grant or loan for the approved applicants?
- (d) Have any applicants that had previously been advised they would be receiving either a grant or a loan, since been informed that they will no longer be receiving a grant or a loan?
- (e) If so, please list the applicants, whether it was for a grant or a loan, and the amount.
- (f) How much of the budgeted funds for the Future Jobs Fund remains unspent as of 30 June 2018?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

- (a) The outcome of the review into industry assistance programs and funds across the South Australian government, including the Future Jobs Fund, will be released in the near future.
- (b) The South Australian Government Tenders and Contracts website is regularly updated to show the successful recipients of a grant or loan, once the deed has been executed between parties.
- (c) As part of the Future Jobs Fund, the total value of grants approved was \$44.4 million and the total value of loans approved was \$35.9 million.
- (d) The government has publicly stated that it will honour all funding commitments from the former Government, where an offer to the applicant had been provided in writing.
- (e) As a result of the commitment above, no applicant that has previously received a written offer will be denied proceeding with their application, subject to the applicant agreeing to SAFA's standard lending criteria.
- (f) Information on the Future Jobs Fund program will be released as part of the audit into industry assistance.

EX GRATIA PAYMENTS

308 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). Has the Treasurer approved or made any ex-gratia payments since 19 March 2018?

- (a) To whom were the payments made?
- (b) For what purpose were the payments made?
- (c) What is the amount of each payment?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

(a) The secrecy provisions of the *Taxation Administration Act 1996* prevent me from releasing the names of the recipients of state tax related ex gratia payments, including those in receipt of payments approved or made since 19 March 2018. This is consistent with a ruling made under the former government when I sought similar information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*.

(b) In the period 19 March 2018 to 31 July 2018, ex gratia payments have been made for the following purposes; stamp duty relief on registration of heavy vehicles prior to making of new regulations; land tax ex gratia payments (eg for a deceased estate); Job Accelerator Grants; payroll tax small business rebates; payroll tax 2017-18 in lieu of proposed legislative changes to the statutory rate; payroll tax general ex gratia payments; stamp duty ex gratia payments (eg. off-the-plan stamp duty concession); and employment termination payments made as ex gratia payments to Department of Human Services staff accepting an offer to resign from the public sector and transfer to a new non-government employer.

(c) Total payments made in the period 19 March 2018 to 31 July 2018 for each area of purpose are listed as follows:

- (a) Stamp duty ex gratia payments on heavy vehicle registrations, \$109,539.00;
- (b) Land Tax General ex gratia payments, \$504,048.81;
- (c) Job Accelerator Grants made by way of ex gratia payments, \$10,138,250.00;
- (d) Payroll tax small business rebates, \$675,055.77
- (e) Payroll tax 2017-18 rate reduction administered by way of ex gratia payments, \$16,568,525.86;
- (f) Payroll tax general ex gratia payments, \$341,363.39;
- (g) Stamp duty ex gratia payments, \$241,965.00; and
- (h) Employment termination ex gratia payments, \$4,275,000.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

311 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018, what was the number of trainees and graduates employed in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the breakdown by branch?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 3 trainees and 4 graduates employed in the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).

RevenueSA employed 2 trainees and the Lifetime Support Authority employed 1 trainee. Graduates undertake rotational placements within DTF, hence all graduates are employed under the Public Finance Branch.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

312 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018, how many people were on short-term contracts in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the breakdown by branch?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 128 people on short-term contracts in the Department of Treasury and Finance. The breakdown by branch was:

Budget, Analysis and Performance	2
ICT Services	7
CTP Regulator	6
Office of the Chief Executive	2
Lifetime Support Authority	25

Budget, Analysis and Performance	2
Commercial Projects	5
Public Finance	2
RevenueSA	27
SAFA	4
Super SA	45
Office of the Treasurer	2
Veterans SA	1

Note: Employees on short term contracts may have rights to further employment in DTF, or across the South Australian public sector.

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

313 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018, what was the number of employees identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, employed in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the breakdown by branch?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 11 employees identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employed in the Department of Treasury and Finance. The breakdown by branch was:

Revenue SA	3
Super SA	1
Office of Chief Executive	1
SAFA	1
Budget Analysis and Performance	1
Lifetime Support Authority	3
CTP Insurance Regulation	1

TREASURY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT

314 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). As at 30 March 2018, what was the number of employees identifying as having a physical or mental disability employed in the Department of Treasury and Finance?

1. What is the breakdown by branch?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

As at 30 March 2018 there were 20 employees identifying as having a physical and mental disability in the Department of Treasury and Finance. The breakdown by branch was:

Revenue SA	7
Super SA	3
SAFA	2
Budget Analysis and Performance	2
Lifetime Support Authority	4
ICT Services	1

Revenue SA	7
Public Finance Branch	1

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

318 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). How many targeted voluntary separation packages (TVSPs) have been offered across the public sector since the 19 March 2018?

- Which departments and agencies have they been offered in?
- Which classification levels have these been offered in?
- What is the estimated dollar value of these offers since the 19 March 2018?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Agency Name	No. of TVSP offered	\$ Value (approximate)
Attorney General's Department	55	\$6,513,001.52
Department for Environment and Water	5	\$523,500.82
Department of Human Services	57	\$3,920,066.76
Department for Industry and Skills	7	\$941,036.96
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	1	\$104,285.71
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure	3	\$282,746.20
Defence SA	1	\$93,842.61
Department of Treasury and Finance	1	\$113,243.52
Department for Education	2	\$276,813.52
SA Health Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Modbury Hospital & Lyell McEwin Hospital	6	\$398,816.11
SA Health Central Adelaide Local Health Network – Queen Elizabeth Hospital		
SA Health Central Adelaide Local Health Network – Royal Adelaide Hospital	1	\$46,652.94
SA Health Southern Adelaide Local Health Network – Repatriation General Hospital	1	\$46,182.12
SA Health Central Adelaide Local Health Network SA Dental Service, Mental Health Services & Ambulatory & Primary Health Care	1	\$101,277.81
TAFE SA	4	\$530,589.91
Total	145	\$13,892,056.79

Table 1 shows the number of employees for whom calculations were prepared by Shared Services SA for the purpose of agencies making an offer of a TVSP during the period 19 March 2018 to 21 August 2018 (145), including the value of these TVSP offers (approximately \$13.9 million). Note that due to a time lag from offer to separation, offers for this period will not correspond directly with acceptances for the same period.

Shared Services SA have advised that the classification level for each of these employees is not readily.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

319 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (25 July 2018). How many targeted voluntary separation packages have been accepted across the public sector since the 19 March 2018?

(a) What is the total estimated cost of targeted voluntary separation packages accepted since the 19 March 2018?

(b) What is the department or agency, position title, and total employment cost of each position in which a TSVP offer was accepted?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Information on TVSPs is collected by Shared Services SA in the process of providing payroll services to agencies. Table 1 shows the number of employees who accepted the offer of a TVSP and separated during the period 19 March 2018 to 21 August 2018 and the cost of these TVSP payments (approximately \$12 million). Note that due to a time lag from offer to separation, acceptances for this period will not correspond directly with offers for the same period.

Shared Services SA have advised that the additional information requested, including position title and total employment cost of each position for these employees, is not readily available.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

325 The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (1 August 2018). How much funding has been received from the commonwealth for infrastructure projects in total for the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18? How much is forecast to be received over the forward estimates, by year?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Funding received from the commonwealth under national partnerships for infrastructure projects was \$43 million in 2013-14, \$102 million in 2014-15, \$198 million in 2015-16 and \$508 million in 2016-17.

Funding budgeted to be received from the commonwealth over the forward estimates under national partnerships for infrastructure is \$716 million in 2017-18, \$645 million in 2018-19, \$494 million in 2019-20, \$385 million in 2020-21 and \$378 million in 2021-22

Funding is also received from the commonwealth for housing and homelessness programs. Around \$95 million per annum was received for housing programs from 2013-14 to 2016-17, and around \$100 million is budgeted to be received for housing and homelessness programs over the forward estimates.

MINISTERIAL STAFF TRAVEL

338 The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (5 September 2018). Did a departmental staff member or ministerial adviser travel with Minister Pisoni to Perth for his one day trip to attend COAG, that cost more than \$3,500?

If so—

(a) Where is this reported?

(b) Did they travel economy or business class?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills): The minister attended the COAG Industry and Skills meeting in Perth in April, as detailed in the publicly available Proactive Disclosure statement (19-20 April). The lowest logical fare was booked a week prior to accommodate the minister's schedule, including a separate meeting with federal minister Michaelia Cash MP to discuss South Australia's involvement in the Skilling Australians Fund – in which the state government successfully secured \$102.6 million in funding, and the First-Employee pilot program.

A representative from the Department for Industry and Skills also attended the COAG in Perth.

HOUSING SA

339 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Housing SA properties:

(a) As at 31 March 2018	35,889
(b) As at 30 June 2018	35,850

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

**Excludes joint venture and leased properties.

***Includes both tenatable and un-tenatable properties.

HOUSING SA

340 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For Financial Year 2017-18, what was the total number of clients who sourced housing through Housing SA for:

- (a) Category 1?
- (b) Category 2?
- (c) Category 3?
- (d) Category 4?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

New housing allocations in 2017-18 Financial Year:

(a) Category 1	2,062
(b) Category 2	107
(c) Category 3	106
(d) Category 4*	n/a

*Only for eligible existing tenants wanting to transfer from one property to another property.

HOUSING SA

341 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). As at 18 March 2018, what was the total number of clients housed through Housing SA for:

- (a) Category 1?
- (b) Category 2?
- (c) Category 3?
- (d) Category 4?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Total number of clients housed through Housing SA at 31 March 2018 on:

(a) Category 1	16,635
(b) Category 2	2,207
(c) Category 3	1,533
(d) Category 4	819

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

The remainder of tenants were either housed in low demand areas or through the Specialised Housing Program, or were housed prior to 2000 when the housing needs assessment categories were implemented.

HOUSING SA

342 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). As at 30 June 2018, what was the total number of clients housed through Housing SA for:

- (a) Category 1?
- (b) Category 2?
- (c) Category 3?
- (d) Category 4?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Total number of clients housed through Housing SA at 30 June 2018 on:

(a) Category 1	16,703
(b) Category 2	2,190
(c) Category 3	1,521
(d) Category 4	874

The remainder of tenants were either housed in low demand areas or through the Specialised Housing Program, or were housed prior to 2000 when the housing needs assessment categories were implemented.

HOUSING SA

343 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties by local government area as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Housing SA Properties by Local Government Area		
LGA	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Adelaide (C)	506	506
Adelaide Hills (DC)	24	24
Alexandrina (DC)	35	35
Barossa (DC)	120	120
Barunga West (DC)	3	3
Berri and Barmera (DC)	311	309
Burnside (C)	173	173
Campbelltown (C)	685	710
Ceduna (DC)	125	124
Charles Sturt (C)	3058	3045
Clare and Gilbert Valleys (DC)	119	119
Cleve (DC)	10	10
Copper Coast (DC)	266	268
Elliston (DC)	8	8
Flinders Ranges (DC)	39	39
Franklin Harbor (DC)	4	3
Gawler (M)	506	505
Goyder (DC)	13	13
Holdfast Bay (C)	270	270
Kangaroo Island (DC)	47	47
Lacepede (DC)	1	1
Le Hunte (DC)	13	13
Light (DC)	38	38
Lower Eyre Peninsula (DC)	2	2
Loxton Waikerie (DC)	165	164
Mallala (DC)	7	7
Marion (C)	2680	2682
Mid Murray (DC)	61	60
Mitcham (C)	254	253
Mount Barker (DC)	381	389
Mount Gambier (C)	1124	1132
Mount Remarkable (DC)	12	12
Murray Bridge (RC)	714	712
Naracoorte and Lucindale (DC)	5	5
Northern Areas (DC)	42	42
Norwood Payneham and St Peters (C)	654	648
Onkaparinga (C)	3356	3347
Orroroo/Carrieton (DC)	3	3
Peterborough (DC)	26	25
Playford (C)	3234	3230
Port Adelaide Enfield (C)	4682	4679
Port Augusta (C)	879	869

Housing SA Properties by Local Government Area		
LGA	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Port Lincoln (C)	674	670
Port Pirie City and Dists (M)	821	818
Prospect (C)	249	248
Renmark Paringa (DC)	178	178
Salisbury (C)	3454	3451
Southern Mallee (DC)	1	1
Streaky Bay (DC)	21	20
Tatiara (DC)	4	4
Tea Tree Gully (C)	1342	1339
The Coorong (DC)	13	13
Tumby Bay (DC)	7	7
Unincorporated SA	87	85
Unley (C)	487	483
Victor Harbor (DC)	3	3
Wakefield (DC)	16	16
Walkerville (M)	203	203
West Torrens (C)	1341	1340
Whyalla (C)	2226	2220
Yankalilla (DC)	6	6
Yorke Peninsula (DC)	101	101

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

**Data includes both tenenable and un-tenenable properties and excludes properties with stock type of administration.

***Properties may overlap a local government area. These properties have been included in the majority LGA.

HOUSING SA

344 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties by suburb as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Aberfoyle Park	106	106
Adelaide	470	470
Albert Park	59	59
Alberton	45	45
Aldinga Beach	22	22
Allenby Gardens	12	12
Andrews Farm	32	32
Angaston	58	58
Angle Park	207	207
Ardrossan	31	31
Ascot Park	130	130
Ashford	17	17
Athelstone	6	6
Athol Park	18	18
Balaklava	7	7
Balhannah	2	2
Banksia Park	1	1
Barmera	107	107
Bedford Park	7	7

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Berri	202	200
Beulah Park	5	5
Beverley	17	17
Birkenhead	67	67
Black Forest	59	61
Blackwood	21	21
Blair Athol	277	271
Blakeview	16	16
Booloroo Centre	6	6
Bowden	104	104
Brahma Lodge	80	80
Brighton	17	17
Broadview	91	89
Brompton	186	186
Brooklyn Park	176	174
Brukung	6	6
Burnside	1	1
Burra	12	12
Burton	46	46
Bute	3	3
Camden Park	102	101
Campbelltown	162	164
Ceduna	98	97
Cheltenham	12	12
Christie Downs	643	641
Christies Beach	85	84
Clapham	1	1
Clare	117	117
Clarence Gardens	9	9
Clarence Park	13	13
Clearview	20	20
Cleve	10	10
Clovelly Park	63	63
Collinswood	13	13
Colonel Light Gardens	13	13
Cooper Pedy	58	57
Copley	13	12
Cowandilla	63	63
Cowell	4	3
Crafers	1	1
Craigmore	106	106
Croydon	28	28
Croydon Park	137	140
Crystal Brook	25	25
Cumberland Park	21	21
Cummins	2	2
Darlington	41	41
Davoren Park	435	421
Daw Park	27	27
Dernancourt	3	3
Devon Park	114	117
Dover Gardens	220	220
Dry Creek	1	1
Dudley Park	109	109
Dulwich	14	14
Eastwood	32	32
Echunga	4	4
Edithburgh	6	6
Edwardstown	445	445
Elizabeth	110	110
Elizabeth Downs	246	246
Elizabeth East	446	446

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Elizabeth Grove	11	11
Elizabeth North	257	268
Elizabeth Park	256	255
Elizabeth South	398	396
Elizabeth Vale	232	230
Elliston	4	4
Enfield	52	52
Ethelton	69	69
Eudunda	1	1
Evanston	148	148
Evanston Gardens	46	45
Evanston Park	14	14
Everard Park	49	49
Exeter	56	56
Felixstow	49	43
Ferryden Park	443	443
Findon	177	178
Flagstaff Hill	4	4
Flinders Park	20	14
Forestville	26	26
Freeling	7	7
Frewville	3	3
Fulham	45	45
Fullarton	106	106
Gawler	34	34
Gawler East	11	11
Gawler South	72	72
Gawler West	136	136
Gepps Cross	12	12
Gilberton	170	170
Gilles Plains	265	265
Gladstone	4	4
Glandore	142	141
Glanville	28	28
Glenelg	27	27
Glenelg East	8	8
Glenelg North	50	50
Glenelg South	6	6
Glengowrie	75	75
Glenside	90	90
Glossop	2	2
Glynde	19	19
Golden Grove	269	269
Goodwood	50	50
Goolwa	24	24
Grange	83	83
Greenacres	90	94
Greenwith	310	307
Gulfview Heights	2	2
Hackham	42	41
Hackham West	438	436
Hackney	32	32
Hahndorf	1	1
Hallett Cove	28	28
Hamley Bridge	1	1
Hampstead Gardens	33	33
Happy Valley	15	15
Hawker	7	7
Hawthorn	60	60
Hazelwood Park	1	1
Hectorville	140	163
Hendon	33	30

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at	As at
	31 March 2018	30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Henley Beach	127	127
Henley Beach South	110	110
Highbury	3	3
Hillcrest	123	123
Hilton	24	26
Hindmarsh	6	6
Holden Hill	158	158
Hope Valley	51	51
Hove	49	49
Huntfield Heights	200	199
Hyde Park	4	4
Ingle Farm	189	188
Iron Knob	3	3
Jamestown	21	21
Kadina	122	122
Kangarilla	1	1
Kapunda	30	30
Keith	4	4
Kensington	98	98
Kensington Park	21	21
Kent Town	114	114
Keswick	9	9
Kidman Park	38	37
Kilburn	607	603
Kilkenny	31	31
Kingscote	47	47
Kingston Park	2	2
Kingston S E	1	1
Kingswood	4	4
Klemzig	61	59
Kurralta Park	17	17
Lameroo	1	1
Largs Bay	74	74
Largs North	76	76
Laura	14	14
Lightsview	13	13
Littlehampton	8	8
Lobethal	13	13
Lock	4	4
Lockleys	25	25
Lower Mitcham	9	9
Loxton	93	92
Lucindale	4	4
Lyndoch	2	2
Macdonald Park	0	1
Magill	186	186
Maitland	23	23
Malvern	5	5
Manningham	1	1
Mannum	51	50
Mansfield Park	37	40
Marden	20	20
Marion	56	56
Marleston	41	41
Marree	13	13
Mawson Lakes	23	23
Maylands	67	67
Mccracken	2	2
Mclaren Vale	11	11
Meadows	6	6
Melrose Park	7	7
Meningie	4	4

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Milang	4	4
Mile End	223	223
Mile End South	2	2
Minlaton	6	6
Mitcham	1	1
Mitchell Park	83	83
Moana	2	2
Modbury	55	55
Modbury Heights	100	100
Modbury North	16	16
Monarto	1	1
Moonta	37	37
Moonta Bay	10	10
Morgan	10	10
Morphett Vale	906	906
Morphettville	140	133
Mount Barker	337	345
Mount Gambier	1124	1132
Munno Para	329	332
Munno Para West	2	2
Murray Bridge	713	711
Myrtle Bank	6	6
Nailsworth	70	70
Nairne	19	19
Naracoorte	1	1
Newton	35	35
Noarlunga Centre	11	11
Noarlunga Downs	335	334
North Adelaide	36	36
North Brighton	16	16
North Haven	62	62
North Plympton	73	73
Northfield	74	81
Northgate	4	4
Norwood	136	136
Novar Gardens	248	248
Nuriootpa	53	53
O'halloran Hill	17	17
O'sullivan Beach	61	60
Oakden	14	14
Oaklands Park	428	431
Old Noarlunga	3	3
Old Reynella	3	3
Orroroo	3	3
Osborne	135	135
Ottoway	112	112
Ovingham	66	66
Owen	2	2
Panorama	5	5
Para Hills	15	16
Para Hills West	240	238
Para Vista	154	154
Paradise	99	99
Parafield Gardens	625	626
Paralowie	206	206
Paringa	7	7
Park Holme	85	89
Parkside	111	105
Pasadena	18	17
Payneham	59	59
Payneham South	30	30
Pennington	105	107

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Peterborough	26	25
Peterhead	51	45
Plympton	43	43
Plympton Park	167	169
Pooraka	265	265
Port Adelaide	216	216
Port Augusta	515	507
Port Augusta West	355	353
Port Lincoln	674	670
Port Noarlunga	48	48
Port Pirie	749	746
Port Pirie South	4	4
Port Pirie West	43	43
Port Victoria	9	9
Port Vincent	8	8
Port Wakefield	6	6
Prospect	166	165
Queenstown	117	116
Quorn	32	32
Redwood Park	2	2
Renmark	171	171
Renown Park	219	219
Reynella	16	16
Reynella East	37	37
Richmond	12	12
Ridgehaven	33	33
Ridleyton	108	108
Riverton	2	2
Rose Park	3	3
Rosewater	135	134
Rostrevor	13	13
Royal Park	94	94
Royston Park	1	1
Salisbury	215	215
Salisbury Downs	324	323
Salisbury East	174	173
Salisbury Heights	18	18
Salisbury North	622	622
Salisbury Park	122	122
Salisbury Plain	59	59
Seacliff	11	11
Seacliff Park	8	8
Seacombe Gardens	232	232
Seacombe Heights	1	1
Seaford	50	50
Seaford Meadows	26	26
Seaford Rise	195	195
Seaton	548	545
Seaview Downs	5	5
Sefton Park	4	4
Semaphore	41	41
Semaphore Park	486	486
Semaphore South	3	3
Sheidow Park	3	3
Smithfield	180	180
Smithfield Plains	178	178
Somerton Park	48	48
South Brighton	36	36
South Plympton	69	71
Spalding	3	3
St Agnes	27	27
St Clair	2	2

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
St Marys	51	51
St Morris	10	10
St Peters	12	12
Stansbury	4	4
Stepney	2	2
Stirling North	9	9
Strathalbyn	7	7
Streaky Bay	21	20
Sturt	186	186
Surrey Downs	74	74
Tailem Bend	9	9
Tanunda	7	7
Taperoo	389	394
Tea Tree Gully	2	2
Thebarton	67	67
Thevenard	27	27
Tonsley	48	48
Toorak Gardens	3	3
Torrensville	77	77
Tranmere	44	44
Trinity Gardens	5	5
Trott Park	6	6
Tumby Bay	7	7
Two Wells	7	7
Underdale	39	39
Unley	53	53
Vale Park	2	2
Valley View	19	19
Victor Harbor	1	1
Waikerie	72	72
Walkerville	31	31
Walkley Heights	56	56
Wallaroo	97	99
Warradale	30	29
Wasleys	1	1
Wayville	5	5
Welland	33	33
West Beach	19	19
West Croydon	62	61
West Hindmarsh	20	20
West Lakes	55	55
West Lakes Shore	11	11
West Richmond	38	38
Whyalla	151	151
Whyalla Jenkins	52	52
Whyalla Norrie	670	668
Whyalla Playford	70	70
Whyalla Stuart	1283	1279
Willaston	45	45
Willunga	4	4
Windsor Gardens	22	22
Wingfield	6	6
Wirrabara	6	6
Woodcroft	64	64
Woodside	8	8
Woodville	16	16
Woodville Gardens	189	183
Woodville North	34	34
Woodville Park	14	14
Woodville South	14	14
Woodville West	91	89
Wudinna	13	13

Housing SA Properties by Suburb		
Suburb	As at 31 March 2018	As at 30 June 2018
	Total	Total
Wynn Vale	238	238
Yankalilla	6	6
Yorketown	14	14

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

**Data includes both tenatable and untenatable properties and excludes properties with stock type of administration.

HOUSING SA

345 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of tenanted Housing SA properties as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Tenanted Housing SA properties as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	34,108
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Data relating to the total number of tenanted SA Housing Authority properties as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

HOUSING SA

346 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of vacant Housing SA properties as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Vacant Housing SA properties as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	1,781
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*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

Data relating to the total number of vacant SA Housing Authority properties as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

HOUSING SA

347 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties deemed uninhabitable as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Housing SA properties deemed vacant untenatable as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	1,155
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*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

Data relating to the total number of vacant untenable SA Housing Authority properties as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

Properties may be untenable for a variety of reasons including undergoing major maintenance, and being considered for sale or redevelopment.

HOUSING SA

348 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of maintenance requests logged for Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of maintenance orders raised for Housing SA properties for the 2017-18 financial year was 187,838.

HOUSING SA

349 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, provide a summary of maintenance request logs by type of complaint, severity of complaint and categorisation/urgency of complaint?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Maintenance orders by trade by priority

Based on all maintenance orders raised between 1/7/2017 and 30/6/2018:

Trade Description	Priority					Total
	0	1	2	3	4	
Carpentry	11	3,046	5,636	21,691	7,679	38,063
Plumbing & Drainage		10,979	30,530	4,390	5,301	51,200
Electrical		4,044	13,793	3,992	7,933	29,762
Internal Painting		179	911	7,167	4,247	12,504
Rubbish Removal		94	1,565	877	5,889	8,425
Asbestos Cement Products		64	360	628	1,870	2,922
Roof Plumbing		240	2,067	5,397	3,038	10,742
Gas Fitting		1,099	3,064	477	3,984	8,624
Visit Fee					1	1
External Painting		95	435	552	2,575	3,657
Locksmith		2,703	3,209	2,331	4,825	13,068
Glazing		2,036	1,782	574	1,403	5,795
Pest Control		531	467	818	659	2,475
Fencing		59	498	4,463	2,067	7,087
Concreting		100	597	1,603	1,020	3,320
Tiling		59	791	2,583	2,927	6,360
House Cleaning		63	202	98	4,153	4,516
Floor Coverings		8	85	1,396	2,107	3,596
Landscape	2,658	46	299	3,410	371	6,784
Hot Water Unit Change Over		523	896	35	2,678	4,132
Floor Sanding			2	24	572	598
House Sale Separations		1		3	24	28
Miscellaneous Works		107	876	15,123	6,676	22,782
Occupational Therapy Service			3	396	4	403
Design & Drafting Service				5	22	27
Screen Doors		93	372	993	887	2,345
Fire Safety Services		10	48	24	1	83
Hot Water Unit Supply		1	2,656	4	7	2,668
White Goods Supply			3,227	11	17	3,255
Clotheslines		1	31	548	520	1,100
Auxiliary Services		16	169	39	493	717
Demolition			1		221	222
Utilities and Other	985				5	990
	3,654	26,197	74,572	79,652	74,176	258,251

*Orders may have more than 1 trade

**Includes outstanding orders and invoices paid

***Includes Tenders (priority 0)

****Includes all maintenance cost categories, priorities and trades

****Excludes orders that have been subsequently cancelled.

HOUSING SA

350 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the average time taken to resolve logged maintenance requests to the satisfaction of both tenant and Housing SA as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Maintenance requests – average resolution time as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	18 days
(b) 30 June 2018	19 days

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

SA Housing Authority reports monthly on its maintenance outcomes through a customer satisfaction survey; however, data is not collected specifically in relation to tenant satisfaction with the timeliness of the maintenance response.

HOUSING SA

351 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties with outstanding maintenance requests logged as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Maintenance requests—outstanding as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	12,340
(b) 30 June 2018	11,088

*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

HOUSING SA

352 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total value of all outstanding Housing SA housing debt as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority outstanding customer debt as at:

(a) 31 March 2018	\$20.170m
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*Data is recorded as at the end of each month. Accordingly, SA Housing Authority is only able to provide figures as at 31 March 2018.

Data relating to the total value of outstanding customer debt as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

HOUSING SA

353 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of individuals or families in work with access to a Housing SA property as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of occupants declaring an income from wages, business and self-employment:

(a) 18 March 2018	n/a
(b) 30 June 2018	2,821

*Due to SA Housing Authority's reporting configuration, March 2018 data is not available.

**Data excludes those households paying maximum rent for their property.

HOUSING SA

354 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of individuals or families currently unemployed with access to a Housing SA property as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of occupants not declaring an income from wages, business and self-employment:

(a) 31 March 2018	n/a
(b) 30 June 2018	40,088

*Due to SA Housing Authority's reporting configuration March 2018 data is not available.

**Data excludes those households paying maximum rent for their property.

HOUSING SA

355 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of individuals or families on social welfare with access to a Housing SA property as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of occupants receiving a primary income support payment:

(a) 31 March 2018	n/a
(b) 30 June 2018	32,980

*Due to SA Housing Authority's reporting configuration March 2018 data is not available.

**Data excludes those households paying maximum rent for their property.

HOUSING SA

356 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the median price of rent for all Housing SA properties throughout South Australia?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

As at 30 June 2018, the median price of rent for all Housing SA properties was \$104.10 per week.

HOUSING SA

357 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the highest rent currently charged for a tenanted Housing SA property and the location of this property by suburb?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

As at 30 June 2018, the highest weekly rent charged for a tenanted Housing SA property in 2017-18 was \$502 per week in the suburb of Taperoo.

HOUSING SA

358 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the lowest rent currently charged for a tenanted Housing SA property and the location of this property by suburb?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

As at 30 June 2018, the lowest rent charged for a tenanted Housing SA property was \$23.30 in the suburbs of Kidman Park and Morphettville.

HOUSING SA

359 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of Housing SA properties sold?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of properties sold in the 2017-18 financial year will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

HOUSING SA

360 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of Housing SA properties decommissioned?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The total number of Housing SA properties decommissioned via demolition in the 2017-18 financial year was 679.

HOUSING SA

361 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of not-for-profit housing stock as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The SA Housing Authority does not hold data on the total number of not-for-profit housing stock and is therefore unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

362 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of tenanted not-for-profit housing stock as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

363 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties scheduled or approved for transfer as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

As at 18 March 2018, there were 47 properties that had been approved for transfer. These properties were transferred on 24 March 2018.

As at 30 June 2018, there were seven additional properties that had been approved for transfer.

HOUSING SA

365 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of tenants identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not record data of this nature by financial year.

HOUSING SA

366 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of tenants identifying as living with a disability in Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not record data of this nature by financial year.

HOUSING SA

367 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of tenants identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in Housing SA properties as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Due to SA Housing Authority's reporting configuration, data for March 2018 is not available. Data relating to the total number of tenants identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in SA Housing Authority properties as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

Housing SA

368 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of tenants identifying as living with a disability in Housing SA properties as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Due to SA Housing Authority's reporting configuration, data for March 2018 is not available. Data relating to the total number of tenants identifying as living with disability in SA Housing Authority properties as at 30 June 2018 will be made publicly available in the 2017-18 South Australian Housing Trust Annual Report.

HOUSING SA

369 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the number of Housing SA properties where the tenant has declared ownership of one or more dogs as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is subsequently unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

370 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the number of Housing SA properties where the tenant has declared ownership of one or more cat as at:

- (a) 18 March 2018?
- (b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is subsequently unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

371 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the number of Housing SA properties where the tenant has declared ownership of one or more variety of any other animal that is neither a dog nor cat?

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is subsequently unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

372 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of emergency response callouts where emergency services attended Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is subsequently unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

373 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of police response callouts where police attended Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is subsequently unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

374 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of fire response callouts where emergency fire services attended Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

375 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of ambulance response callouts where an ambulance or ambulances attended Housing SA properties?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

376 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties with approved adjustments and modifications for people living with disability as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The SA Housing Authority does not hold data on the total number of properties with approved adjustments and modifications for people living with disability and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

377 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties with approved adjustments and modifications for people living with disability as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

378 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of approved applications from Housing SA tenants seeking modifications or adjustments to their dwelling due to they or a cohabitant living with a disability?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

379 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of denied applications from Housing SA tenants seeking modifications or adjustments to their dwelling due to they or a cohabitant living with a disability?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

380 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of Housing SA tenants, including children, who transitioned into private housing?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold this data and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

381 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For Financial Year 2017-18, what was the total number of Housing SA tenants, including children, who vacated their dwelling voluntarily without Housing SA being made aware of their future circumstances?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority's database system is unable to distinguish between tenants who left the property voluntarily and those who did not. The Authority also does not capture information on the future circumstances of former tenants.

HOUSING SA

382 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what was the total number of Housing SA tenants, including children, who vacated their dwelling through eviction or a termination of lease without Housing SA being made aware of their future circumstances?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

SA Housing Authority does not hold data on a customer's future circumstances and is accordingly unable to provide a response to this question.

HOUSING SA

383 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). What was the total number of Housing SA properties participating in the Virtual Power Plant program having completed installation as at:

(a) 18 March 2018?

(b) 30 June 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Total number of properties participating in the Virtual Power Plant program having completed installation as at:

(a) 18 March 2018	5
(b) 30 June 2018	100

REGISTER OF LOBBYISTS

384 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). Since 18 March 2018, which lobbyists (listed on the Register of Lobbyists) had contact with the Minister for Human Services or a member of the minister's staff?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The responsibility for reporting this information rests with lobbyists registered under the Lobbyists Act 2015. The information is reported by lobbyists annually as required by section 8 of the act and published on DPC's website.

REGISTER OF LOBBYISTS

385 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). For those occasions when the minister or a member of her staff conducted face-to face meetings with lobbyists:

- (a) What is the name of the lobbyist?;
 - (b) What was the date of the meeting(s)?;
 - (c) What is the name of the third party for whom the lobbyist was provided paid or unpaid services?;
- and
- (d) What is the nature of the third party's issue?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

The responsibility for reporting this information rests with lobbyists registered under the Lobbyists Act 2015. The information is reported by lobbyists annually as required by section 8 of the act and published on DPC's website.

CHILD PROTECTION

386 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (5 September 2018). Did the minister meet the cost of her own child-related employment screening that was issued on 27 March 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following advice:

Child-Related employment screening is organisation driven. Department of Human Services paid for the screening clearance as it does for all Department of Human Services employees.

BUS SERVICES

412 The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (18 September 2018). Can the minister guarantee there will be no reduction in the frequency of bus services in:

- (a) McLaren Flat;
- (b) McLaren Vale;
- (c) Willunga;
- (d) Aldinga;
- (e) Aldinga Beach;
- (f) Port Willunga; and
- (g) Sellicks Beach?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The new state government is committed to driving efficiencies in our public transport system and as a result, routes with low patronage or which are duplicated will be considered for discontinuation. Greater investment will be made to areas where more capacity is required.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is currently undertaking detailed analysis of trips that are operating with consistently low patronage numbers, which will include consideration of the potential impacts on passengers and the efficiency of the broader network. At this time, no decisions regarding specific services or time frames have been finalised; however once these are known, detailed information will be communicated.

The government is also establishing the South Australian Public Transport Authority (SAPTA) which will be responsible for all public transport operational and customer service matters. SAPTA will be tasked with investigating how to make public transport more customer friendly and efficient.

VICTOR HARBOR ROAD INTERSECTION

413 The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (18 September 2018). Can the Minister confirm:

1. The timeline to fix the dangerous intersection of Victor Harbor Road, Seaview Road and Budgens Road at McLaren Vale?
2. What measures will be taken to allow for the safe movement of the many heavy vehicles from the local quarries which are usually towing massive trailers, which pull out of Seaview Road to do right hand turns across traffic doing 80 km/h on to Victor Harbor Road.

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

I have been advised by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) that road upgrades identified to improve the safety and reliability of travel for all road users travelling along the Victor Harbor Road to and from the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula, include:

- road widening, shoulder sealing and overtaking lanes along Victor Harbor Road,
- the duplication of Victor Harbor Road from Old Noarlunga to McLaren Vale; and
- the duplication of Victor Harbor Road to Mount Compass.

These initiatives are not currently funded. The timing of these works will be considered in the context of the diverse range of priorities for the transport system across the state and will be subject to further detailed studies and design.

DPTI has reviewed the intersection of Seaview, Budgens and Victor Harbor Roads and the current layout and traffic control devices are considered to be operating satisfactorily. There are adequate sight distances (which is in accordance to the current standards), when exiting Budgens and Seaview Roads.

An investigation will be undertaken to provide potential improvements for heavy vehicle movements at the intersection.

ROMALDI, MR M.

In reply to **Ms HILDYARD (Reynell)** (1 August 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

That Mr Romaldi has not been remunerated for his one month service to SAMEAC.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH SERVICES

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (4 September 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

South Australian government agencies utilise the Northern Territory Aboriginal Interpreter Service (NTAIS), ABC International and On Call Interpreters and Translators.

All three of the listed interpreter services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (4 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised of the following:

The commitment to provide LED way-finding lights is an election commitment for the Reynella exit on the Southern Expressway at Happy Valley.

The installation of LED way-finding lights at the Reynella exit will be undertaken in the 2018-19 financial year. This funding allocation is on page 125 of the budget 2018-19 – Paper 5 Budget Measures Statement.

This initiative provides \$200,000 in 2018-19 to install LED line marking at the Reynella exit off the Southern Expressway and the intersection of Panalatinga Road, Kenihans Road, Main South Road and the Southern Expressway, to increase visibility for road users.

PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (4 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised of the following:

The 2018-2019 state budget provides \$18.5 million, in addition to the previously provided \$15 million, to expand park-and-rides along the O-Bahn corridor. The priority is to expand car parking capacity at Golden Grove and Paradise. Improvements to other locations will be considered to the extent possible with the remaining resources.

Timing of the construction of a potential park-and-ride at Klemzig is subject to the outcomes of the North East Public Transport Study (aimed at identifying further improvement options to enhance access to the O-Bahn corridor), which is currently underway.

The North East Public Transport Study is due to be completed by mid-2019, with community engagement to commence in late 2018.

O-BAHN EXTENSION

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (4 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised of the following:

Feasibility for the potential extension of O-Bahn services in the north-eastern suburbs is subject to the outcomes of the North East Public Transport Study, currently being undertaken. The North East Public Transport Study is due to be completed by mid-2019, with community engagement to commence in late 2018.

ROAD UPGRADES

In reply to **the Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light)** (4 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised of the following:

Early service relocation works commenced on Monday 27 August 2018 and are currently in progress. The main intersection upgrade works are scheduled to commence in October 2018 with the project currently expected to be completed in February 2019.

SERVICE SA MODBURY

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (18 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised:

The decision resulting in the proposed closure of Service SA centres as announced in the recent budget was based on current running costs and expenditure. I consider that you may have been requesting the operational costs of the Modbury office which was \$944,274 for the previous year.

SERVICE SA MODBURY

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (18 September 2018).

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning): I have been advised of the following:

The following election commitments for the north-east suburbs of Adelaide were included in the 2018-19 State Budget and can be located within the Budget Measures Statement (Budget Paper 5)—

- Athelstone Primary School Playground, page 109
- Fosters Road upgrade, page 112
- Gorge Road – Silkes Road intersection planning study, page 114
- Highbury preschool playground, page 115
- Kersbrook Primary School pedestrian crossing, page 116
- O-Bahn park-and-rides, page 120
- Thorndon Park Primary School crossing, page 126
- Traffic lights at Dernancourt Shopping Centre, page 127
- Turner Street—OG Road intersection upgrade, page 127
- Upgrade of intersection of Graves Street and Newton Road, page 129
- Wynn Vale Drive bus stop, page 129
- Kestral Reserve playground upgrade, page 131

These projects will be delivered in accordance with the annual funding provisions of the state budget.

*Estimates Replies***GIANT PINE SCALE ERADICATION PROGRAM**

In reply to **Mr HUGHES (Giles)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development):

The Giant pine scale detection in South Australia was initially localised in Dernancourt in Adelaide's north-eastern suburbs and then at a second detection site in the Adelaide Parklands. In South Australia, the preferred method of eradication was to remove all infected trees. The response involved the removal of ninety-four (94) pine trees which is all of the known infections in the state.

Giant pine scale is now nationally considered to be established in Australia and is not being actively eradicated. While all known infected trees in South Australia have been removed, giant pine scale is present across a wide geographic range in Victoria.