

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 6 November 2018

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

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

*Parliamentary Procedure*

### STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS SUSPENSION

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (11:01):** I move:

That standing and sessional orders be and remain so far suspended to enable the sitting of the house to be extended beyond 1pm, for the house to proceed with its ordinary business as set out in standing order 78 from 1pm, and for the sitting of the house to be suspended for one hour after the completion of question time.

**The SPEAKER:** There not being an absolute majority present, please ring the bells.

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

Motion carried.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** I move:

That standing and sessional orders be and remain so far suspended to enable Government Business to take precedence for one hour over Private Members Business, Committees and Subordinate Legislation, on Thursday 8 November.

**The SPEAKER:** There being an absolute majority, is that seconded?

**An honourable member:** Yes, sir.

Motion carried.

### *Bills*

### STATUTES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ENERGY LAWS) (BINDING RATE OF RETURN INSTRUMENT) BILL

*Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 25 October 2018.)

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (11:04):** I rise to speak briefly on the Statutes Amendment (National Energy Laws) (Binding Rate of Return Instrument) Bill. I refer to the government's excellent focus on energy prices in South Australia and to the national reform, which keeps that focus. At a state level, energy prices are certainly a concern in my electorate. Last week, I attended a community services forum in the City of Tea Tree Gully. Energy prices, and how they are hurting households in South Australia, continues to be a key topic of discussion.

One of the things I did at this particular forum was encourage stakeholders in the community to get the message out that, if people are struggling with their energy bills, they can seek help early by contacting energy companies and talking to their hardship areas about how they can put a plan in place. Importantly, they can also look at how they might do an energy audit within their home to make sure that they are using energy most effectively.

This advice is available at my King electorate office and we have numbers to call. So, if anyone in the community is seeking help to control energy bills at home and struggling to pay those bills, please seek help early. I am very impressed by what we are doing on this side of the house to continue to be at the forefront of what is happening nationally. We continue to deliver on our election promises to deliver better services and lower costs in South Australia. I support the bill.

**The SPEAKER:** Is the member for Enfield seeking the call?

**The Hon. J.R. Rau:** Absolutely not. We are supporting this bill. I do not know why anyone is still speaking on it.

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:06):** It is a rare event for the member for Enfield to seek the call. I immediately looked across to the other side, looking forward to any contribution that may have come from the member for Enfield in this 54<sup>th</sup> parliament.

**The SPEAKER:** Let's get on with it, please.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I rise to support the bill also. I am glad to hear about the furious agreement of members on all sides, including the member for West Torrens, who, I am glad to say, is present in the chamber this morning to participate in the debate. I listened carefully to the member for West Torrens' contribution prior to the chamber rising at the conclusion of the last sitting week. I am pleased indeed that we in South Australia are participating in this very important national scheme.

In the context of the debate about the national energy laws and ensuring that we have a reliable and affordable energy grid in this country, I am very mindful of what occurred on 28 September 2016—time flies by. I am sure it is a date that is burned in the memories of all South Australians. It will be very much burned in the memory of the member for West Torrens. It is a day that is writ large in my memory for a number of reasons. Like so many South Australians, I know exactly where I was at approximately 3pm on 28 September 2016: I was in the city of Adelaide, and I watched as the dark clouds came progressively closer and lower. We had an unseasonably dark afternoon.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: can I inquire as to what this has to do with a binding rate of return?

**The SPEAKER:** I have the point of order. At this stage, I do not uphold the point of order. The member is speaking about energy and terms around energy, but I do expect him to return to the substance of the bill reasonably soon.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I take and note the point of order that has been so hastily raised by the member for West Torrens on the other side. I am sure he does not like to hear about history in this state when it comes to energy reliability and affordability, particularly reliability. It is very much what this bill is all about—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr TEAGUE:** —because the member for West Torrens—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens, please do not interject—also the member for Hammond. I am listening to the member for Heysen.

**Mr TEAGUE:** —was responsible.

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Been busy on the board, have you?

**The SPEAKER:** No, I have not been busy running the board.

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** I wasn't talking about you, Mr Speaker. I was talking about the member for Hammond.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens, please do not interject. Thank you.

**Mr TEAGUE:** He may wish to cause, as is oft his wont, a great deal of noise and fury and interruption with a view to preventing a proper analysis of what has transpired in this state over recent years. He may wish to do that. He may prefer not to sit silently and hear the facts about the environment which he presided over in recent years. However, 28 September 2016 is a day that I, like many South Australians, will forever remember in terms of where we were and what we did over the period of those several hours, because on that day was a most unusual event worldwide but

particularly in First World countries and certainly in this country—the entire state of South Australia was plunged into darkness.

It was plunged into darkness as the result of our energy systems in this state—our electricity grid and the systems that were in place and presided over by the government of this state—failing South Australians. Our state was plunged into darkness. I note that a couple of really remarkable things ensued. Firstly, we saw the demonstration of the wonderful spirit of South Australians in terms of cooperating with what was an unprecedented difficult situation over the ensuing hours.

We saw people doing their best in an orderly way to make their way to their usual transport arrangements to get home. We saw people cooperating at intersections that were no longer functioning. We saw people doing their best to cope with the situation in which mobile phone towers gradually turned off as their batteries expired.

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

**The SPEAKER:** There is a point of order, member for Heysen.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Could I ask you to bring the member back to the bill?

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens raises a fair point. I do expect the member for Heysen to come back to the bill pretty soon.

**Mr TEAGUE:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I address, fairly and squarely, the bill that is before the house.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr TEAGUE:** I encourage all of us, both on this side of the house and on the other side of the house, to look very closely at the importance of the National Electricity Law and at the arrangements that are set in place nationally as the result of this bill. They are all parts that contribute to the whole. In addressing the reasons why this is so important, it is in my view so important that we reflect on the sorts of things that can go terribly wrong when we do not have competent administration of our energy assets—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

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

**Mr TEAGUE:** —in this state.

**The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan:** There are many reasons why this is necessary.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister will not interject, thank you.

**Mr TEAGUE:** There are so many reasons indeed why this bill is necessary—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members, left and right, I ask you to remain quiet so I can hear the member for Heysen.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members will not interject!

**Mr TEAGUE:** —and it is so appropriate that we are here now as members in this house, on all sides, in furious agreement about the need for these reforms now to be advanced, including the member for Enfield, the member for West Torrens and, I presume, the member for Giles. As usual, there are very few members on the other side who are in the house to participate in the debate. However, I am so glad that we hear about their furious agreement with the government's good work in advancing the agenda in this area, because their legacy is not one of which any of us ought to be proud.

I highlight a couple of the silver lining aspects of what happened on 28 September 2016 for the reason that we, in this place, are legislating in the best interests of all South Australians, the

South Australians who in the evening hours of 28 September 2016 made their way home. They listened to their battery-powered radios—

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Heysen, respectfully, I have given you five minutes to talk about the events that occurred that you are referring to. Will you please bring it back to the bill? Thank you.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I thank you, Mr Speaker, and I do so. I wish also, as well as acknowledging the wonderful spirit of all South Australians, to pay tribute to and acknowledge those people who worked so tirelessly in the hours that followed those precipitous events in the afternoon of 28 September 2016 to bring back power, to make sure that our power assets were restored as quickly as they humanly could be. I think it is acknowledged across the board that we demonstrated that we have people in this state with great technical ability to be able to respond to even the most difficult and trying of circumstances—indeed, the most unprecedented of circumstances—in which an entire state was without power.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Enfield has a point of order.

**The Hon. J.R. RAU:** Yes, the point of order, Mr Speaker, is relevance. Given that the compelling oratory we have heard so far has persuaded the member for West Torrens to tap the mat, we are not hearing anything new. The member for West Torrens conceded to me this morning that he was ready to vote in favour of this—

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** A point of order, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** I have the point of order, which is relevance. A point of order on the point of order, minister?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** This is not a point of order: this is a speech. If the member wishes to speak, he can—

**The SPEAKER:** I have the point of order. I have given the member for Heysen from the 18<sup>th</sup> minute to the 12<sup>th</sup> minute to come back to the substance of the bill. I respectfully ask him to do that, please.

**Mr TEAGUE:** I thank you, Mr Speaker, and it may have been remiss of me to be slow specifically to do so. Having highlighted the two areas that I wished to address, both the people of South Australia and those technical experts who worked so hard, I wished not to leave that particular topic hanging. The bill is providing for the—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

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

**Mr TEAGUE:** I am reminded that events in Port Augusta and, indeed, the acceleration of the destruction of energy assets in Port Augusta is another reason why, when it comes to applying a binding rate of return, we are not going to see too many binding rates of return on assets that have been destroyed in circumstances where a very small and practical investment could have ensured that outcomes for everyday Australians were favoured over ideological steps and photo opportunities as we saw under the previous government. That is not so under the new government.

What South Australians will see, which is both the subject of this bill and in all areas of energy management in this state, is legislation and management according to two principles; one will be that we will be oriented towards ensuring that measures are in place to cooperate nationally to ensure that we provide reliable and affordable energy to all South Australians. Unlike the previous government, which seemed to be obsessed with ideology, messaging and inputs, this is a government which is concerned with practical outcomes for all South Australians.

We will talk about outcomes because we intend to ensure that if we take a measure by legislation it will be directed towards a practical outcome. We will compare, as I have attempted to do, some of the outcomes we saw over previous years under the former government with those that this government's legislation is directed towards ensuring—that is, reliability and affordability of power and energy for all South Australians.

What we see in the bill is, firstly, important amendments to the National Electricity Law in part 2 and, secondly, a division 1B inserted that provides for a rate of return instrument. These

structures will be the subject of national agreement. This is in line with the approach this government has taken so as not to create an island in South Australia, an island excluded from the rest of the national energy market, but rather a state that ensures it interacts with the national energy market in a rational way.

We have seen that those opposite are capable of interacting in a debate that contemplates rational interaction with a national market. We have seen that because over many years those opposite have advocated for what makes sense on the merits, and that is efficient and thoroughgoing interconnectivity with the rest of the country—with New South Wales and with Victoria in the east—to ensure that the substantial capital investment that has taken place in recent years in this state, in terms of wind and solar assets in particular, is able to be fully utilised in the national energy market, rather than sitting there overproducing on a sunny, windy day and underproducing on a dark, still day, a day when the wind does not blow and the sun does not shine.

On this side of the house, we understand what the merits of the debate are all about, how to achieve an outcome in the most rational way, and we will continue to take steps and adopt measures necessary to produce that rational outcome. We will not give in to some sort of jingoistic notion that we in South Australia would be better off going it alone, excluding ourselves from the benefits of a flow-in and flow-out situation. Indeed, that is the story the rest of the world tells us as well.

Different parts of the country will have different assets that are on stream and able to produce energy at different times. We intend to rationally go about making the best of those assets. I could talk further about other measures to make the best of a capital investment in those assets, but time does not permit, the short time allowed this morning to debate these matters.

Of course, we have seen the promised rollout by the new government of a battery storage program and our significant investment in that area—again, directed towards ensuring that outcomes are merits driven. The national energy market is something we ought to be participating in and, where there are national schemes we can sensibly participate in so as to advantage South Australians, we will do so.

The last thing that South Australians will see from this government is any endeavour, whether by rhetoric, by policy or indeed by legislation, that will set them on a jingoistic path, on an isolated path, or on a path that would set up South Australia as an island separated from the national energy market, as indeed the previous government was well on track to doing.

I know—at least, my optimistic self fervently hopes—that the member for West Torrens did not believe a word of what he began to embark upon in the dying years and months of the previous government in talking about the notion of South Australia as an island separated from the rest of the nation. We all know there is no merit in such separation, and it is to the lasting credit of South Australians that they saw through all that and elected a new government, kicking out the old government at the last election.

It is in no small part for reasons such as this: South Australians want a practical, outcome-driven government enacting legislation that is going to operate in the best interests of them all. When it comes to energy, energy pricing, energy assets and how they are deployed in the interests of South Australians, they want a government that is focused on delivering for them. South Australians want a focus not on sending esoteric ideological messages, not on gimmickry, not on creating a headline for the sake of the day's news, but on ensuring that we have a robust, thorough national energy structure.

We will ensure, insofar as we can, that we create an environment in which those who would invest could do so with confidence, and that those who would require the use of commercial or domestic energy in this state could obtain it reliably and at the best possible price. This legislation is no exception. It will ensure that we are part of the national energy scheme in a sensible way. I am glad to hear that this is supported by all sides, and I commend the bill to the house.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:28):** I rise on behalf of the government to close this up. I will be fairly swift. I thank all members who have contributed to the debate so far, and I would particularly like to recognise the member for Heysen. I am not sure how he fit so much into so little time in his contribution. The member for

Heysen clearly understands that one of the important aspects of this bill is to give certainty to the regulator, asset owners and all the way through to electricity consumers—more certainty than they have at the moment.

As humans, we are practical and we like a bit of certainty—or, at the very least, reliability—in our lives. This is absolutely true when it comes to the supply of electricity. The member for Heysen did an outstanding job linking consumer uncertainty with regard to the reliability of electricity with this bill. They did have some certainty in previous years, under the previous government, with regard to regularly increasing electricity prices. We want to provide more certainty.

It is important that the AER has a binding rate of return instrument. It is important because it essentially streamlines the process for their determinations. I accept that industry (i.e. asset owners or potential asset developers) is not overly keen on this. That is largely because it takes away a bit of their flexibility and not necessarily their flexibility on the rate of return that they will get in the end, but their flexibility to argue for a particular rate of return.

Of course, it is natural that the asset owner would like a higher rate of return and that the consumer, who will bear the cost of that rate of return, would like a lower rate of return. It is the AER's obligation to make the determination, so I think that giving them this instrument is important so their regulatory determinations can be sped up.

I want to put on the record my thanks to the COAG Energy Council. Before the last state election, a member of the council was the previous state Labor government, which, as a participant in the COAG Energy Council, brought this through the normal processes to our parliament. I put on the record again my thanks to the shadow minister for energy for his commitment to always vote in support of bills that come to this parliament from COAG.

He has made it very clear that, if he has a different opinion, he will share his opinion, but that he and his Labor Party will always vote in support of bills that come here from COAG. I think that is worth acknowledging. I appreciate that. That is what I did when I was a shadow and I appreciate that he has said he will do exactly the same. There are a couple of key features I would like to make very clear for people who are following this debate.

This in no way summarises the bill or the process at all, but it is important to point out that, in making an instrument, the AER must have regard to revenue and pricing principles, so this is not about the AER just trying to have the rate of return as low as possible. There is a range of practical reasons. If they did that, they probably would not get investors, but, given that consumers pay that rate of return indirectly, it is important that they have regard to both revenue and pricing principles.

Also, the AER is only able to make a binding instrument if it is satisfied that it will, or is likely to, achieve the National Electricity Objective or the National Gas Objective. Again, that does not cover all aspects of the bill, but they are two key features that I think are important to highlight.

I would like to again thank all those members, including opposition members, who have spoken on the bill. I would like to thank my officers, who have been part of this process from start to finish, and also my staff for their support.

Bill read a second time.

*Third Reading*

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:33):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (11:33):** What we have just witnessed is a disgrace. The bill had bipartisan support and could have passed the parliament over a week ago and been in the upper house already. The bill will lower prices and have a great impact on the ability of the regulator to control the way companies have attempted to gouge South Australians and indeed Australians, but instead the government adjourned the debate last Thursday when parliament last sat just so we could hear the contribution of the member for King, which was a rambling mess, and the contribution of the member for Heysen, who knew nothing about the bill. What a disgrace and waste of the taxpayers' time and money.

When they reread their contributions in *Hansard*, I hope that members opposite are able to justify to their constituents the one-week delay in passing the bill for those two contributions. What an outrage. What an outrage to have the member for King rambling in this parliament with nothing about the bill and the member for Heysen getting up and pretending that he knows anything about a binding rate of return or the COAG process that led to this bill.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Point of order, sir: I ask you to bring the member back to the substance of the bill, not the substance of other members' contributions and not his judgements.

**The SPEAKER:** The third reading debate is a little bit more restricted than the second reading debate. The member for West Torrens does know that.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Isn't that fascinating, Mr Speaker?

**The SPEAKER:** I ask you to respectfully—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Respectfully—the way I respectfully sat through that rubbish.

**The SPEAKER:** I have not finished—one moment. I understand that the member for West Torrens may have some preamble, but then I will ask him to come back to the bill, as I asked other members. Thank you.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The opposition indicated over a week ago its unanimous support for this bill. Last Thursday, when parliament last sat, the opposition told the chamber we would support the passage of this legislation through all stages, and the government adjourned it so we could have two more speakers, the member for Heysen and the member for King. Those contributions were not oratory; they were rambling messes. They have delayed the passage of this bill. I support the third reading and I support the passage of the bill, unanimous through both stages through the upper house. Stop wasting everyone's time.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:35):** Certainly the government did say that we would support this bill and certainly the opposition did say that they would support this bill, but for the shadow minister to assume that then means that it precludes any member of this parliament making a speech, as that member sees fit within the standing orders, is extraordinarily arrogant. It is extraordinary, Mr Speaker—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** No, it's arrogant to waste the time given to the parliament.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens!

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** It is extraordinary that the member for West Torrens—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** You didn't even turn up for the debate. You weren't even here.

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

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** It is extraordinary that the member for West Torrens thinks that just because he has—

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, please do not respond to interjections. This is a third reading speech, please.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** Thank you. I have not responded to one interjection yet.

**The SPEAKER:** Good.

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN:** It is extraordinary that the member for West Torrens thinks that because he has made up his mind on the bill, because the two major parties have declared their positions on the bill and because he has had his second reading speech, that is all that needs to be done and that any other member who wants to have his or her second reading

speech has no right. Every member here has a right to make a speech within standing orders as they see fit. I support the third reading of the bill.

Bill read a third time and passed.

### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND (BOARD) AMENDMENT BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 24 October 2018.)

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (11:38):** I rise to support the bill. The Construction Industry Training Fund (Board) Amendment Bill 2018 is another step in the early days of this 54<sup>th</sup> parliament—indeed, another important step in the early days of the outcome-driven Marshall Liberal government—to enact legislation that will ensure that we deliver on objectives that go to the core of everything we on this side of the house are committed to. We are committed to ensuring that we bring together, engage and empower those who have the requisite knowledge, skills and experience to participate and to make a contribution in all areas of public life in the state.

Not blinkered by questions of allegiance to any particular industrial groups, not blinkered by adherence to unions or to structures that would control and limit access to participation, we will ensure that we set up structures and put in place institutions in this state that will draw those with the best of knowledge, with the best skills and with the best experience in order to discharge their duties and obligations.

Before coming specifically back to how we will deliver very clearly on those objectives in the course of this short piece of legislation, I observe that the bill modernises the process for appointments to the Construction Industry Training Board, which is the subject of the bill. It modernises the process so as to ensure that membership of the board is driven by the three principles I referred to at the outset of these remarks. The board has the responsibility, relevantly, for managing and expending the funds that are raised by the relevant levy. The construction industry training levy is a fund that is raised for the purposes of improving the quality of training in the industry and to coordinate industry-based training.

We on this side of the house very much appreciate the importance of being able to provide access to the very best of practical training, the very best of skills training and the very best structures within which to make sure that that is delivered to as many South Australians as possible. In recent days, we have heard the Premier speak about the central importance of obtaining quality training—practical training, jobs-driven, outcome-driven training—for young South Australians in this state. We know that the Minister for Industry and Skills is a passionate advocate for practical training, having been an apprentice himself not so many years past and having worked with and participated in the delivery of practical training of the highest quality. This is an area that those on this side of the house are both engaged with and passionate about.

The change brought about by this bill, importantly to bring the focus back to knowledge, to skills and to experience, is about departing from the appointment process under the current legislation, which presently is among the most prescriptive in the nation. It has not been amended since the commencement of the current act, so we have seen a generation pass without amendment to this prescriptive existing structure. That is despite recommendations having been made more than a decade ago for the modernising of the appointment process and voting provisions therein.

In that sense, it is much like other merits-driven recommendations that have been made throughout the course of the last 16 years of the former Labor government that are too often met with an ideological response. 'We can't do that because it does not suit vested interests that we rely upon to keep us in government' the former Labor government's response has been. Well, no longer is this state beholden to such vested interests.

We might all rejoice daily for the change that has occurred because now in this state, rather than an ideological prism within which to assess the merits of recommendations that might come to government from time to time, we have a focus, an unerring focus at all times, on ensuring merits drive policy that we will commit to and implement. Merits will drive legislation that we bring to the



house, and in this case the merits of ensuring that those with the knowledge and the skills and experience are those who are brought forward to make a contribution to the board that administers this important fund.

We have had recommendations of long standing. They have fallen on deaf ears throughout the course of the previous government, and that is to be noted. It is to be regretted, of course, but we are here and, early days, we can go about the process of bringing back those features to the fore. The changes will bring the legislation more in line with and equivalent to legislation that is already enacted in other states and territories, legislation that governs the appointment also of boards in our state's education and training sectors.

There is nothing terribly revolutionary about this, unless one takes the view that bringing the focus back to knowledge, skills and experience is a revolutionary or outrageous step. In my view, it is nothing more than all South Australians should expect of us, and that is what we will now do with these reforms. We will, as a result of this bill, be embarking off into a new environment that will enable board members to be appointed based on their merit and experience in the sector.

The changes also will enable the board to respond effectively to the government's Skilling South Australia strategy. As we all know, we are all very committed to and are on track with the important strategy to support an additional 20,800 apprenticeships and traineeships over the next four years of the new government. We must ensure that we do all we can to have an environment in which we can deliver these outcomes.

If one is preoccupied with any motivation other than working out what is at the core—what knowledge, skills and experience are necessary, where are the merits, how can we find them and how can we deploy them—if one is focused on anything else, that is, at best, a recipe for distraction, and it is a recipe for the favouring of vested interests. As we have seen on so many occasions over the last 16 years, at worst it is a recipe for disaster in terms of public policy in this state because it means that there is a departure from ensuring that those best placed to participate are indeed doing so.

Appointments to the board will be made by the Governor on the nomination of the responsible minister. As I have said a number of times in the course of these remarks, those persons will have been nominated because they have the knowledge, skills and experience to enable the board to carry out its functions effectively, and it is not based on criteria driven by association and other distractions. The presiding member will now be entitled to vote in board proceedings, including having a casting vote. The board will comprise up to eight industry representatives, who will be nominated by the minister following a public expression of interest process, as well as two independent members.

The veto voting provisions will now be removed. That will enable decisions of the board to reflect a majority view and not the majority position of prescribed sectional interests, as is currently the case. Unfortunately, that has far too often driven the way in which our board and governance structures have been conducted over the course of the last 16 years—but no longer. Decisions will be made on the merits and, if necessary, reflecting a majority view.

The changes that are the subject of this amending bill—and if we bear in mind only those three concepts, those three observations—will result in a board that is better equipped to serve the industry's workforce skills and development needs because it will be a board focused on selection on merit, selection for knowledge, skills and experience. In the short time that I still have available to me, I refer specifically, as I said I would, to how the bill will do that.

I refer to clause 4 of the bill that will amend section 5 of the act in relation to the composition of the board. Relevantly, section 5(1) and subsection (1a) will be deleted. In their place, a new section 5(1) will provide that, relevantly, the board will consist of members appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the minister: firstly, one person to be the presiding member of the board; secondly, at least four but not more than eight, who—and again, I come back to those keywords, those principles that I have spoken about in my earlier remarks—have the relevant knowledge and experience, or the expertise, in the building and construction industry; and thirdly, two persons who, in the opinion of the minister, are independent of the building and construction industry.

We see expressed in the bill adherence to a new kind of dedication to merits, a dedication to independence and a dedication to knowledge, experience and expertise. No longer do we see this archaic preoccupation with vetoes, with allegiance and with favour, but rather we see an unerring focus on independence, on knowledge and on experience and expertise. We see it further expressed in new subsection (1a):

The Minister must, in making nominations for appointment to the Board, seek to ensure that the membership of the Board comprises persons who together have the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to enable the Board to carry out its functions effectively.

Those are the criteria. Let's talk about it loud and clear. Let's make it really clear: we are focused on independence, we are focused on knowledge, we are focused on skills and we are focused on experience. We are not focused on allegiance and favour and ideology, but we are focused on ensuring that those who are going to participate on this board are there on merit.

Finally, in subsection (1b) we see that the minister, before nominating a person for appointment to the board on grounds of their independence, must ensure that there is public notice inviting expressions of interest, and the minister must take into account any such expressions of interest—transparent, merit driven, knowledge, skills and experience focused. I commend the bill to the house.

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:58):** I rise to support the Construction Industry Training Fund (Board) Amendment Bill. I come in after that very worthwhile contribution from the member for Heysen. The amendments to this act provide greater flexibility and discretion relevant to board appointments. These reforms are important in ensuring that the board is more appropriately able to respond to changing industry, workforce and training requirements and that funds collected through the construction industry training levy are better managed and expended in line with industry demands.

Importantly, the reforms ensure that industry is better placed to capitalise on government initiatives, including our Marshall Liberal government's Skilling South Australia initiative, which will put nearly 21,000 trainees and apprentices out there into the workforce. What a worthwhile program that will be to get those generally young men and women trained up and into the workforce and to get those technical skills we need right throughout the construction industry—whether they be in the direct building trades, the plumbing trades, the electrical trades—those jobs that are so vital for the future prosperity of this state.

We will deliver those jobs. We saw the farcical situation with the former Labor government when they talked about developing 6,000 jobs from the Gillman development at the time. The only jobs that were developed there were for a room full of lawyers. There were supposed to be jobs in the petroleum and gas industries, and what happened? It all fell apart. We often heard the promise from Labor about the 100,000 jobs they were going to deliver. I think they got to 3,000 from that target because they were not the government to produce jobs. They just wanted to tax everyone to death, and that is why this place fell into a slumber for 16 years. We finally have a government that supports business and employers so that we can have those thousands of jobs throughout the community and the state.

The board appointment process under the current legislation is amongst the most prescriptive in the nation and has not been amended since the act's inception in 1993, despite recommendations in a 2004 independent review to modernise the appointment process and voting provisions. Currently, the minister is obligated to recommend to the Governor the nominations received from the prescribed employee associations, regardless of their experience in the building and construction sector, namely, the Australian Building and Construction Workers Federation; the Australian Workers' Union; the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia; and the Construction Forestry Maritime Mining and Energy Union.

I want to reflect on one of those unions, the Australian Workers' Union, which covers a range of industries and jobs. I have mentioned in this place before that during the nineties I went to work as a contractor on the Melbourne to Adelaide rail standardisation project. Even as a contractor, as someone wanting to make a few extra dollars off farm on that standardisation project—it was not far

to go, working just north of Coonalpyn and down towards the other side of Keith—the only way I could have that job was to join the AWU. Those were the darkest three months of my life.

*The Hon. Z.L. Bettison interjecting:*

**Mr PEDERICK:** I have openly admitted before in this place that just to have a job—as we see in too many jobs, but we are diluting that process today—and get a little bit of money doing something else, I had to join the union. As I have had the interjection, it was really interesting how we progressed on that rail job. One day, I sat with one of the bosses while my rail unclipping machine was being repaired by the maintenance team. The foreman, or the overseer, was letting me have a look at the progress and what we were expected to do in a day, and we were only expected to do eight kilometres a day—

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** On a point of order: my point is about relevance towards the bill.

**Mr PEDERICK:** It is to do with the construction industry.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** In the past, I have ruled that if members can relate the bill at least back to their own electorates, then I would accept their contribution. So perhaps, member for Hammond, you could do that at the very least.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you, Deputy Speaker, and I am; this is definitely right in my electorate, right near my property. It did extend into the member for MacKillop's electorate as well. I would like to say that we were only expected to do eight kilometres a day but, because they had several people like me who did not mind a day's hard work, we were doing 16. So we were doing double the specified amount—we were happy to do so and it was not difficult to do so.

The point I am making is the comparison between that and this legislation is the fact that we are setting the record straight. This is especially so when you have unions that do not have any relevance to the construction industry, so what is the point, apart from the fact that it has been prescribed by former governments that they should be able to be on the board? That is why the minister has put this bill forward—because the full intention of these amendments is to enable board members to be appointed based on their merit and experience in the sector.

These changes will bring the act into line with comparable legislation in other jurisdictions and certainly in regard to legislation governing the appointment of boards in the state's education and training sector. I note that the minister has had consultation with the Property Council of Australia South Australia, Master Builders South Australia and the Civil Contractors Federation South Australian branch on these amendments. He has also consulted with the chief executive officer of the Construction Industry Training Board.

The amendments in the bill include that all the appointments to the board will be made by the Governor on the nomination of the responsible minister and comprise persons who have the knowledge, skills and experience to enable the board to carry out its functions effectively. The presiding member will now be entitled to cast a vote, including a casting vote, in board proceedings, and the board will comprise up to eight industry representatives, who are nominated by the minister following a public expression of interest process, as well as two independent members. The veto voting provisions will be removed to enable decisions of the board to reflect a majority position, not the majority position of prescribed sectional interests as is currently the case.

This is very important legislation for the house. It is very important for the state so that we get the right outcomes in the construction industry. I just want to note what great work all our people in the construction industry do. There are many organisations that support those in the construction industry as well. I attended the MATES in Construction lunch last week. It is a great fundraiser to assist those in the construction industry. Sadly, the construction industry has an extremely high rate of suicide; I think across the country it is around 190 year. In fact, you are far more likely to come across a suicide in the industry than a death on a building site.

I know that MATES in Construction are working hard to help curb that situation. It is a terrible figure when you think about it, so I fully support the work they do with their many tens of thousands of interactions, whether directly with the workplace, one on one, with their toolbox meetings or meetings on site with the construction industry. We need to support these workers in their valuable

work—and it is valuable work. This morning, we saw the Premier turn the first sod on a new Sofitel five-star accommodation in Currie Street, with over \$100 million of investment. That is more jobs from the private sector coming into this state.

I want to acknowledge the construction efforts that have been going on in my electorate recently: the Ingham's feed mill, which is about a \$40 million construction just being commissioned at the moment; Big River Pork, with a \$14 million expansion; and Costa Adelaide Mushrooms, with a \$64 million expansion. Ingham's has put in and keeps putting in chicken sheds around Monarto or Kepa Road the other side of Murray Bridge, and at Yumali, not far from my home at Coomandook, there are also new layer sheds.

Certainly, in the wings and coming up next year is the construction of the new Bridgeport Hotel, which will be about a six-storey construction and will be very similar, I believe, to the new Port Lincoln Hotel. It will be something over \$40 million to build that. There is so much going on around the place, not the least of which is the well over \$100 million, and climbing, invested at The Bend Motorsport Park by Sam Shahin and Peregrine.

*Members interjecting:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Hammond will be heard in silence. Continue, member.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you for your protection, Mr Deputy Speaker. These interjections are outrageous. It is so good to see how much construction is going on. The Lucas Group is still out there earthmoving at The Bend, and that is providing such an impetus for so much other construction around the place, whether for industry, tourism or the tourism-related sector, just like the new Bridgeport development when it is built next year.

On top of that, we also have the Murray Bridge Racing Club development, with a commitment of tens of millions of dollars. It has taken a long time to come to fruition, with the first seeds sown in about 2003, and in the last couple of years they constructed the million-dollar horse stables. The track has been down for a long time and will be a real boon for horseracing, not just for Murray Bridge but for the racing community generally in this state because the man-made track on the inside of the turf track will allow races to proceed that normally get rained out, whether they be at Penola or Strathalbyn.

I guess that if an event is rained out in Adelaide there will be the opportunity for it to be moved to Murray Bridge. They are just constructing the new facilities now, including the main complex, which will have conference facilities that will hold up to 600 people. There will be great race day facilities for people who come to Murray Bridge. There are so many options that will be able to be opened up there in the future, including night-time events.

But it gets better in Hammond. We have a greyhound track that will be operating by the end of the year—that is about \$7 million or \$8 million—and it will be a real central point in regional South Australia for greyhound racing. From my understanding, pretty early on next year there will be a straight-line track of about 380 metres for straight-line greyhound races as well. There is a lot of money being spent, a lot of places being built and a lot of construction happening right throughout the electorate.

It is good to see those local jobs and to see what is going on, but we do need to get the enabling legislation around the edges right. That is why we are here today discussing the Construction Industry Training Fund (Board) Amendment Bill—so that we can have people elected on merit and not just because they are a member of a certain union with a certain ideology, but people who are involved in the industry, who are directly connected to the industry and who will make a great contribution.

We have to remember that this is about the training, as I indicated earlier, so that we get more skilled workers out there in the jobs, on the tools, doing great work in this state, building this state and making South Australia great again. I commend the bill to the house.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (12:16):** I am the lead speaker for the opposition on this bill, but the reality is that I am speaking with insufficient time to properly consider the bill, to consult with stakeholders and to formulate a fully considered position. The bill was introduced on

Wednesday 24 October, less than two calendar weeks ago—indeed, only two sitting days ago. The opposition received a briefing on the bill only yesterday and, as a result, we have not been able to fully discuss the bill in our party room or come to an official position as yet. The minister is trying to push the bill through this house and, frankly, this rush should be an embarrassment to the government.

**Mr Pederick:** You were complaining before we were holding things up.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member, order, please!

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** We consider this a gross breach of process and very sloppy work by the minister. This is becoming a regular pattern for the Marshall Liberal government: rushing through briefings and depriving members of the time to give appropriate attention to important legislative changes. It is clear for everyone to see that the Marshall Liberal government's legislative agenda is very light on, which is somewhat surprising after spending 16 long years in opposition. It now appears as though ministers are being told to rush legislation through the parliament.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Point of order: I ask that you ask the member to return to the substance of the bill.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Ramsay, you have made your criticism of the government and you should return to the bill soon.

**Mr Brown:** What if she mentions her electorate?

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** I will continue to speak on the facts, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Ramsay, just a moment. Member for Playford, I heard your interjection and I had made a ruling in relation to members' electorates. This does not have anything to do with that particular ruling.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** Of course, as we know, the Minister for Industry and Skills has, at every request, refused to give the opposition shadow minister for industry and skills a general briefing from the department or with the chief executive. Many times, the shadow minister—

**Mr Pederick:** You can't even work out whether you support your Labor mates—the unions.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Hammond is called to order. Take a seat, please, member for Ramsay. Member for Hammond, you have had your opportunity to speak, and I called the opposition to order while you were speaking so that you could continue in silence, and you will give them the same respect, thank you.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** I will reiterate my point: we know that the Minister for Industry and Skills has, at every request, refused to give the opposition shadow minister for industry and skills a general briefing from the department or the chief executive. There is a pattern here, and it is a pattern of ignoring, of not being transparent. Given that minister Pisoni requested and received such briefings when he was in—

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** A point of order: members in this place must be addressed either by their title or—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I uphold the order; he will be referred to as the minister.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** The opposition needs to allow due process to take place and for the party room to discuss this and come to a position. This is something that the now government demanded many, many times in opposition.

The bill seeks to remove representation on the board of the various sectors involved in the industry. Currently, the board membership is a total of 11 persons: a presiding member, a person nominated by the minister after consultation with the employer and employee associations, as stated in the schedules; two people with experience in vocational education or training; five people nominated by employer associations; and three people nominated by employee associations. That is a total of 11 people, with three being nominated by employee associations.

The proposed composition of this board under this bill is between seven and 11 members: a presiding member nominated by the minister; at least four people, but no more than eight, who have knowledge of and experience or expertise in the building and construction industry, nominated by the minister; two people who are considered independent of the building and construction industry, nominated by the minister, so a total of between seven and 11, all of whom would be nominated by the minister.

But the question the minister has not answered is: what problem is this attempting to fix? From the briefing the opposition received yesterday, he would have us believe that the Construction Industry Training Board has been in deadlock on numerous occasions, unable to move forward with decisions about training in the industry, yet the opposite is true. The opposition understands that there have been almost no occasions in the past decade when the board has even had to take a vote. Instead, there has been a high level of consensus.

It was only on 12 October that the Minister for Industry and Skills spoke at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the board about how successful the board has been and congratulated them on their achievements thus far. So I go back to my question: what is the problem that the minister is trying to fix? We have heard many conversations today about knowledge, skill and experience, but we have got it right; it is going well.

The minister would have us believe from his second reading explanation that the current board composition will prevent the board from responding to the government's Skilling South Australia strategy to support additional apprenticeships and traineeships, yet he has not explained at all why that would be so. Looking at their annual report, celebrating 25 years, more than 5,000 apprentices were supported last year—an increase of more than 300 apprentices on the year before. That sounds like it is working to me.

We know that there is a solid line of construction projects, thanks to the Labor government, whether it be hotels, race tracks or an Ingham's factory, so we know that there is work out there and we know that the board is working. The Construction Industry Training Board is a whole-of-industry led organisation that brings together employers, unions and government representatives. The board works to support the South Australian building and construction industry by providing leadership, training and skills development for its workforce.

The board has members from the Master Builders Association, Master Plumbers Association, Housing Industry Association, Property Council of Australia, the Civil Contractors Federation, a representative from TAFE SA and a further ministerial appointment, Nicholas Handley, who, I understand, is an accountant.

It appears as though this board has been working collaboratively over the many years of its existence. Certainly, in relation to the board the feedback the opposition has received from employers, as well as from employee bodies, is of high levels of satisfaction with the work of the board. I understand that 91 per cent of construction workers were satisfied with the funded courses last financial year. The minister has not outlined one single specific problem that the Construction Industry Training Board has had.

There may be some amendments that the opposition will support. With such a short time to consider the bill since its introduction, we need to consult with industry stakeholders, which we have not yet had the opportunity to do. There are other amendments that we can see certainly should not be supported, as they remove the cross-sector representation that has been the strength of the board. It appears that the minister's intention is not to strengthen the board; instead, he is pursuing an ideological crusade against any representation of employees through unions. He wants to remove employee representation from the board without any justified reasoning at all.

I have been in this place for a little while, but it has been 12 long years that the Minister for Industry and Skills has been here. We have heard time and time and time again about his dislike of unions. When he became a minister, he must have been ecstatic: 'Now we can get rid of them because it is terrible to have representation of workers on boards, people who are there for the wellbeing and the security of the workers.' He has been waiting 12 long years. He has mentioned this on many occasions.

I also raise my concern about the proposed timing. I understand from the briefing the opposition received yesterday that in January 2019 the minister would like to go out to expressions of interest to replace the union representation. What is the rush to get out there? Call me cynical, but you are going to conduct an expression of interest in early January, right in the middle of the festival and holiday season.

Are we to conclude that the minister already has his Liberal mates lined up for these positions? Andrew Killey is available; he is not on the Tourism Commission Board. Mario Romaldi, who has extensive interest in construction, has probably done his rehabilitation now. So I am sure they are lining up, you have them organised and they are ready to go on the board. One of the outstanding things of this board has been its ability to connect together all the key stakeholders in this industry.

We know that the board has just celebrated 25 years of this work and that it has worked well for all this time. The board does not appear to be broken. It follows, then, that therefore it does not need to be fixed. Unions represent a large number of employees in the building and construction industry. If you remove the input from employee representatives, cutting them out completely, while the minister has wanted to achieve this for 12 long years it is not good public policy and it will not achieve anything useful. My personal contact with the Construction Industry Training Board has been nothing but positive.

One of the areas that I want to talk about is the Doorways2Construction program. We have not heard anything about the success of this program. As the former minister for social housing, I worked very closely with the Construction Industry Training Board to support the provision of Housing SA houses. During my time, I think there were three houses where high school students were working for the Doorways2Construction program. I understand that there have been more than 10,000 participants over the period. What that provides is access and equity. I saw young people, who frankly had been disillusioned with school, come along to the Doorways2Construction program and see a future for themselves.

Women make up 4.62 per cent of workers in construction. Young women in this program saw construction as an opportunity for them. Previously, they did not think that this was a pathway that they could even consider. My own personal experience with the training board has been that it adds enormous value and opens up pathways for people looking to go into this industry. What other successes of the board can we look at? Apprentices make up 12 per cent of workers. There is no doubt at all that there is a role for increased apprenticeships and traineeships—we all agree with that—but already there is a substantial role for the 12 per cent who are supported by this board.

Can I also point to the Aboriginal Workforce Development Initiative, another great achievement of the board. There are currently 49 Aboriginal apprentices working in the construction industry. This is what we should be talking about in here, not getting rid of union representation on the board. Why do we not talk about the 25 successful years of building what is an incredibly important part of our economy? I know that it is very easy for the government of the day to come and say, 'This is not representative. You don't have knowledge, skills or experience.' That is simply not true. Having employee representation on that board provides that knowledge, skill and experience.

There are other issues that the opposition needs to come to a position on, which we will do in the near future, but I reiterate that I cannot believe the speed with which this is being rushed through parliament. What exactly, apart from an ideological push, is the purpose of the rushing? Because of this, we cannot support any of this bill. We look forward to debating this properly in the other place, and I will leave it open to that opportunity, but this is a purely ideologically driven amendment. The minister has wanted to do it for some time. He is here to do it, but this is not going to benefit the construction industry. It is certainly not going to benefit the apprentices and trainees who want to have a pathway into this occupation.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (12:32):** I thank the shadow minister for her contribution. However, I will use the opportunity to correct her on a couple of issues that she has raised. First of all, she is correct in saying that the opposition did not get a briefing until yesterday, but the only reason the opposition got a briefing is that we initiated it. We did

not hear from the opposition; we did not hear from them at all. We thought, 'Oh, we had better give them a ring. We had better contact them and see if they would like to have a briefing.'

We were able to schedule that briefing for yesterday afternoon. It is not my fault that the shadow minister has not prepared something for their party room meeting or their caucus this morning. That is not my problem at all. The opportunity for a briefing has been there since the bill was tabled. On the allegation raised earlier that I had refused a briefing for the shadow minister, that is simply not true. My understanding is that we wrote back to the shadow minister about her request for a briefing, and we are yet to hear from the shadow minister.

*There being a disturbance in the gallery:*

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Is there a point of order? Minister, can you take a seat.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** She cannot debate me now.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No. Take a seat, please. Just before I take that point of order, there was an interjection from the gallery. I am not sure exactly where it came from, but I would remind those who are visiting in the gallery that that is totally out of order.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** My point of order is this: questions have been raised previously, and there seems to be some contention. I ask the minister to table evidence that he has offered a briefing.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, member for Ramsay, that is not a point of order. If we choose to go into committee, that may be a question you could raise then.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** The other point where the shadow minister has been incorrect is in saying—and I paraphrase because I did not actually write down, word for word, the claim that she made in her second reading speech—that for the last decade or so there has not been a vote on the Construction Industry Training Board. However, just last September, there were two votes; one was about concerns about assessing the levy and how there should perhaps be an investigation into how improvements to the levy collection could be instigated.

The motion was that the minister be advised that charges to levy collection be investigated by the board, in consultation with industry, to identify red tape reduction. That had the majority vote of the board, but the union members of the board used section 5(1)(d) to veto that process. It is concerning that the minister has come in here blazing with faux rage, using examples that are simply not correct in regard to the claims that are being made.

Another example from that very same board meeting is that it was suggested that emails be used for circular resolutions, to speed up the process out of sessions. A motion was put that out-of-session discussions with the board be made by circular resolution; that was moved by a couple of members of the board. My understanding is that that was a majority vote, but, again, the unions used their veto right to stop that motion from being passed. So two significant claims made by the member, which are the basis of the whole argument against supporting this bill, have just been dismissed.

The other point I want to raise in response to the shadow minister is that this does not stop a union member from being appointed to the board. It does not stop a union member from being appointed to the board. As a matter of fact, there could be a number of union members appointed to the board under this process. I take you to new section 5(1b) where it is very clear in the bill:

The Minister must, before nominating a person for appointment to the Board under subsection (1)(b)—

- (a) give public notice, as the Minister may determine, inviting expressions of interest for appointment to the Board under subsection (1)(b) to be submitted within a period specified in the notice;

This is public notice that there are vacancies to be filled, and that is exactly what I will be doing. If the shadow minister thinks that everybody has time off for the Festival and is not focused on doing their job during the Festival process, she needs to get out more. The facts are that we have an economy that runs 365 days a year.

*The Hon. Z.L. Bettison interjecting:*



**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Yes, people do take leave, but not everybody takes leave at the same time. Of course, as the minister responsible, I want to make sure that I get a good cohort of people who put their names forward to join the board if this bill is successful. I will do that by making sure that there is an opportunity for people to participate in that process and nominate—self-nominate or have others nominate on their behalf, however they feel—but I certainly will not be having a narrow mind. That is the whole basis of these amendments. We are anticipating the need for change.

I think the important thing to remember is the right of veto. There was a recommendation in a report written for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legislation in 2003, which was written by KPA Consulting, and one of the key recommendations of that report was that the veto be removed from the voting process. It was 14 years ago that the previous Labor government was advised that that process was not working and that it was simply a mechanism for protecting self-interest from interested parties and should no longer be there. Consequently, for 14 years, the previous government did not act.

We are all about wanting to give opportunities to all South Australians to be able to participate in the workforce. We know that in order to do that they need skills. Over the last six years in South Australia, under the previous government, we have seen a shocking decline in skills training: a 66 per cent decline in the number of commencements of trainees and apprentices in South Australia. We are committed as a government, first of all, to arresting that decline and then to delivering more training opportunities in South Australia. We want to work with bodies like the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB). We want to make sure we are getting the best possible representation of industry on that board and we want to ensure that we are getting the best possible outcomes with that money that is being spent.

This money is not the money of building companies. This is a levy on top of the cost of building, whether it be the family home or the latest office block in the CBD. It is a cost to consumers and, of course, in the case of the family home, it is mum-and-dad consumers. It is first-home buyers. It is people who are perhaps downsizing and building a new home in order to do that. Every person who participates and buys a building product is paying this levy. It belongs to South Australians. We know that if they have access, if building companies have access to the broad range of skills that they need, it means that the quality of that work is better and the delivery of that work is faster. So it is better for everybody if we have skilled people in this industry.

We know it delivers long-term jobs and we also know that many of the people who are in business in South Australia have the very skills that the Construction Industry Training Board is chartered to deliver. The very skills in the building sector are skills that we know generate wealth in this state and that generate prosperity and opportunity in this state.

I will just finish with this point. It is surprising that the status quo seems to be okay for those opposite, but when you really analyse it that is probably easy to understand because that is all we got for 16 years—the status quo. There was no aspiration to do better, no aspiration to grow. The changes this bill implements for the CITB gives it the ability to get the very best people onto the board and get the very best outcomes.

To use a building analogy, what is the first thing you tend to do if you want to update an old home that is 50, 60 or 70 years old? You knock out a couple of walls and you put in a new kitchen. That is what we are doing in regard to the updating of this bill: we are bringing it into line with today's standards. We do not have the kitchen in one room and eat in another anymore. That is not the way we do things, just like we do not have boards there to represent—

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** Point of order: relevance to the bill. I do not think kitchens and updated—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The minister is closing debate with these final remarks and is working towards the end, I am sure. Minister.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** It is extraordinary that the member for Ramsay does not think removing walls and putting in kitchens is relevant to this bill. It is what this bill is all about, sir. I commend the bill to the house.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: during the minister's remarks he was quoting board papers, and I ask that he table those board papers in their entirety.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** My advice is that if the minister was quoting from documents and they were public documents he can be required, as a result of the point of order, to table them to the house. Are you able to do that, minister?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** I am not sure if they are public documents, sir.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** A further point of order: if the minister has quoted from documents that are not public and are confidential, that should be reported to the Speaker.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I accept the point of order, member for West Torrens. I will be referring this matter to the Speaker. He will consider that and clarify the situation.

Bill read a second time.

### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Before I take the next question before the Chair, I would like to acknowledge the former member for Reynell, Gay Thompson, who is in the Speaker's gallery today. Welcome.

### *Bills*

#### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND (BOARD) AMENDMENT BILL**

##### *Third Reading*

Debate resumed.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (12:48):** I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (12:48):** This gives me the opportunity to make a contribution on this bill because, of course, the opportunity for members on this side of the chamber to make second reading contributions has been curtailed by the minister through his obstinate refusal to allow sufficient time between the government deigning to give other members of parliament a briefing on this bill and for us to have the opportunity to at least consider it within our party room, let alone form a position and contemplate what remarks we might like to make to the parliament on the bill.

It is an important bill, and it is an important bill for a number of reasons, not just because it is yet another example of the complete contempt with which the Liberal government treats this parliament when it comes to managing the business of the house, providing briefings to members of parliament, providing sufficient time to members of parliament—

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker: my understanding is that the third reading is specifically about debate of the bill.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Yes, you have made your criticism of the government, member for—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Not quite, actually; there is still some way to go.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, you are on the third reading now, and—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Yes, and I am speaking about this bill.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —you would have had the opportunity to make a second reading speech had you been—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** But that was denied to me, and that is the point of my remarks. It has been a commitment of the government—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, how was it denied to you?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** We were given a commitment by the Leader of Government Business, after the Supply Bill kerfuffle—when initially there was not the sufficient 10 days' notice given to the parliament to be able to debate that bill—that this set of circumstances would not happen again, yet it has happened again. This is not the first time it has happened again; it has happened again and again and again. Each time, we raise concerns and comments in this chamber, bringing this to the attention of the government. Here we have yet another minister treating us and the crossbench with contempt. It is not that much to ask—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, if I could just interrupt for a minute, the member for Ramsay raised this issue and, to my mind at least, the minister addressed that in his closing remarks.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** And?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** And—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I do not understand the relevance; I am not the same person as the member for Ramsay.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, but she raised the same criticism—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I am a separate member of parliament, here to represent my constituency.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, it is not for you and me to have a debate here now—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Thank you; so if I can continue my remarks, we will not need to continue to engage in this, will we?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —but the minister responded to the member for Ramsay when he closed his remarks to the same criticisms.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** So, just to understand your ruling, if another member of parliament addresses a particular concern, then the other 46 of us are not allowed to speak on that concern going forward? Is that the ruling?

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Good—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —I am just taking you back to *Hansard*—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** —then I will continue my remarks.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** —and I will also remind you that you are on the third reading, so you must pertain your contribution to the bill.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Yes, we have made that point already, thank you.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** So keep that in mind.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** I am speaking about this bill, which was introduced in the last sitting week—not 10 sitting days ago, contrary to the commitment that we were given by the Leader of Government Business. Once again, it has been—

**Mr Teague:** It's the third reading.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** You would like to make a contribution, too? My time will be up soon and you will have your opportunity as well, rather than calling out in an unparliamentary way. That's enough, is it? Okay, good. Thank you; no more interjections from the member for Heysen. This is an important bill because it does not just seek to address a particular issue on the Construction Industry Training Board, it seeks to salve a longstanding desire by the minister to try to rid himself and his portfolio responsibilities of the influence of those who represent workers.

The minister is a constant critic of people who should have the wherewithal to represent the concerns of workers, either in the workplace or outside the workplace. One only needs to go through

his Twitter account—that is, before the periodic deletion of tweets and retweets that seems to occur with the minister—to see the singular focus he has on demonising those who dare to stand up for workers. He does it time and time again.

Here we have a bill, brought forward to the house by the minister, seeking to reduce how workers can have their needs represented in the best possible way to ensure that they and the workers who follow in their footsteps can receive the best quality training, as the state government can be involved. That is an appalling outcome. What next? I think that is a reasonable question to ask. Are we going to see legislation from this government that rids employee representatives who have a seat on superannuation boards?

Remember, we are talking about a government within the same political party that has, both federally and in this state, stood up for the rights of banks and for the rights that pillage workers' superannuation funds. We now have a government in South Australia that is doing its damndest to ensure that workers cannot be represented in matters that relate to their training or to the training of other workers. That is a shameful development, all done for the vanity of the minister's political predilections. It is not for good governance and for the benefit of ensuring that South Australians receive better quality training, but just because he does not like unions.

There are enough people on the other side of the chamber who think that is a good idea. Of course, they are happy to accept all the other benefits and accoutrements that come with the union movement: the development of workplace rights, as well as the improved access to training and the improved quality of training that has been developed over the last 125 years or so. They are happy to pocket all of that, but, when it comes to giving them a voice around the table, they are not happy to have it because the minister and his political party are rooted in the ideology that only the employer knows best and that this is a parliament that should be focusing its attention on what is best for bosses and not what is best for workers.

The poor member for Heysen—I know he is new here—unfortunately is still not conversant with standing orders. He has only just become conversant with how to park his vehicle, I have noticed, as well. He is not quite conversant with standing orders, so he does not quite understand that he will have an opportunity perhaps to speak in another 12½ minutes or so. As always, we welcome his contribution when it comes.

When it comes to this government, they continue to line up without fail against workers and on behalf of employers, and none is more guilty than this minister. When our side of politics was calling attention to the outrageous behaviour of employees and banks with regard to the management of workers' finances or the management of their superannuation, what did we hear? We heard the rallied defence by those opposite of the banking sector. We heard the rallied offence against those people who should have had the wherewithal to stand up for what is important to workers.

Perhaps I can give a bit of an anecdote as to what informs my remarks on the bill. I cast my mind back to maybe 18 months or two years ago when I had the great fortune to be invited to Mitcham Primary School, the school that my two nephews and niece attend, in what was then the electorate of Waite. It may now be in the electorate of Davenport. They wanted to meet a member of parliament and understand a bit more about the parliamentary process and democracy and why it is important.

You can always rely on schoolchildren to ask you curly questions, the questions you are not expecting and the ones that will trip you up. One question they asked was what the difference was between the Labor and the Liberal parties, because there have been times, particularly over the last 30 years, when policy priorities in some areas have converged, as well as, of course, in other areas where they have diverged significantly.

I thought the best way to explain it to these schoolchildren was to talk about the historical basis of each of the political movements: that one was there to represent employers and bosses about how best they could make the most amount of money in the community and that the other was the Labor Party, which was founded to protect workers' interests and how best to protect those who are being exploited by those employers and those bosses.

Once again, we see that historical context come into sharp focus with this minister seeking to promote the interests of employers and bosses against the interests of workers and, concerningly, when it comes to construction industry training. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the state of the house.

*A quorum having been formed:*

*Parliamentary Procedure*

### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** I welcome to parliament today students from Stirling North Primary School, who are the guests of the Minister for Energy. Welcome to Parliament House today.

*Bills*

### **FAIR TRADING (GIFT CARDS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **LATE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT DEBTS (INTEREST) (AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF INTEREST) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **FAIR TRADING (TICKET SCALPING) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **PAYROLL TAX (EXEMPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **TERRORISM (POLICE POWERS) (USE OF FORCE) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **NATIONAL GAS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) (CAPACITY TRADING AND AUCTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

### **PETROLEUM AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY (BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Assent*

His Excellency the Governor assented to the bill.

*Petitions*

### **LIBBY'S LAW**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna):** Presented a petition signed by 4,930 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to take immediate action to pass Libby's Law in South Australia to allow youths to feel protected from bullying at school, in the yards and at work.

**SERVICE SA MODBURY**

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

*Parliamentary Procedure*

**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—

Local Government Annual Reports—Elliston, District Council of Annual Report 2017-18  
Parliament of South Australia—House of Assembly—Parliamentary Service of the  
Annual Report 2017-18

By the Premier (Hon. S.S. Marshall)—

Regulations made under the following Acts—  
Superannuation Funds Management Corporation of South Australia—  
Legal Services Commission

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

Club One—Gaming Machines Act 1992—Annual Report 2017-18  
Controlled Substances Act 1984—Return of Authorisations Issued under Section 52C (1)  
of the Annual Report 2017-18  
Electoral Commission of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18  
Equal Opportunity Commission—Annual Report 2017-18  
Freedom of Information Act 1991, Administration of the—Annual Report 2017-18  
Independent Commissioner Against Corruption South Australia and Office for Public  
Integrity—Report of a review of the operations of the Annual Report 2017-18  
Independent Gambling Authority—Annual Report 2017-18  
Judicial Conduct Commissioner—Report of a review of the operations of the  
Annual Report 2017-18  
Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal—Annual Report 2017-18  
Legal Services Commission of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18  
Privacy Committee of South Australia—Annual Report 2017-18  
Public Advocate, Office of the—Annual Report 2017-18  
Public Trustee, The—Annual Report 2017-18  
Summary Offences Act 1953—  
Return of Authorisations Issued to Enter premises under Section 83C (1) of the  
Annual Report 2017-18  
Return of Authorisations Issued to Enter premises under Section 83C (3) of the  
Annual Report 2017-18

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

Adelaide Film Festival—Annual Report 2017-18  
TechInSA—Annual Report 2017-18

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

Australian Energy Market Commission—Annual Report 2017-18  
Regulations made under the following Acts—

Advanced Care Directives—Interstate Advance Care Directives and  
Corresponding Laws

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

Child Protection, Department for—Additional Reporting Obligations of the  
Report 1 November 2018

*Ministerial Statement*

**TAFE SA, ASQA INTERIM REPORT**

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (13:08):** I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** In 2017, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) audit of TAFE SA highlighted serious issues of quality across all the qualifications audited. The 2017 ASQA interim report showed that, of the 16 qualifications audited, all were found to be noncompliant. ASQA proposed that 15 qualifications be removed from TAFE SA's scope altogether and one qualification be suspended. Removal from scope is the most serious sanction ASQA can apply to a qualification.

The subsequent ASQA report, which was released by the former government on 4 December 2017, resulted in ASQA approving two qualifications, proposing to suspend 10 qualifications from accepting new enrolments from 23 January 2018, and four of the qualifications had since been superseded and were no longer relevant. The former government responded to the report by dismissing the chair of the board, accepting the resignation of the chief executive and commissioning two reviews into TAFE SA.

I wish now to update the house that, as expected, ASQA has conducted a further compliance monitoring audit of TAFE SA from 17 to 21 September 2018. The 2018 audit was a planned and expected follow-up to the audit of TAFE SA conducted by ASQA in 2017. I have been advised that the 2018 ASQA interim report has now been provided to TAFE SA, and there is a significant improvement over the previous ASQA audit findings. Once again, 16 qualifications were audited. While the 2017 interim report proposed removing 15 qualifications from scope, the 2018 interim report does not threaten that sanction for any courses. This is a dramatic improvement.

The 2018 interim report does identify six qualifications with noncompliant units of competency that are likely to require some form of remediation lest they be suspended. TAFE SA is already well underway in undertaking this necessary remediation to ensure minimal if any impact on students undertaking these courses. It is clear that quality issues still remain to be addressed, but it is extremely positive that no qualifications were recommended to be removed from TAFE SA's scope. It is also extremely encouraging to recognise that 10 of the 16 qualifications audited are not under any threat of sanction, an improvement of 10 compared with the equivalent stage last year.

The 2018 ASQA audit focused on activity from February to August 2018, so it was not unexpected that some compliance issues might be identified as TAFE SA has been improving its quality procedures throughout this year. Throughout 2018, TAFE SA has done a great deal of work to address quality issues, including the appointment of an executive director of quality teaching and learning, and TAFE SA has embarked on its own quality system improvement project, which involves the review and assessment of all 600 qualifications on scope to ensure that they meet compliance requirements regardless of whether or not they are subject to an ASQA audit.

Since forming government in March, we have supported TAFE SA by refreshing the board, by taking an active role in supporting the interim CE in her work, through new financial investment, including the \$109 million rescue package in the state budget, and through the release of A Fresh Start for TAFE SA, the government's comprehensive plan to transform the organisation and, indeed, give it a fresh start and a confident future.

It is clear that TAFE SA, now overseen by a government committed to its future as an effective, efficient and industry-responsive training provider, is on the right track, but it will take time

to completely overcome the systemic issues we inherited from the former government. I am informed that TAFE SA now has until 30 November 2018 to respond to the matters identified in the 2018 interim report and that it intends to rectify all matters such that the final report from ASQA clears all noncompliances.

No sanctions have been threatened for audited qualifications in the training areas of training and assessment; dental assisting; engineering, fabrication trade; hairdressing and beauty services; retail services; companion animal services and veterinary nursing; individual support; and nursing. Noncompliant units, which will likely have some student impacts, were identified in the qualifications of Diploma of Aeroskills (Mechanical), Diploma of Aeroskills (Avionics), Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, Certificate IV in Fitness, and Diploma of Business.

TAFE SA has advised that approximately 300 students may need some form of remediation, such as an extra test, as a result of the 2018 interim report's findings. I am advised that the vast majority of these students are continuing students and will simply have this remediation built into their remaining studies. TAFE SA is communicating with all impacted students directly, and they have informed me that the identified noncompliances will have no impact on students' qualifications. There are 22 students who have completed their courses, whom TAFE SA will be contacting directly, as they need to be offered the opportunity to complete an extra assessment.

The 2018 interim report represents an enormous step forward from last year, but it also highlights that there is still some more work to be done. The government is determined to provide the best possible oversight, support and strategic direction to ensure that TAFE SA successfully completes its journey of recovery from the state in which it was left by the former government. I want to particularly acknowledge and thank those TAFE SA staff members from throughout the organisation, up to and including the interim CE and the board, who have contributed to the dramatic improvements I have highlighted and who continue to work so hard to deliver high-quality training for South Australian students. This is an organisation with a fresh start and a bright future.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:15):** I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** At approximately 8am on Friday 2 November, the Department for Correctional Services identified a communications fault with the electronic monitoring system used to track offenders fitted with electronic monitoring devices. The department escalated the issue to Telstra who began urgent diagnostic work. A central incident command centre was established shortly after the fault was identified. A Department for Correctional Services liaison was also positioned at SAPOL's ComGen.

The critical failure was caused by a fault in Telstra's network, which caused a disruption on a key transmission link and which in turn impacted on the ability of some devices to authenticate on the network. The redundant link remained operational; however, it did not have the capacity to handle both its own baseline traffic plus the high volume of repeated authentication attempts by offline devices triggered by the failed link. The system was progressively restored in a controlled way throughout Saturday morning and returned to full operational capacity by early afternoon.

Telstra allocated an expert resource to specifically monitor the restoration rate of corrective service bracelets throughout the recovery period. This was reported on a continuing basis to Telstra's senior management to provide assurance of progressive restoration of these critical services. Both the Department for Correctional Services and my office were updated regularly right throughout the service disruption.

I want to make it clear that electronic monitoring is one tool used by the department to monitor offenders; it is not the sole tool. During the outage, the department deployed well-established contingency plans to monitor offenders. The contingency plans involved physical and telephone contact with offenders. The department brought online additional officers and physical resources to



increase direct monitoring in the community. The Chief Executive of Correctional Services and I remained in contact with Telstra throughout the critical failure.

This morning, the CE and I met with representatives from Telstra to seek reassurances that every effort is being made to reduce the possibility of a critical incident of this nature from occurring again. Telstra is reviewing its network resilience and redundancy capability, and its engineering teams are assessing alternative mobile service options. As the Minister for Correctional Services, I have made it clear that this failure is unacceptable.

Telstra is in the process of conducting a post-implementation review, and I will meet with Telstra to discuss the findings of that review as soon as it is complete. I am aware that outages of this nature have occurred in previous years, and I want to emphasise that this government is committed to delivering better services across South Australia and keeping our community safety.

*Question Time*

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:18):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. How many sex offenders monitored by the Department for Correctional Services, pursuant to section 66N(9) of the Child Sex Offenders Registration Act were left unmonitored during last week's outage?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:18):** I don't have a breakdown of all the people who were on monitoring at that time and the offence that they were being monitored for, so I will have to take that question on notice.

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

**The SPEAKER:** I call to order the member for Mawson.

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:18):** As a supplementary, my question, obviously, being to the Minister for Correctional Services: is the minister aware generally of any numbers of people who are monitored under section 66N(9) of the act?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:19):** Again, I refer to my last answer: I don't have all the details of every offender who is on monitoring and their history, so I will take that on notice.

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:19):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Has the minister inquired as to how many people are being monitored via electronic monitoring under section 66N(9) of the Child Sex Offenders Registration Act?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:19):** Thank you, again. No, I don't get an update every day on which prisoners are being monitored—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —for what offences but, if the Leader of the Opposition is asking that question, I am happy to inquire for him and get him back an exact number.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left! I will come back to the leader. Member for Colton.

## EURONAVAL

**Mr COWDREY (Colton) (13:20):** My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier update the house on the government's presence at Euronaval and how South Australian businesses are building strong international partnerships to capitalise on future defence projects?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (13:20):** I thank the member for Colton for his question. Euronaval was indeed an opportunity for South Australia to showcase the great expertise that we already have here in our state with regard to shipbuilding. This was of course one of the world's leading international trade shows for naval defence.

It was an important event for us to showcase to the world, especially those people who attended, the growing defence capability that we have here in South Australia. The federal government has of course committed \$90 billion toward shipbuilding in South Australia, and this is going to occur right here at the Osborne shipyard in our state. The defence sector is vital to our economy and Euronaval presented an opportunity for us to leverage maximum opportunities for our state.

Mr Speaker, you would be interested to know that over 22 South Australian organisations were in attendance: some of our great companies, the universities, Renewal SA and, of course, the Defence Teaming Centre. Importantly, Euronaval was an opportunity for us to launch our Defence Landing Pad, where we are encouraging companies that are interested in looking at the South Australian and Australian market to come to South Australia and be based at Lot Fourteen while they take a look at our industry.

I was pleased to meet with the three major defence project contractors while I was there: the Naval Group, who, of course, will be building 12 future submarines in South Australia starting in 2023; the Luerssen Group, who will be building two of the 12 offshore patrol vessels starting here this very month; and, of course, BAE, which was recently awarded the contract to build the nine future frigates in South Australia.

As I have previously indicated to this house, the French government are taking this future submarines deal extraordinarily seriously. This is a big deal for the French. I was very pleased while I was there to meet with Ms Geneviève Darrieussecq, who is the Secretary of State to the defence minister; the defence minister herself, Florence Parly; Jean-Yves Le Drian, who is Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs; and, of course, none other than the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron. It was a good opportunity for us to talk about the importance of this contract. Again, as I have reiterated to this house before, the French President has a good understanding of the size of this contract and why it is important to France, and he is looking forward to one day visiting South Australia.

I am also really pleased to report to the house that there were several strategic MOUs signed during the time that I was there at Euronaval. The first one was between REDARC Electronics, Rowlands Metalworks and Raytheon Anschutz. REDARC Electronics and local manufacturer Rowlands Metalworks signed an MOU with this organisation. They will partner for future Australian naval projects including the Hunter class project which is being developed and built by BAE at the Govan shipyards.

There was another MOU which was signed between ASC and Endel ENGIE. This is a collaboration MOU. Endel has been supporting Naval Group for over 30 years with their submarine build and maintenance business. They manufacture welding and pressure hull-forming items for submarines and also manage subcontractors for insulation, scaffolding and painting.

The final MOU that I witnessed was the ASC with Groupe FIVA. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our capability. I would like to particularly thank all the staff at Defence SA for putting on, I think, an incredible showcase of what we have to offer. I would also like to offer my grateful thanks to the Leader of the Opposition for being there, being present, and demonstrating to the rest of the world that in this area we want to work together to maximise the return for future jobs in this state.

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:24):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Why hasn't the minister inquired how many child sex offenders are being monitored under section 66N(9) of the Child Sex Offenders Registration Act?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:24):** I inquire about all different issues that are going on within Corrections, and if that is something that—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —is brought to my attention, I will deal with it with the CE.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left! One moment, leader. I will call the leader when members on my left—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** —and on my right cease interjecting. I ask members to cease interjecting. I call to order the member for Badcoe, the deputy leader and the member for West Torrens. The leader has the call.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Point of order: did I hear this morning that the member for West Torrens was on his second warning?

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, he was out of the blocks early this morning, and I will keep that under consideration. Thank you, Deputy Premier.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader will have the call when members cease interjecting. Thank you.

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:25):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Can the minister inform the house when the review of the Department for Correctional Services electronic monitoring system, announced in May, was completed and who conducted the review?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:25):** I thank the member for the question. I just need to clarify a couple of points that have been raised potentially here, which I think he was fishing for, and also in the media. As far as these Telstra outages are concerned, for the record—and there has been some confusion, I think—there was an issue on 4 May with the 000 calls. I think that was a severed cable, if my memory serves me correctly. That one on 4 May had no impact on the bracelets that are involved with Correctional Services that I talked about in my ministerial statement.

There was another issue on 21 May where a software problem made the signal from the electronic bracelets intermittent between the bracelet and the receiving end. There was a software issue. I think it was a transition from 4G to 3G that overloaded the system and it was intermittent for two hours. That was reviewed by Telstra, and I will come back to where that review got to. Then, of course, there was the issue on the weekend, which I outlined in my ministerial statement.

I was the minister at the time on 21 May and I was relatively new to the job. I discussed with Corrections that issue at that time and I said, 'Have there been delays like this before under previous ministers?' which would have been those on the other side, and the answer was, yes, there had been. I said, 'What action was taken?' and they said—

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

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

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —there was no action taken as far as the return—

*Ms Stinson interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Badcoe is warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —of the monitors, as far as I am aware here, and the reallocation of the monitors. On 21 May, when this first incident happened, which was a software issue—totally separate to what happened on the weekend, which was a hardware issue—we identified that there was no redundancy built into the actual units themselves. So, going out to procurement for the new unit—and this had not happened in the previous two years—

*The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Premier!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —we actually discussed with Telstra and have put into the procurement process ways we can build extra redundancy in. One of the things that we are looking at and discussing—again, Telstra have raised this and we have had conversations about this—is putting a dual SIM card potentially into the units so that if one telco falls over you can actually switch over to another telco.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Again, I do stress the point: not done by those opposite. In fact, the leader was actually the minister.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order.

**The SPEAKER:** There is a point of order.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The member for Kaurua sits over there as well, very sheepish—

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, please be seated. We have a point of order. Member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The question was—

**The SPEAKER:** Relevance?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —can the minister inform the house when the review of the department for corrections electronic monitoring system—

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you, I have the point of order.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right!

*The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier is called to order. I have the point of order. In fairness to the minister, he was being interjected through most of that latter part of the answer. I will listen carefully. Minister, I do ask you to please return to the substance of the question. Thank you.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my right will not interject.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I was outlining that there were three incidents: 4 May, 21 May, and again on the weekend. The 4<sup>th</sup> had no impact on the bracelets. The 21<sup>st</sup> had intermittent responses, which was a software issue, which we have dealt with with Telstra, and they have given us assurance that that problem was fixed. That was a 4G to 3G transfer during an upgrade. Then there is the hardware issue that we have been working through with Telstra at the moment. I am waiting for a report on that. As I said, I had a phone hook-up with them over the weekend whilst we

were in constant contact throughout this situation, I had a letter from them outlining the position and had a meeting again this morning. I know that those opposite maybe don't have conversations with their suppliers—

**The SPEAKER:** Please do not respond to interjections, minister.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —and as I look back in the past, I can't see what the previous government did do.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order.

**The SPEAKER:** There is a point of order. Minister, please be seated.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Relevance, sir.

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, I believe the minister is wrapping up his answer. Minister.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you very much. I am and, in that, I am outlining the work that we have done to review this situation. In the security and safety area—again, the Leader of the Opposition would know: he was the minister in this space—if something does go wrong, I would presume you review it. That would be my suggestion if you are in that space. We have done that review, we have looked at the outage on the 21<sup>st</sup> and we are looking into the outage on the weekend.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier is called to order. Leader of the Opposition.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:30):** Supplementary question: who conducted the review the minister is referring to in his answer?

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier is warned. Minister.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:30):** Thank you very much. As I just outlined, Telstra have given us their assessment of what happened there and the department worked through that, reviewing the process and coming up with output to make sure that we get a better service. As I outlined to the leader—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —when he was in the chair and there were similar—

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

**The SPEAKER:** Order, Minister for Education!

*The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will not interject. The Minister has the call. I am trying to listen to his answer.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** As I outlined before, when the Leader of the Opposition was in the chair and there were similar outages, I don't know whether he reviewed the situation or not. We did and we have addressed that there was an issue. I reiterate that issue now: there wasn't a redundancy built into the bracelets. Other states have got more redundancy; we don't.

We are in a procurement process now to get more redundancy built into that bracelet so that we have a system that has extra redundancy in it, is better than it was before and is better than the system that we inherited. I also made the point—I think in my ministerial statement—and I stress the point again: this system must have a number of redundancies to it. Building in more technical capability and technical redundancy is a real positive, but we also have to make sure that we have

those physical redundancies in place through the phone calls, through actually going out and contacting people, and bringing more staff on board.

I want to commend the DCS staff who worked over the weekend to actually deliver that output. It was done very well, with great success, and it was great to be in constant contact with them right over the weekend. I think the member for Kaurna asked where I was. I'm not sure if he wants me to go out and actually knock on the doors myself or leave it to the experts. The member for Lee clearly—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The minister will be seated for one moment. The Minister for Energy, the member for Playford, the member for Lee, the Minister for Education and the Premier are all called to order. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I won't respond to the member for Lee's interjection asking where I was in the media, but what I will say is that I think I did a press conference on the Sunday. It was a good press conference, so you should watch the evening news, member for Lee, as you prattle away. I did do a media conference on the Sunday.

I know the member for Lee is probably better looking than me and when he does a press conference they probably like to use his pretty face more than they do mine, but I did do it with the Premier and with the CE of Corrections. A couple of the media used my grabs and a couple of the media took responses from the Premier and the CE of Corrections. The fact that the member for Lee is better looking than me is just something that I am going to have to live with.

I didn't reference him specifically in my radio interview on the Monday morning, but when I was requested to do a radio interview on FIVEaa, I was more than happy to do it. I didn't get a phone call from the ABC; I got a phone call from FIVEaa and I responded to that phone call. I was very happy to do it and point out the actions we are taking to fix the mess we were left with and make sure we get a better system for South Australia.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Reynell is called to order. The member for Elder.

#### **CLIMATE LEADERS AWARDS**

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (13:33):** My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Can the minister please update the house on the successful projects recently recognised at the Premier's climate change leaders awards and how these organisations are delivering practical outcomes to address the changing climate?

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (13:34):** I thank the member for Elder for her question and note her passionate advocacy for practical environmental projects in the electorate that she represents. It was good to be able to head over to the Premier's climate change awards hosted at the SA Museum last week and hear about a range of real champions in climate change policy, climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, and see groups from the community at the individual level, government and business recognised for their pursuit of technologies, of business approaches—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: this information is publicly available on the minister's website, [environment.sa.gov.au](http://environment.sa.gov.au). It lists all the winners and a precis of why they—

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. I ask the member for West Torrens—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurna is called to order. The Minister for Transport will not interject. I ask the member for West Torrens to please send that information to me and I will be listening very carefully to ensure that the minister also adds to what may be publicly available.

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I haven't even got to mentioning what's on the website yet, so I don't know how the member for West Torrens can predict what I am about to say. I am very keen to share with the house the particular winners of these awards and why they were chosen because we can learn so much about how practical approaches to climate mitigation and adaptation policy, particularly in the business community, can not only grow our economy and create jobs but obviously have a significant environmental and climate change impact as well.

Those are things that this side of the house wants to celebrate. We celebrate it through the work of SA Water and their Project Zero strategy to reduce energy costs to zero through investment in renewable energy options; we see it in our across-government approach to government power; we see it in the work being led by the Minister for Energy and Mining through the household storage solution and so on. This is a government that is absolutely committed to practical approaches to climate policy and also approaches that will reduce cost of living.

The overall winner of the Premier's climate change award for 2018 was the Wattle Range Council, in the member for MacKillop's seat. The member for MacKillop would be very aware of the Wattle Range Council's particularly good work around coastal protection and coastal climate adaptation, which has been undertaken by the Wattle Range Council at Southend beach in the member's electorate. It is a beach that has been particularly affected by storm events, erosion problems and sand drift, which obviously leads to a whole range of other problems, with productive farmland being impacted, potentially properties and households being impacted and economic investment being at risk as well.

The Wattle Range Council has put together a very thorough climate adaptation plan that has the potential to be a role model template for other coastal councils around the state. That fits very well with this government's additional investment of \$5.2 million over the next few years in coastal protection to really ramp up our approach to climate adaptation on our coastline, because we know that our 5,067 kilometres of coastline in South Australia forms the front line in the defence against climate change—more vulnerable as a result of increased storm events, rising sea levels and erosion. That is an area that this government wants to focus on very specifically.

I provide very significant congratulations to the Wattle Range Council for their work in coastal protection. I really look forward to seeing their work rolled out across South Australia because there is much that we can learn from that small but very hardworking council in our state's South-East.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:38):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Has a review been conducted into any monitored sex offenders breaching set exclusion zones as a result of last week's outage?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:38):** Thank you very much. I think this was widely reported in the media and I think even at the press conference that the member for Lee didn't want to attend. It was outlined and all that work was done and gone through.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** As the leader would know with these devices, whilst they were offline they still do record the data of where everyone went—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The minister has the call. The members for Ramsay and Reynell will not interject.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The leader couldn't hear, so I was waiting—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kurna and the member for Reynell are warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I am not joking around. The leader couldn't hear my answer; I'm waiting to give the answer. If you would stop interrupting—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Playford is also warned. The minister has the call. As soon as members cease interjecting the minister will return with his answer. Thank you.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is a serious issue and I want the leader to be able to hear the answer. As I was explaining, while these devices went offline, where they went was recorded in the devices. When the devices came back online, all that information was uploaded back into the system. So anyone who went in an exclusion zone or broke the boundaries of where they could go or the conditions of their electronic monitoring was followed up and action was taken against them. Anyone who did go into the wrong area was acted upon, as far as I am aware. None of the people you refer to went outside their exclusion zone.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:40):** Supplementary question, just for clarity: can the minister confirm that no sex offender went into a set exclusion zone?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:40):** As I outlined, to the best of my knowledge, for everyone who was recorded and monitored, when that data was reconfigured people had not gone outside their exclusion zones. For any who had, action was taken. As I said before, it was not—

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Listen, if I can finish—for anyone who did, action was taken against them and, as far as I am aware, no-one you referred to was included in that group.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:41):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Were any victims on the Victims' Register notified that the department of corrections had lost track of a perpetrator who had committed a crime against them?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:41):** I will have to take that question on notice.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Waite has the call.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** I will come back to the leader. The member for Waite has the call.

#### **MITCHAM HILLS ROAD UPGRADE**

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (13:41):** My question is to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government. Can the minister update the house on the government's \$16.5 million investment in local roads in my community and, of course, across the state of South Australia?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (13:41):** Can I just have clarification on that figure?

**Mr DULUK:** \$16.5 million.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Okay. Sorry.

**An honourable member:** He has just misled the house.

**The SPEAKER:** I will be the decider of that.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** I would like to thank the member for Waite for his question in this regard and note that I have taken the opportunity to visit the member's electorate with DPTI staff to discuss the best use of that \$16½ million in trying to improve traffic issues throughout the Mitcham



Hills corridor. I define that corridor as being from all the way down at Fullarton and Cross roads, where all the people who head down Old Belair Road end up—we create some bottlenecks down that end—all the way up to the Blackwood roundabout. I would note that—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** So much for their friendship.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for West Torrens is on two warnings. If he interjects again like that he will be departing the chamber today.

**Mr Pederick:** He's not necessary.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Hammond is called to order.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** If you want a friend in politics—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Hammond is warned. The minister has the call.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** So right through to the Blackwood roundabout. I note that we are taking a pause on the work on the Blackwood roundabout at the moment to make sure that Remembrance Day services can continue to go ahead this year, understanding how important that is, and getting this process right is, in relation to the Blackwood roundabout. This is a difficult corridor to deal with, exacerbated by the fact that we see much development in Craighburn Farm and Coromandel Valley.

I suppose that was planned development that did not have real regard to the traffic management issues that exist in and through Blackwood, which is otherwise a single-lane corridor heading down winding Old Belair Road to get to town. It is quite a difficult stretch of road for us to be able to deal with, but we did have some productive conversations, especially in relation to the James Road intersection and those families who need to head off towards St John's Grammar as well as other parts along Main Road, Blackwood, and a number of the intersections there that create issues.

We also have issues in relation to the Belair train line. What we have seen previously is a number of boom gate operational issues, which create a real fire hazard in and around the Mitcham Hills corridor. We are also undertaking a study to look into bypass opportunities in and around Craighburn Farm, something that, again, potentially should have been dealt with when those tracts of land were rezoned. Having said that, we don't whinge: we just get on and fix the job.

What I look forward to doing is using the existing Blackwood Road Management Plan as a guide to understand where our next work is going to head. There are a number of projects, as I have outlined in a letter to the member for Waite, that are ready on the table that we are discussing. They are the same potential solutions that we also had in the discussions we had when we met on site.

I look forward to being able to step out how we are going to achieve better traffic management through the Mitcham Hills corridor, a part of South Australia unfortunately that was long ignored. But under this government, and especially through the advocacy of the former member for Davenport, it's fantastic that there is a \$20 million commitment, \$16.5 million still on the table, to be able to improve what is a very busy and difficult part of our road network.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:45):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Why hasn't the minister inquired as to whether or not victims on the Victims' Register were informed of the outage that occurred last week?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:45):** As I said, we have worked through this process and we have worked through the faults. I'll discuss that with the department of corrections.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader, the deputy leader and the member for Kaurna are warned. They are warned. Members on my right will not interject.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. As I said, during the course of action, the action was to fix the situation and get the situation in hand, and that is what we worked to do. By the time everyone who went through the process was contacted, was found to be where they were meant to be through physical doorknocking and/or visiting their premises and/or by phone calls, everyone was where they were meant to be. It wasn't until afterwards that one person was found to have deviated off the journey on the bus trip, which was reported in the media yesterday. Everyone was where they needed to be, so there was no concern.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:46):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Hopefully he answers this one. When did the minister first become—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** If the leader does that again, I'll be pulling the question. He knows better.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Sure. My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. When did the minister first become aware that Robert Stehr had breached his bail conditions?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:47):** I did outline before the process that, as the bracelets came back online, the data was re-evaluated. So that data was worked through by the DCS staff who came in and worked over the course of the weekend. I am trying to think of the exact time because they came back online on the Sunday morning. I would be guessing it was around 9 o'clock that I was told, give or take, but it was Sunday morning.

#### **KING ELECTORATE ROAD UPGRADES**

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (13:47):** My question is to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**Ms LUETHEN:** Can the minister update the house on his visit to the King electorate and the state government's commitment to install a slip lane for Skyline Drive in Hillbank?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (13:48):** I would like to thank the member for King—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier will not interject. The member for Florey will also not interject.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** —for her question, noting her as another keen advocate who I have taken the opportunity of going and seeing firsthand about some of the road issues, especially through the more regional parts—

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

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Mawson is warned.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** —of her electorate. I also note that when handing down a strong and tough budget, a budget that helped to make sure that we are back in the black—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** —that we are able to deliver on all of our election commitments that actually keep faith with the people of South Australia where we are, indeed, just getting on and doing what it is that we said we would do in the first place, so there's \$343,000 in this year's budget for

delivery this year of a slip lane at Skyline Drive. The reason we need to highlight election commitments such as these is because it's not the big whizzbang, hard hat, get out the ribbon kind of project, but it's a project that matters to a number of hundred people who live off of Black Top Road.

In fact, when we went to visit, noting the huge number of trucks that pass by what is otherwise a pretty narrow and windy stretch of road through that part of outer Adelaide, while we were there a woman who was on her way to pick up the kids from school stopped, got out of the car and said, 'G'day. Are you guys here looking—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** This lady got out of the car and we had a chat. She said, 'Are you here talking about fixing Skyline Drive?' and we said, 'Well, yes, we are.' She said, 'Actually, a couple of weeks ago, I was driving up this stretch of road and the driver behind me rear-ended me.' It turns out that the driver behind her, right at that Skyline Drive turn-off, had actually fallen asleep at the wheel and created a minor accident. She said, 'I really need this slip lane.' It is at a part of the road network that is difficult to see, especially as you come around the bend, especially for trucks.

The opportunity to introduce a slip lane to be able to get these people out of the way of oncoming traffic is extremely important and will really help, especially as we see these trucks find it difficult to gather pace, essentially, going up the hill, so they undertake action that is not necessarily that safe. Providing this slip lane will make sure that we get those who want to turn left off into a safe and enclosed part of the road network, whilst those trucks that are trying to build up steam to get up the hill at Black Top Road can do so much more safely.

This an extremely important commitment to—fair enough—a few hundred South Australians. The ability that we have, and the way that we listened before the election to people with specific issues such as this, and how we now get on and keep faith with the voters to deliver those commitments, is extremely important. This all happens off the back of the advocacy of fantastic local members like the member for King.

I look forward to updating the house further on the delivery of this project and other projects, especially around Golden Grove Road, especially around Modbury Hospital, especially around delivering a park-and-ride at Golden Grove, to deliver on the very significant commitments we made to the north-east of our state at the election and how we are going to show South Australians that we are delivering.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Before I call the next question, I warn for a first time the member for Hammond. The member for Ramsay, the member for Kaurna and the member for Playford are now on two warnings.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:51):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. When the department became aware of the systems outage, what, if any, additional resources were allocated to the Intensive Compliance Unit?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:51):** I thank the member for the question. I think I outlined in my ministerial statement, and potentially in previous answers, that the department brought in a number of staff and increased their capacity. They increased their redundancies around face-to-face contact and telephone contact. So there was an increase in the number of units on the road and an increase in the number of phone calls that were made. Don't quote me on this figure, but I'm led to believe it is something in the order of 700-plus phone calls and between 300 and 400 physical visits. I can get that exact number back to you—

**Mr Boyer:** We don't quote you on anything. This is parliament; that's Hansard.

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

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —but that was the increase in resources that they threw at this. It was significant and, again, the team did an outstanding job to bring that redundancy in place of the technical capabilities that were not there. I have already outlined that we're doing that procurement work to grow that redundancy in the technical side.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (13:52):** My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier explain why he was not aware of the details of the May review into the failure of the Correctional Services electronic monitoring system when he was asked about it on Sunday 4 November?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (13:53):** What I said was that I didn't have any details of the May review, but I had been kept very well informed by the department and by the minister with regard to the unacceptable breakdown of the monitoring devices that occurred on Friday and Saturday last week.

#### **CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (13:53):** My question is to the Minister for Correctional Services. Has the Corrections department identified the savings each prison will have to make to reach the \$28 million of savings required of it over the next four years?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:53):** I thank the member for that question. No, that's being worked through. We have put our better prisons program out there. It outlines a number of key elements, which include the outsourcing of the management of the Adelaide Remand Centre. Plus, we're investing \$200 million of course into our public prison system to grow the number of beds—310 extra beds coming online.

Also, there are changes to the workforce, with the ability to have more people work on a casualised basis within the prison system, which we hope will get more people into work in that system as well. They are the elements that we're looking at and, as those elements are worked through—benchmarking is another one—we think that by working with the people within the industry and the correctional officers themselves, to have an input in those processes, we will be able to identify those savings measures.

#### **INVICTUS GAMES**

**Mr MURRAY (Davenport) (13:54):** My question is to the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Can the minister please update the house on the achievements of our South Australian athletes at the Invictus Games?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:54):** I thank the member for Davenport very much for his question. This is a very good question. He is a very good member and cares very much about what is happening in our community. The Invictus Games were an absolutely outstanding event in Sydney. Most people would have seen them, of course, on the television. For those who are not aware, the Invictus Games are an international adaptive multisport event for wounded, sick and injured service personnel.

The games were created in 2014 by the Duke of Sussex, who was inspired after he attended a similar event for wounded veterans in the United States a year earlier. It recognised the positive impact sport could have on the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and ill servicemen and servicewomen. It was a great pleasure to attend the Invictus Games, representing the Premier. The games were held in Sydney, with over 500 competitors from 18 countries competing in 11 adaptive sports.

The resilience, leadership and camaraderie on display were absolutely outstanding. I was fortunate enough to go to a number of events for the South Australian athletes in the lead-up. To see the way they rallied around and embraced the concept of competing in the games and being involved in sport was truly inspiring.

As I said, nine South Australian athletes represented themselves and this state with great pride and distinction. I would like to take the opportunity to mention and acknowledge the people who took part, including 33-year-old Corporal Steven Avery, who represented Australia in wheelchair basketball. A quote I read from him about the games I think truly summed up what the games are about. He said of the Invictus Games:

Sport has given me the motivation to get up and do something. For a long time, I just sat inside feeling sorry for myself, putting on weight and becoming unhealthy.

This is a link to sport for someone who had served his country but was perhaps not in a great place. To get involved in sport and to see that on the track and in the competition at the Invictus Games was truly inspiring, as was the way athletes rallied around one another, whatever country they were from, to help each other get through. It wasn't about winning; that was very much a sidenote. It was about competing and supporting one another.

The other athletes I would like to mention are 33-year-old Leading Seaman Vanessa Broughill, 30-year-old Brendan Hardman, 44-year-old Able Seaman Daniel Marsh, 30-year-old Emilea Mysko, 50-year-old Darren Peters, 48-year-old Chris Pitman, 35-year-old Steve Sandman and, finally, 27-year-old Ben Yeomans. I was lucky enough to be there when Ben collected two of his gold medals for the 100 metres and for the long jump. He had both his children with him when he received the medals. I did say that it's not about the medals, but this was a very special moment for him. To have his children with him when he received those medals was truly inspirational and you could see that it meant a lot.

I would also like to acknowledge The Road Home, which did a lot of work with the University of South Australia to help get the athletes ready. They have what they call the Invictus Pathways Program, and they worked really closely to make sure that the athletes were as best prepared as possible.

The families must also be recognised. Another great thing to see about the event was the families and friends supporting people who had used sport and the great power of sport to put themselves in this position; it was so uplifting to see. The inspiration and recognition of families and the love that you saw with these people helping people, as I said, often coming from a dark place, to get themselves back into a better position were truly inspiring.

I was lucky enough to represent the Premier at an event just the other day to welcome all the athletes home and to make sure that they still stay up and about. There was talk about the drop-off after the Invictus Games and the lows that might be there afterwards because it was such an exciting event, but clearly they were still being very well supported and I thank everyone for their involvement.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister's time has expired. It's a photo finish here. The member for Lee and then the member for Florey. Member for Lee.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (13:59):** I had a supplementary arising from the minister's answer, but I will ask it as a fresh question.

**The SPEAKER:** A new question.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Have there been a number of staff identified to be moved to a casual basis in the department for corrections?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (13:59):** No, absolutely not. In fact, I am glad the member asked that question because one of the things—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Ms Hildyard interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** I am going to ask the member for Reynell to please leave for half an hour under 137A.

*The Hon. T.J. Whetstone interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** And the Minister for Primary Industries will be joining her if he continues. Half an hour.

*Mr Duluk interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Waite is called to order and warned. We will resume when the member departs, thank you.

*The honourable member for Reynell having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The answer was no. What I did want to say, though, in relation to this—and we have made this clear, but I just want to make it even clearer again—is that, as part of the process of our better prisons program, when I came into this job it was put on the table that we would have more prisoners than prison beds by 2020, and there was no plan to put in place to accommodate that.

I mentioned the extra prison beds that we are putting into our public system—310 extra beds at the Northfield site, at the Yatala prison and the Women's Prison as well, which will generate more jobs in the prison system and which is a really great outcome for South Australia. However, as part of the outsourcing of the management of the Remand Centre, on the day of the budget I went down and spoke to all the workers there and gave the firm commitment that their jobs within the public system are there if they so choose. So, as far as—

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order.

**The SPEAKER:** There is a point of order by the member for Lee. Point of order?

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** The point of order relates to relevance. The question was very clear about whether a number had been identified.

**The SPEAKER:** Debate. I have the point of order. Minister, I do ask you to keep to the substance of the question. I will be listening carefully. Thank you.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The substance of the question was about the jobs and whether anyone had been identified to have a change in their structure or their role, and I said that the answer was no. I was outlining the fact that everyone at the Adelaide Remand Centre was spoken to—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Premier is called to order and warned.

*The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Lee, please, you're not helping here. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and I appreciate your protection. As I was outlining to the member for Lee, I did speak to all the people who worked at the Adelaide Remand Centre on the day of the budget and made it abundantly clear that, with the \$200 million investment that we are putting into our public prisons to expand the number of prison beds on the Northfield site, the 310 beds, all the people who work in the public prison system will be able to stay working in metropolitan Adelaide.

I think I have probably said in this place before, but I will say it again so the member for Lee can be familiar with it, that they could also look to work in some of our regions—Port Lincoln, Port Augusta or the like—at some of our public prisons there as well if they want to have a bit of a sea change and work in the regions because our regions are fantastic.

However, they can stay in metropolitan Adelaide is the guarantee we gave when we made this decision on budget day. They can stay working in the public system, or they could see a great opportunity and want to go with the private provider and work at the Adelaide Remand Centre still. They could see great opportunity to grow their careers and grow their operation. So there is a chance here for them stay working in the prison systems, and this outcome will actually be growing prison jobs because we will have the extra 150-odd jobs at the Adelaide Remand Centre.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Point of order: once again, relevance. The question was about the number of staff to be made casual, not about—

**The SPEAKER:** Debate. It is a fair point of order, but I think the minister is attempting to answer it. I think he is wrapping up his answer, too.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I am and I did, and I made very clear right at the start that there was no intention. I think the member asked had I planned to or had I not, and I said no. But what I needed to add to that was what this will be able to do is that it will actually be able to give more people a chance to work in the system. So maybe if people are, I don't know, a plumber or a carpenter and they want to get an extra job and earn extra money they can come and be part of this workforce as well.

We invite people to explore that option, and we speak of veterans. In fact, I was just speaking of veterans before and working in—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I absolutely was.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left!

*Mr Picton interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurana is on two warnings.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Mr Speaker—

*The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Lee!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I find it incongruous that when we talk about growing jobs those opposite want to keep criticising that. We will keep talking about growing jobs on this side of the house and we make no apologies for it.

**The SPEAKER:** The minister's time has expired. The member for Lee and then the member for Florey.

**Ms Bedford:** You said that last time.

**The SPEAKER:** Yes.

#### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:04):** Has the minister consulted with the Public Service Association—

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

**The SPEAKER:** Sorry, member for Lee. The Minister for Education is warned. I would like to hear the question. Thank you.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Has the minister consulted with the Public Service Association about his plans to casualise the Corrections' workforce?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:04):** I thank the member for the question. I have had a couple of meetings with the Public Service Association and I was meant to catch up with them again—it might have actually been this week. We have a wonderful relationship, but they cut the courtship short and they cancelled that meeting, so I'm happy to sit down and discuss those issues with them.

*The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The deputy leader is warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** But, again, I stress the point: we make no apologies on this side about growing our workforce, about creating more jobs, getting more people working and growing our prison system, investing \$200 million to have a better prison system because the one that was left behind did need plenty of work. It wasn't in a good shape and we are doing that.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, leader!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Again, the concern of having more prisoners than prison beds didn't worry those over there. We know they had the theory of rack 'em, stack 'em and pack 'em. Well, we have a different theory, and we want to make sure that we have the right conditions—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right!

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The Minister for Industry is called to order and warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. So we have the program in place—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

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

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Education!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —for investing \$200 million dollars in our prison system and, despite the interjections that came from those in my previous answer, I was talking about the opportunities we are going to have to grow jobs in this system. Be it in the privately run system at the Adelaide Remand Centre or through the expansion of the Northfield precinct, there will be more jobs in the prison system.

We want to have a better prison system for South Australia, and we will be creating work and employment through that system, not to mention the actual building, the construction jobs and all those things along the way of the expansion project we are doing. This is a really positive program. This will get better results. We will have a better environment to be able to implement our rehabilitation programs. Again, we don't want our prisoners in the rack 'em, stack 'em and pack 'em program. We want to get them into programs where we can help with their rehabilitation, get them back into the community—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —I hear—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! The leader is warned for a second and final time.



**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —the leader yelling out from the other side.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Please do not respond to interjections, minister.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** No, I'm not. I am just—

**The SPEAKER:** The question was about consultation with the PSA—please.

**The Hon. L.W.K. Bignell:** You did. You just did respond. You did respond. Don't say you didn't.

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

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Sorry, Mr Speaker. The member for Mawson makes me laugh and I shouldn't. I should stay focused on what we're talking about here.

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

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mawson, you're on two warnings. I'm listening.

**Mr Duluk:** Do your button up, Leon. Do your button up.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Waite is warned.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Mr Speaker, again, with all these interjections it is hard to concentrate in this place, but what I will say and the point I will emphasise is that investing in our prison system and growing jobs in our prison system is something that we do not apologise for. We need a better prison system and that is what this government is going to deliver: better services for South Australia.

#### PRISONER SUPPORT

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (14:07):** My question is also to the Minister for Correctional Services. What steps are taken for and with a prisoner eligible for parole or completing a custodial sentence to guarantee they have suitable accommodation on release and, where necessary, supported accommodation for people identified with mental health issues to assist averting the highest possibility of prevention, reoffence and return to prison?

**The SPEAKER:** There was a lot in that.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:08):** There was a lot in that and I thank the member very much for her question because I know that she has a great interest in this, and we have had a lot of offline discussions—

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —and I am keen to continue to have those discussions with her. There are a number of groups out there that do some marvellous work—OARS being one of them of course—to help people assimilate back into the community and making sure we do that. I am working very closely with the minister involved in that area as well to make sure we have really good housing programs to get people and not see them return to prison. There is a bipartisan agreement on the 10by20 program, which we very much support, and the opposition were supportive of as well, to make sure that we don't see prisoners go back into the system. I am very happy to sit down with the member and have a discussion and work through those programs.

#### PRISONER SUPPORT

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (14:08):** Supplementary: in particular, where a prisoner or someone about to be released is identified with mental health issues, what does your department do to make sure they are released to accommodation that is supported to prevent their reoffence?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:09):** I think that is the same question that I took online before, which was about the different agencies that the government

works very closely with to do that. We have a pilot program in place for the New Foundations program to help grow that as well, and we are very focused on doing that, but we work with OARS and a number of other bodies to make sure that we have facilities that are there for that.

I am very happy to take it on notice and have a conversation with the member privately and talk her through the number of options there as well. With this as well, it is a matter of working very closely with, of course, Health as well because Health have a big crossover here. If it is a mental health issue, it obviously falls into the Health portfolio also.

#### PRISONER SUPPORT

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (14:09):** Further supplementary.

**The SPEAKER:** Final supplementary, member for Florey.

**Ms BEDFORD:** So you are satisfied, minister, that your department does everything possible to ensure that people released with or without mental problems are released to secure accommodation or supported accommodation to prevent their reoffence?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:10):** I thank the member again for the question. There is always more that can be done. We know and understand that. I think in every portfolio people would like to be doing more. I have every confidence that the department does a great job in making sure we can get people into the right accommodation. Can more be done? Yes. Are we looking at ways of doing things better? Yes, we are, but we have a system that we inherited and we are trying to make it the best it can possibly be.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:10):** My question is to the Minister for Police. Has SAPOL now identified how it will make the \$38.5 million of savings required of it over the next four years?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:10):** I thank the member for his question. I did outline this very much—

*The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Premier, please.

*The Hon. S.K. Knoll interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** I did outline this response in estimates. The Premier is 100 per cent right, so I can refer you to that response.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:11):** Can the minister rule out any cuts to sworn or unsworn staff, to police vehicles or equipment?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:11):** The point I want to make about this question, again, that I did outline in estimates, is that when I did go back over the budget figures—in fact, I probably have them somewhere handy—I looked back at the cuts that the previous government had made. Whilst you are talking about the—

*The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:*

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** No, that was \$80 million, I think, that your government had cut over forward estimates—

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —which is quite phenomenal.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** It's funny because when I brought up in estimates the cuts that your government had put in place that were sitting on the budget papers when I got into the chair, you went quiet. The Leader of the Opposition went very quiet when they were raised because it was phenomenal, the cuts that had been put in place by the previous government—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader, please.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** —which totalled around \$80 million. It was phenomenal, but that's what your government did. That's what you put in place. I would like to see you take more responsibility—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Will members remain quiet. I am trying to listen to this answer.

*The Hon. D.C. van Holst Pellekaan interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** No, don't point me to the other side of the chamber because members on my right are responding to members on my left and I am trying to understand the minister answering the question. I am listening to the minister. Members will be leaving the chamber if they don't listen to this answer in silence.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Thank you again, Mr Speaker. It has been very rowdy from the other side today, I must say. They get rowdy when the facts are put in front of them and they are facts that they don't like. That is what we are doing here. I outlined this very clearly in budget estimates. I think I went over the four years and it might have been \$10 million in the first year that they had put in line for cuts to police and then it jumped up to maybe \$15 million or \$16 million—it could have been \$17 million—and then it pushed into the high 20s by the fourth year, I think.

To see the \$80 million of cuts that they put into the budget—that the previous government put in there to police—and then want to come and talk about efficiencies that we have put in is just quite phenomenal. They go really quiet when they are questioned on the cuts that they put in place, but they want to address any efficiencies that we put into the system. We will be working with police and will be making sure that we deliver the best service we can for all South Australians when it comes to our police force.

#### APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (14:13):** My question is to the Minister for Industry and Skills: can the minister update the house on joint state and federal government initiatives to encourage employers to take on new apprentices and trainees?

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Industry and Skills.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The Leader of the Opposition, you can leave for 20 minutes, thank you.

**Mr Malinauskas:** For what?

**The SPEAKER:** For interjecting on two warnings.

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** You are throwing out the Leader of the Opposition?

**The SPEAKER:** Yes.

*The honourable member for Croydon having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**Mr Duluk:** Magic Circle. No. 3.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Waite can join him—half an hour.

*The honourable member for Waite having withdrawn from the chamber:*

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, I am just dealing with this issue.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Should I come back?

**The SPEAKER:** No, the minister has the call.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (14:14):** I thank the member for Newland for the question. I know how excited he is about the government's training and the apprenticeship program. Do you know why he is excited? Because his constituents are excited. They can see there is a future for their children in South Australia. Finally, there is a future for their children here in South Australia because this government is making sure their children have the skills they need for the opportunities that are coming our way.

Already the member for Newland was very excited about our Diploma of Advanced Technologies, a brand-new traineeship, followed not long after by our cybersecurity traineeships, another brand-new traineeship. Eight months of government, two brand-new traineeships and a new economy, compared with what the others left behind: a 66 per cent drop-off in the number of commencements of apprentices and trainees over the last six years.

It gets even better, sir. You know that we have \$203 million because of the partnership between the federal government and the state government. South Australia was the first to sign. We were so pleased with the cooperation we got from the federal government and the fact that they understood the vision of the South Australian government to provide more jobs. Not only were the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry excited about what the South Australian government has delivered with the federal government but they wrote to all the other jurisdictions to say, 'Don't worry about reinventing the wheel. Do what South Australia has done.'

There is even better news to tell. Just last week, the Deputy Prime Minister announced a brand-new wage subsidy for apprentices in regional South Australia. They have identified that the number one issue with employers is the cost of taking on apprentices and trainees. This is a \$60 million trial from the federal government to encourage more regional businesses to take on their first apprentice, with a 75 per cent subsidy in that first year. I know from the conversations that I have had with industry that they are thrilled to bits to be engaged in this process. Ignored for so many years by those opposite, now they are engaged in the process, they are driving the process and they are delivering on the process here in South Australia.

There were 100 expressions of interest in my department for getting involved in the bespoke building of apprenticeship programs for individual industries and businesses. Industry are engaged, so there is a change in the way businesses are doing business here in South Australia because the government supports those businesses, because we know that they need the skilled labour in order to grow.

### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:17):** My question is to the Minister for Police. Can the minister rule out any cuts to the police greys or the police band in order for SAPOL to reach its savings targets?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:17):** The police band—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Energy! I am listening very carefully to this answer. The minister has the call.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** Mr Speaker, I want to ask you about the police band and whether or not you think—no, I won't do that to you, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** Outstanding.

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The police band do a marvellous job and the greys do a marvellous job. There is absolutely no intention whatsoever to make any changes to the police band or the greys.

*Sitting suspended from 14:19 to 15:17.*

*Grievance Debate*

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (15:17):** I rise today to speak about the important issue of mental health services in South Australia, particularly in terms of the transition to the NDIS and the horrible news we heard yesterday regarding Anglicare's announcement that they are retrenching 43 of their very highly trained and very highly valued workers, both in terms of disability workers and, particularly, mental health workers, whom I will speak about today.

I pay tribute to those mental health workers for their hard work in our community looking after people in their homes, helping them to manage their mental health conditions and their everyday life and, in particular, trying to prevent their conditions from getting worse and preventing any unnecessary admissions to our hospitals or acute mental health system. In thanking them for their work, I note my sadness at what happened yesterday in terms of their retrenchments and redundancies. What a tremendous loss this will be not only for the people of South Australia but also, in particular, for the hundreds of clients they look after.

Sadly, this is not something that has just happened. This is an issue that has been brewing and predicted for some time. Months ago, we knew that in the transition to the NDIS the federal government were cutting a whole range of their programs that they provide block funding for to partners such as Anglicare to provide support for people with mental health conditions and, in particular, the Personal Helpers and Mentors Program, which has been around for many years and which provides assistance for people outside the acute system, which keeps people healthy and in the community. Those mental health workers provide that vital role.

Months ago, we knew that this was going to be the eventual result because, sadly, that funding is being cut in South Australia. That is why the now Leader of the Opposition, when he was the health minister, made a commitment before the election that if we were returned to government we would bring in a mental health services guarantee because we think it is vitally important that, in the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, people who are reliant upon services in the community and who are unable to transition to the NDIS should continue to receive support programs in the community.

Sadly, that is not something that the government have seen fit to take up. Sadly, they have not seen the benefit in trying to provide for the gap in services that we are seeing. The inevitable result is that these services are being cut. Also, we have not seen the government use any of their leverage. Supposedly, they have a special relationship with the federal government in Canberra. We have not seen them use any of that leverage in terms of pressuring the federal government to reverse these cuts and make sure that these services continue.

We also have not seen any steps from them to do what the Mental Health Coalition and others have been calling for to make sure that interim funding is provided by the state so that these services continue into the future and we do not have people missing out, as is now going to happen to so many of Anglicare's clients and people suffering from mental health conditions. They are going to lose that vital support. We know that when they lose that vital support in the community it will only increase pressure on our emergency departments, which we know from today, in fact, are the busiest and most overwhelmed that they have ever been in South Australia. Having more pressure on them from people who cannot get that community care is only going to make the situation worse.

We had a round table earlier this year, when this was first reported, with the Leader of the Opposition and the shadow minister for human services, the member for Hurtle Vale, to speak with the providers, consumers and workers about how this needs to be addressed. Sadly, we have seen no action from the government on this. What we have seen is that the number of people with mental health conditions getting access to the NDIS is very low compared with what was expected. It was expected that it would be somewhere around 80 per cent. Sadly, only 20 per cent of people are getting access, and the 60 per cent are falling through the gaps and having their services cut.

I think it is fantastic that we now have a Social Development Committee inquiry into this and the issues for people with mental health conditions getting access to the NDIS. I think the committee

will come up with some good solutions, but it is not enough for the government just to wait for that. We need them to act now, and we also need them to guarantee their own services that are due to expire in June next year. All those contracts are due to expire, and we think that they need to take action now to secure these important services for South Australians.

### EYRE PENINSULA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:22):** I might begin my griever today—this is hot off the press, of course—by congratulating Streaky Bay local boy Kerrin McEvoy on winning his third Melbourne Cup aboard the horse Cross Counter.

**The SPEAKER:** At good odds.

**Mr TRELOAR:** Good odds of 12 to one, I think, Mr Speaker. You collected, I understand; I probably should not give too much away. My congratulations go to Kerrin. I can assure the house that the pub at Streaky Bay would be absolutely jumping at the moment. The TAB is located in the front bar of the Streaky Bay Hotel. I know that, after a previous win, there was not enough money in the till to pay out the locals from the TAB.

I saw Kerrin interviewed briefly after the race. His dad, Phil, and mum, Tracy, were both there. Both are still residents of Streaky Bay, and they are very proud. His wife, Cathy, was there. They have four children together. He is a very popular local lad, and I wish him well. Congratulations from the Parliament of South Australia. It is always fantastic to see local boys do well. There was some talk in the Streaky Bay district of erecting a statue of Kerrin McEvoy previously. Now that he has another one under his belt, I am sure that will gain momentum.

That aside, I want to quickly talk about the fact that ElectraNet has released its final report on its investigation of electricity supply options to ensure that Eyre Peninsula has a safe, reliable and secure electricity supply into the future. It was very early after I was first elected to this place in 2010 that I had a meeting with ElectraNet in my office. All those years ago—probably seven years ago now—it had identified that the main transmission line into Eyre Peninsula was in need of upgrade and that it was developing a strategy to do that. So here we are eight years later—eight long years. This cannot come soon enough to be honest, but we are here now.

Of course, as we know, the statewide blackout in September 2018, which the member for Heysen has touched on already today—

**Mr Teague:** It was 2016.

**Mr TRELOAR:** —sorry, 2016—brought electricity to the fore of everyone's minds and discussions. Of course, famously, the three generators located just outside Port Lincoln failed to start on that occasion and, despite the contract being in place between ENGIE and ElectraNet, ENGIE was not able to provide electricity when it was really needed.

Be that as it may, the conclusions report was released on 18 October, and it recommends the construction of a new double circuit 132 kV transmission line from Cultana, near Port Augusta, to Port Lincoln via the Yadnarie substation (which is near Cleve) by the end of 2021, and of course the main transmission line extends from Yadnarie west to Wudinna. There is an ability or an option to upgrade the Cultana to Yadnarie section to 275 kilovolts at a later date, as well as the Yadnarie substation, and this would allow for increased demand. The elephant in the room, I guess, is the iron ore project; should that go ahead, there will be a significant extra demand for electricity on Eyre Peninsula.

ElectraNet is saying that this new transmission line will now provide reliability for the region and flexibility to accommodate additional loads or generation into the future. Of course, there was much discussion around the opportunity for wind farms on the West Coast of Eyre Peninsula—the lower West Coast primarily—to put generated electricity into an upgraded transmission line and push into the national grid.

That is not necessarily going to be possible under this first option, but it remains an opportunity in the future because ElectraNet certainly has said that there will be an opportunity to upgrade to 275 kilovolts at a later date should that be required, either through extra demand or

transmission capacity from Eyre Peninsula. ElectraNet is also saying that this option will have negligible cost impact on customer bills, which is estimated to be around 10¢ per annum.

Ultimately, it is a \$240 million spend. Somebody has to pay. It is a regulated asset. The impact on customers will be negligible, and I am looking forward to having shored up the supply of electricity onto Eyre Peninsula.

### SERVICE CLUB WEEK

**The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:27):** Today, I would like to talk about Service Club Week 2018, and this year it was celebrated between 8 and 14 October, which fell in the school holidays and which, unfortunately, did not get a lot of airplay.

However, I think it is important not only to mention the week itself to celebrate the work undertaken by service clubs in our community but also to use the occasion to help recruit new members to service clubs because I do believe that they play an invaluable role in both the wellbeing of communities, through the various projects they undertake, and in the various friendships formed through being a member of a service club. In my own community, a number of events were held, and I am very fortunate and privileged to be able to chair a forum of the service clubs in my electorate of Light at which a number of service clubs attend and participate, and I will come back to that in a second.

In terms of the events that were held to mark the occasion, again they were held not only to celebrate the work they do but also to do something together. The service clubs said that it was important to do something together, which I agree with, as well as to showcase the work they perform. I would like to mention two activities; one was held by the local Lions Club of Gawler, which I should declare I am a member of. The Lions Club of Gawler actually has a weekly market at the Gawler Railway Station.

On Saturday 7 October, they opened up their market to all other service clubs free of charge to host stalls to promote the individual works they undertake. A number of clubs took that opportunity. The Country Women's Association took the opportunity to talk about the things they did. The Gawler Light Rotary club was there and they talked about their Wheels in Motion program, which is helping young people who, for whatever reason, cannot get up their hours to get their licence.

The Gawler Rotary club, another rotary club in Gawler, did the pinkie for polio program. I still have nail polish on my little pinkie from over a month ago because my household is a household of just men and we do not have any nail polish remover in the house, so here I am with nail polish still on my pinkie. It is certainly a discussion starter when you are with people.

The way the service clubs worked together to promote their activities was great and it also removed some misunderstandings about what service clubs do. People often have a benign view of service clubs, but I think they are positive organisations that do some really great work. I would like to thank the Lions Club of Gawler for undertaking the day.

I would also like to talk about another event, a combined quiz night that took place on Saturday 27 October in Gawler. Ten service clubs within my electorate got together and held a combined quiz night not only to have some fun and raise some funds but also to showcase the work they do together. The quiz night was a huge success, with the various organisations working together and raising over \$1,800. I would also like to say that the Gawler Apex Club was the inaugural winner of the local combined service clubs quiz night trophy—a trophy that I was proud to be able to sponsor.

Over 140 members and friends of local service clubs participated in the first ever combined quiz night to raise funds in the local community, and service clubs undertake a number of projects for the benefit of the community. The Apex Club tied with the Gawler Bottlebrush Ladies CWA group for the honours on the night, so we had to have a tiebreaker. With the golden question, Gawler Apex took out the inaugural trophy.

The clubs involved were the Apex Club of Gawler, Bottlebrush Ladies, the Country Women's Association, the Kiwanis Club of Gawler, the Kiwanis Club of Roseworthy-Hewett, the Lions Club of Angle Vale, the Lions Club of Gawler, the Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford, the Rotary Club of Gawler

Light, the Rotary Club of Gawler, the View Club of Gawler and the Zonta Club of Gawler. Clubs working together deliver great outcomes for our community.

### **METROPOLITAN FIRE SERVICE**

**Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (15:32):** I rise to acknowledge the vital work of the Metropolitan Fire Service in South Australia and, in particular, to congratulate the Victor Harbor MFS station on being awarded the Chief Officer's Shield, which is for taking first place in the 2018 Regional Operations Audit and Proficiency Assessment. The MFS has more than 1,000 personnel and, of those, 780-odd are full-time firefighters and 260 are retained firefighters or part-time firefighters. Those firefighters are basically on call and come in from their other occupations to fight fires.

That is how the Victor Harbor station is manned. It has only nine retained staff at the moment; the others are on call, as they need five members if there is a call for a truck to go out. There are also 48 non-operational management and support staff who work for the MFS. There are 36 stations across South Australia, 16 of which are regional. It is those 16 regional stations that were involved in the competition I just mentioned.

The MFS does not just fight fires. It attends road accidents; helps with search and rescue operations; deals with chemical spills, biological and radioactive threats; and deals with hazardous materials. It also helps people to be prepared and understand the needs of safety in their community. Also pleasing for the Victor Harbor station is that they are looking at getting a special vehicle to be based there to help them with that first response coming from the Christies Beach station and being transferred down to the Victor Harbor station.

There are many things that help our MFS operators and it is certainly their dedication to their work that is really important and recognised by the award that has been given to the Victor Harbor station. To win the shield, they had to show that, when put through their paces, they do everything that is needed of them in the case of a fire, so they are put through a training exercise to see how they perform. The comments at the dinner that was held in Victor Harbor on Saturday reflected how impressed they were at how they performed and that it was basically done to absolute precision.

They showed their skills, their community spirit and their commitment to public safety. Also, the commanders who were there from Adelaide made special mention of how well the station was kept. They made comments that the trucks and everything were in such good condition that the only problem with the trucks, is that with the amount of Armor All on the seats, sometimes it is a bit hard to stay seated because they are so slippery. That is how shiny they keep their equipment. They have done a great job over the last year or so with some difficult fires, including a business fire that destroyed a few businesses on Maude Street in Victor Harbor earlier this year.

Victor Harbor was certainly a deserving winner, but I should also mention that Berri and Port Lincoln were the next two stations to follow. There was also the award that went to Kadina for being the most improved station. Kapunda won the most family friendly station. They believe it is very important, given that in these retained stations it is very much eating into family time. To bring this back to home, it was interesting at the dinner that halfway through the dinner the pagers went off and half the people at the dinner left for a callout to a grassfire.

Another interesting thing is that when they came back they had to seek the permission of the command, right up to the chief officer who was there, whether it was okay to leave the truck outside rather than take it back to the station. I want to thank all the emergency volunteers, particularly of the MFS, and I congratulate the Victor Harbor station on their win.

Time expired.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Hurtle Vale.

### **BIG NIGHT IN FUNDRAISER**

**Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (15:37):** Thank you so much, Deputy Speaker, and congratulations on the local win today. I would like to celebrate a fantastic night that we had at the Reynella Sports and Social Club. It was called the Big Night In and it was held in October. Many members would be aware of the Cancer Council's Girls' Night In, which is a fun way for women to raise funds and awareness for women's cancer research, prevention and support services while getting together with



friends. Women's cancer is prevalent, with one in eight women being diagnosed with breast cancer by the age of 85. In 2014 alone, 1,410 South Australian women were diagnosed with breast cancer. In addition, there are gynaecological cancers, which are also the focus of the fundraising events.

I was absolutely delighted to attend the Big Night In at the Reynella Sports and Social Club on Friday 19 October. A spin on the Girls' Night In, it started with an idea from Rachel and David Amey. Rachel was diagnosed with breast cancer only three months ago. They approached Tania and Sis Inthavong of Reynella footy club, the Wineflies, with the idea to organise a fundraiser for cancer. Tania and Sis said to leave it with them and from there they sought out the help of local legend, Dave Green, the club manager and club stalwart, with their function inquiry asking if they could organise something at the club. Dave tabled the idea. He got the backing of the committee and it rolled on from there.

The cancer fundraising committee snowballed—various clubs came together, pretty much all the users at the oval—and it included as a committee John and Dave from the Reynella Sports and Social Club, Tania and Sis from the footy club, Mel Brennan from the Hub Netball Club, Andrew and Debbie from the cricket club, Susanne from the tennis club, Peter from the Reynella bowls club and Nick from the Air Rifle and Smallbore Club, just to name a few. The committee discussed which foundation they would like to fundraise for, and Cancer Council SA was the winner. The Big Night In was created, and the idea was that the guests would wear cancer colours to create a theme for the room.

It was to be a great night. With the help of many donations, entertainment and planning support, the night was well received by locals in the area. There was delicious wood oven pizza supplied by Pizza Peppers, which was a big hit, as well as lots of excellent prizes donated for raffles and silent auctions. I would like to do a callout to some of the prize donors. There was a two-hour boat cruise donated by Magain Real Estate, a split-system air conditioner from Arctic Air, three nights in Kingscote donated by Villas on the Bay, and a framed Port versus Crows showdown picture donated by the Reynella Football Club.

There were two local bands who donated their time: In Harmony and Hire Ground. Allbiz Supplies provided the printing of the tickets, posters, banner, and also car signage for Dave Green's car. Allbiz owner Di Bellamy is always up for helping a cause. She is very, very generous and I thank her for that. Mike Dobbin from Magain Real Estate donated all the decorations and balloons for the event. Tony Siebert, General Manager Corporate Services at Cancer Council SA, assisted with an event manager. They provided tops to wear and fundraising materials. The room was a sea of pink and yellow as attendees took the invitation to 'show us your cancer colours' very, very seriously.

It was a fantastic evening—an event that saw various Hurtle Vale sporting groups work together towards a common cause to raise money for the Cancer Council. Congratulations to all the clubs who took part. It was a heart-warming initiative and an awesome night, and the people who attended dug deep and donated quite freely. The official total amount raised was a massive \$6,720. I have a feeling this will be the first of many Big Night In events at the Reynella Sports and Social Club.

It is a sad fact that everyone in our community seems to have been affected, either directly or indirectly, by cancer. On behalf of our community, I would like to take the opportunity to wish Rachel and David Amey much strength and love on the journey as Rachel fights her battle. I know their family very well and know that if it was someone else needing help they would be jumping in head first to help, along with sister Peta and the rest of their generous crew. So well done and congratulations, and I am sure the Cancer Council will put that money to great use. I know many members in this place support Cancer Council initiatives such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Daffodil Day.

I would like to close by thanking my wonderful trainee Chloe, who helped pull this information together. It was her first bid at helping me to get some information together for a grievance in the house. Thank you very much, Chloe; you have done an awesome job today.

## WORLD HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE DAY

**Mr DULUK (Waite) (15:42):** I rise to discuss World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, which was held on Saturday 13 October. The World Health Organization defines 'palliative care' as:

...an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual.

The focus of palliative care is about ensuring that an individual has dignity not only in dying but in dignified living right until the end of life. On October 18, I co-hosted a World Hospice and Palliative Care Day morning tea with the member for Kaurua, and I thank the member for Kaurua for his willingness to join me in bringing this important issue to the attention of our colleagues in this place. Our guests were from Palliative Care SA, the peak body for palliative care in South Australia. CEO, Tracey Watters, and her team do a tremendous job in upholding the principles of, and offering practical solutions in, palliative care to South Australians facing terminal illness.

I would also like to recognise and commend the important role of health workers, trained volunteers and all those involved in delivering quality palliative care to terminally ill South Australians. Palliative care cannot be delivered without their commitment and dedication. The morning tea was a chance to hear from people who have experienced palliative care and how a support system helps patients to live as actively as possible. It was a privilege to listen to the story of Su Seymour, who described her journey together with her daughter Jade, who became ill and sadly passed away at the age of 22.

Before a palliative care team assisted with Jade's care, Ms Seymour was overwhelmed and had a lot of difficulty in controlling Jade's pain. Su was Jade's main carer and was holding down a full-time job at the same time. When it was suggested a palliative care team could assist her, Ms Seymour was initially horrified. However, the team assessed Jade's needs and gave fantastic professional and emotional help throughout the whole journey. Ms Seymour told us, and I quote: 'It was not about waiting for Jade to die, it was at this stage that I realised that palliative care was about living.'

Having the support allowed Ms Seymour to be a mum to Jade, not just an overwhelmed carer. Providing high-quality palliative care in a range of settings, including in the home, is critical to ensuring that patients and their carers have their wishes respected. Palliative care goes beyond resuscitation. It also focuses on and addresses the broad array of concerns shared by dying patients and their families, such as fear about dying, understanding prognosis, achieving important end-of-life goals, and attending to physical needs.

Our challenge is to recognise that, with an ageing population in South Australia, the demand on palliative care services will increase, and that is very much the case both in Adelaide and the greater CBD and in many country areas as well. For many years I have been a strong proponent of increasing support to enhance services in palliative care, and I am very pleased that the state Liberal government is committed to improving palliative care options for South Australians.

The South Australian Liberal government went to the March 2018 election with a palliative care policy, and we committed to this policy in the recent state budget. We are investing \$16 million in palliative care services by providing 24/7 community outreach services, undertaking a statewide assessment of unmet need for palliative care and palliative services and establishing a statewide clinical network that will codesign and deliver a new palliative care service plan. Our policy is designed to help people manage pain and illness with dignity and assist them to live the last period of their life in accordance with their wishes.

The state Liberal government is making substantial investments in palliative care in a planned and systemic way together with those who work in that industry on a daily basis. World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a united day of action to support hospice and palliative care around the world and to create opportunities to speak out about this important issue. Broaching the subject can be daunting; however, good communication can facilitate the development of a comprehensive treatment plan that considers a patient's wishes and values. Fears can be allayed, pain and suffering can be minimised and most end-of-life issues can be resolved comfortably and with dignity.

*Bills***CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING FUND (BOARD) AMENDMENT BILL***Third Reading*

Adjourned debate on third reading (resumed on motion).

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:48):** I rise to conclude the remarks I commenced just before we moved on to other business. I was speaking about the government's approach to this bill and what motivates it, and that is in this bill, removing the requirement that employee representatives form part of the Construction Industry Training Board and instead converting it to a regime where the minister has discretion on who comprises the board.

The minister, present with us now, is a minister, as I was saying earlier, who has made no secret about how he feels about employee representatives and about the union movement more generally. He has been vociferous, strident and consistent in his criticism of those people who give up their careers or change jobs all in order, really, to represent the interests of working people and working South Australians in particular.

He is, for some reason that is unclear to us, the self-styled union buster of those opposite—the parliament's Patrick Corrigan, if you will. But to rebuff the sorts of claims and concerns that are echoing throughout the community, particularly amongst workers and their representatives, that they will no longer have access to the Construction Industry Training Board, the minister says, 'No, trust me. I can make the appointments, and there is nothing to say that as minister I will not make appointments of union representatives or other employee representatives.' Really?

If we look at those who have been appointed recently to the Training and Skills Commission, we can see very clearly that the minister does not believe that there is room for employee representatives. I cannot understand why. I am a member of a union and proudly so. Unfortunately, it is a dwindling union for a number of reasons, some of which are related to the Liberal Party of Australia—it is the Finance Sector Union, the union that represents those people working in the financial services industries or the banks.

Of course, we could spend a lot of time discussing the Liberal Party of Australia's approach to that particular industry. I am not sure what it is that sets off the minister and his bile-infected hatred of unions, whether it is the abolition of the six days a week, 12 hours a day working week, which Australians were subject to—

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Point of order: I ask that you bring the speaker back to the bill. We are—

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** Do you have a point of order to make?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Yes, the fact that—

**The Hon. S.C. Mullighan:** No, I was not speaking to you: I was calling across the chamber.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** —you are speaking outside the reference of the third reading speech and I ask, Mr Deputy Speaker, that you direct the member for Lee back in.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you, minister. I will listen carefully to the member's comments.

**The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN:** With regard to the Construction Industry Training Board, I am not sure why the minister believes unions or employee representatives do not have a welcome contribution to make, whether it is the longstanding history of achievement, the introduction of a reasonable working week—not six days a week, 12 hours a day—or the introduction of annual leave, sick leave, long service leave, awards, penalty rates, maternity leave, superannuation, equal pay for women, occupational health and safety legislation, or, of course, WorkCover.

With that history of achievement by employee representatives, you have to wonder why this bill and this minister choose to go after those people who strive to continue improving the lot of workers in the construction industries. Do we honestly believe that it would have been on the initiative of employers to come up with a rigorous, legally mandated and expensive training regime to make

sure that workers in the construction industry were adequately trained? Do we honestly believe that it was employers who put their hand up to say that what we should do is introduce the white card regime, or the yellow card regime to make sure that workers can be safer, either on site generally or perhaps working safely at heights, for example? Of course not.

These are the things in the construction industry that workers and their representatives have been responsible for pushing. It is workers who know what it is like to conduct the work in the industry. They know the risks involved. They know the toll that it can take on them physically and mentally, and that is why their interests need to be represented, particularly with regard to training.

As time has gone on, as the labour movement more generally—and I am talking about beyond just the establishment of the Australian Labor Party—has formed in this country and developed over the last more than 120 years, community standards have drastically increased when it comes to not only how workers are remunerated, and how they are legally protected from those who employ them, but also how they are looked after in the workplace, that they are kept safe and adequately trained and that they not only know how to do the work safely.

I would have thought that the minister, himself a former business owner, a former employer and a former apprentice—I am not quite sure what happened between then and now, but that is another issue—would know that a well-trained worker is not only a safe worker but a productive worker. Apparently, that is not of interest to the minister. What is of interest to the minister is making sure that the voices of workers and those who represent them are silenced. Instead, the only voices that get heard around the table of the Construction Industry Training Board are those voices that he himself wants to hear.

He is giving himself the unfettered power to appoint people to this position. Indeed, as we are seeing on the Training and Skills Commission, by and large those voices are those of employers and not of workers or their representatives. I think it is a shameful start for the minister. He can be congratulated and glad-handed on putting more money into training—not many people would disagree with that—but at the same time to be denuding workers of the opportunity to be represented in this forum, making sure that their needs and the industry's requirements are not heard from the worker's perspective, is terrible.

Those other boards, those other forums, those other round tables that currently require employee representatives to be heard, to have a seat around the table and to be listened to—are they next? Are we going to see a push by this Liberal government to say to South Australian public servants, 'Your right, enshrined in legislation, to have somebody popularly elected from contributors to the Super SA Board is now gone'? We know how the Liberal Party thinks about retail versus industry super funds.

Of course, it is important for corporate interests to be placed above the benefits of workers. That is what is happening with the Construction Industry Training Board. Is this what is going to happen to public servant superannuation? Is this what is going to happen to future appointments of ReturnToWorkSA, where we consider only the voices of levy-paying employers, rather than those of people who are in the best position to represent impacted workers?

This is a terrible bill by a government that should know better. I appreciate that, for whatever reason, the minister is very passionate about his ideological pursuit of trying to rid himself, his government and this state of the influence of employee representatives, but it is a sad day when we see either house of this parliament support this sort of legislation.

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:58):** I have just listened carefully to the remarks of the member for Lee. He may be hastening to depart the chamber, but I make the observation that in his remarks he was really preaching to an ever-diminishing choir.

In my remarks on the second reading speech, I repeated often enough—and the member for Ramsay asked that I perhaps desist in my repetition of reference to it—that knowledge, skills and experience are the criteria that the minister now must apply in terms of seeking out the merits upon which participants in the board will be placed. It bears emphasising in this context that clause 8 of the bill repeals both schedule 2 and schedule 3 of the act. For the benefit of those opposite, and for those who are following the debate, section 5 of the act at present requires that the minister form the board from persons nominated by both employer and employee associations.

More specifically, and to the member for Lee's complaint about the way in which that is presently structured, five persons are specified to be nominated by employer associations—five persons, no less. Three persons are to be nominated by the employee associations that are set out in the schedule—so, less. What we find in schedule 2 and schedule 3 is a narrow group of prescribed associations. As the act is presently drafted, we have a very narrow range of persons who are members of certain associations from whom may be nominated members of the board.

The bill would delete those schedules and amend section 5 of the act so as to make the only criteria for participation those who, together, have the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to enable the board to carry out its functions effectively—so no prescription. No longer will the act specify that unless you are a member of the Australian Building and Construction Workers Federation or the Australian Workers' Union or the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia or the Construction Forestry Maritime Mining Energy Union, you do not get a look in.

By the same token, it also deletes schedule 2, which provides that if you want one of those places on the board then you need to be a member of those listed employer associations set out in the relevant schedule. It bears emphasising, in light of what really sounded like remarks from the member for Lee that were all about placing on the record some sort of adherence to those to whom he may feel beholden, that really the overriding sentiment was a great deal of self-consciousness on the part of the member for Lee around what he regarded as being somehow under threat in these amendments.

Far from it: the bill opens the door to merit, and the bill opens the door to assessment criteria for participation based entirely on merit. That is plain on the face of the document. It removes prescription and leaves in its place only criteria based on merit. We need not be self-conscious on this side of the house, we need not be focused on a need to preach to that diminishing choir but, rather, we ought continue our focus on achieving the best outcomes by making sure that we attract the best people on the merits, based on skill, knowledge and experience. I commend the bill.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (16:04):** I would like to respond to some of the faux rage we have heard. First of all, I want to correct this illusion of crisis being generated by those opposite. There is no rush. This bill had its second reading 13 days ago and it has been on the table ever since, so I am not sure where the claim that it has been on the table for fewer than 10 days has come from. Unfortunately, that is wrong. It was 24 October when I introduced this bill with the second reading and it has been accessible to the shadow minister. I do not know how the Labor caucus operates, but I suspect that she is responsible for preparing a recommendation for the caucus.

For the benefit of those in the chamber, on 25 October, the day after the bill had its second reading, my office contacted the Hon. Clare Scriven and offered her a briefing. It was Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> before the Hon. Clare Scriven got back to my office. There were two follow-up calls from my office to the Hon. Clare Scriven in the other place. The only time the member was available was Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, which was yesterday, so we provided the briefing for the Hon. Clare Scriven at a time of her request.

We were very accommodating. We followed it up and contacted her the day after. We contacted the shadow minister 12 days ago to offer her a briefing on the bill. I know that she is new to this place, but I can tell you that I only wish I had had that service from the Labor Party when they were in government. I had to chase like crazy to get briefings on bills, and it was at a time that suited the government, rather than at a time that suited the opposition. That is fine; that was the way that the previous government and Labor Party operated in office. That is on the record.

There are two significant points here that dismiss the absolute hysteria, the faux hysteria, the illusion of crisis, the illusion of conspiracy that those opposite want to try to generate, just like when they were in office. They could not deliver good government, so they focused on creating an illusion of action, an illusion of things happening. They are now trying to create an illusion of crisis, an illusion of conspiracy. There is no conspiracy: this is about delivering training opportunities for those in the building sector in South Australia.

It is about getting the best possible value and best possible outcome from the significant amount of money being raised off the back of the mortgages of those very workers whom those opposite claim to represent. I find it somewhat amusing that the Leader of the Opposition grew up in middle-class suburbs around Mitcham and went to the most expensive Catholic school in the state, and the member for Lee, the son of a judge, went to Pulteney Grammar School. For some reason, they are the champions of the workers.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is a point of order, minister. Could you take a seat, please.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** My concern is relevance. I think personal commentary on people's—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Yes, I uphold the point of order. Minister.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Thank you, sir. The facts are that we are committed to delivering more training opportunities in the building industry in South Australia. There were changes recommended after the 2004 review that the previous government sat on, and why did they sit on it? Because they were much more interested in their next preselection, which required the support of the union movement.

**The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON:** Point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker: relevance to the bill. Preselections are not the focus of this bill.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Yes, the minister has the opportunity to respond to concerns that were raised in the third reading speech from the opposition. The minister will contain his remarks to those, given that it is the third reading.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I did not hear the member for Ramsay calling a point of order on the member for Lee when the member for Lee was making an outrageous attack on me. My brother is the assistant secretary of the CEPU, and he made outrageous allegations about my views on unions—totally hysterical, sir.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Minister, if I can just come in here, we are on the third reading. The standing orders are quite specific about what can be contained within the third reading speeches. What you will need to do particularly is to contain yourself to a response to those third reading speeches.

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Thank you very much, sir. Just for the benefit of the parliament, the department has put together a quick summary of the make-up of similar bodies—construction training and industry boards—in other states, and a summary of the type of discretion the minister has.

In the ACT—we all know that it is naturally a Labor state—the minister has broad ministerial discretion to appoint the board. Obviously, there is a process. The appointment method is that the minister is to consider the contribution the person can make to the goals and objectives of the government in governing the board and any criteria in government policy. As you can see, it is criteria that gives the minister substantial discretion to make sure they get the best person for that role.

In Tasmania, there is broad ministerial discretion. There, the minister is to give public notice inviting expressions of interest to board appointments—a radical process, according to those opposite. According to the proposal we are putting through our amendments, it is a radical proposal by people who hate the unions, apparently. However, here we are in Tasmania. A board was set up in 1990 and the criteria there is that the minister gives public notice for expressions of interest for board appointments.

In Western Australia, there is a very similar set-up. The composition of the board contains industry representation and independent members. Members are appointed by the minister after consultation with prescribed lists, so there is ministerial discretion subject to consultation with the industry—ministerial discretion. Queensland, again, has broad ministerial discretion. In South Australia, the minister is obligated to accept nominations from employer and employer obligations—limited ministerial discretion. The limit is that it is either appoint those who are nominated from either one of those two groups or do not appoint anybody. That is the limit of the discretion.

As you can see, Mr Deputy Speaker, what we are doing is modernising the board. We have looked at best practice around Australia where it is working. The current South Australian model is

unique, as there is no other model like it. It is the most prescriptive model we have and is a model that inhibits any ministerial discretion.

If it was so important that the unions had a dedicated position on boards, such as the CITB, as the Labor Party opposite are arguing, why did they design a TAFE board that had full ministerial discretion? What could be more important than vocational education and TAFE? If it was so important for the workers to be represented, if you believe the argument from those opposite, when they separated TAFE from the government process and made it a statutory body why did they not have compulsory positions set aside for union members? Why did they not do it? It is because it is all phony. It is faux rage over there. It is hypocrisy on the other side of the chamber and it is a faux conspiracy.

The facts are that this bill is about getting much better outcomes for apprenticeships, traineeships and skills in general in the building industry in South Australia and that is the only motivation.

Bill read a third time and passed.

### **STATUTES AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) BILL**

#### *Second Reading*

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 24 October 2018.)

**Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (16:16):** I rise today to speak in support of the Statutes Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill 2018. In doing so, I note that the briefing in relation to the bill only occurred just a few days ago and that it would have been better for all who are very deeply engaged with the bill on both sides of the house, and indeed for the many people whom this bill will impact, to have had a little more time to fully consider every aspect of it to ensure its efficacy, given its deep importance to our community. The introduction—

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Reynell, could you just indicate whether or not you are the lead speaker?

**Ms HILDYARD:** Yes.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You are the lead speaker, thank you.

**Ms HILDYARD:** The introduction of the bill follows an inquiry that I was very proud to have moved, which proceeded in 2014 and 2015 through the Social Development Committee, an inquiry that looked into the many aspects of the very sad prevalence of domestic violence and the ongoing need for appropriate funding for both prevention and response for impactful legislation and policy. It also follows the pressing need to continuously and relentlessly engage our community in the prevention and eradication of this terrible and shamefully persistent scourge. It also follows a deep focus on prevention and eradication by our former Labor government and a number of members on the other side of this house also.

For me, it also follows numerous conversations and actions over decades that involved standing up with and for the remarkable, tireless, deeply dedicated workers who work in domestic violence services across South Australia. For me, as is the case for many in this place, it also follows way too many personal conversations with colleagues, family members, friends, community members and acquaintances who have their own story of domestic violence about the lasting impact it has had on their lives, relationships, confidence and wellbeing and also often on the lives of their children and the lives of many around them whom they love. It also follows the Social Development Committee's inquiry recommendations, the discussion paper developed by our former Labor government and, rightly, the growing sentiment across our communities that the terrible scourge that is domestic violence absolutely must end.

The impetus for this legislation is, of course, also the highly disturbing facts about domestic violence that demand that all of us in this place do whatever we can to end its terrible prevalence. The fact that one in three women is subject to violence at some time in their lives, starting from the age of 15; that more than one woman per week in Australia is killed as a result of domestic violence;

that domestic violence situations often worsen when a woman is pregnant or close after she has given birth; that domestic violence has a profound impact on children who witness it and, in some cases, can constitute child abuse; that women are most at risk of violence in the home from men they know, and the most common location for all physical assaults against women is in the home; that one-third of people seeking specialist homelessness services have experienced domestic violence; and that domestic violence is now one of the leading causes of death in Australia for women under 45.

As these facts show, domestic violence is terrifyingly and shamefully prevalent in our South Australian communities. These facts are deeply shocking and utterly unacceptable. The gender inequality that lies as its root cause is also deeply persistent and utterly unacceptable. We must continue to do all we can in this place and together with community members in every corner of our state. We must continue to do all we can in those communities to shift this gender inequality, to change the way that men's and women's roles are perceived and to prevent and end this scourge of domestic violence and, indeed, all violence against women. Violence against women is never ever okay.

In relation to the broader issue of violence against women, last Thursday I attended and spoke at a community vigil at the Colonnades shopping centre in my electorate of Reynell to honour a woman who was killed there the week before. The vigil was organised by local woman Melanie whom I take this opportunity to deeply thank for her enormous heart and willingness to work to bring our community together following this horrific killing. She is passionate about a community free of all violence against women and her preparedness to use her voice, however she can to speak out against domestic violence, and indeed all violence against women, is exemplary.

Melanie's voice and her willingness to step forward have already made a difference and will continue to do so. I thank her for her wisdom and her passion. I thank everyone who attended the vigil to mourn, to look after one another, to pay their respects to this woman and her family, and to shine a light on the terrible scourge of violence against women in our community. Together, as a community in the south, we will continue to raise our voices in sorrow at this shocking killing but also with deep unabating and relentless anger—anger that women continue to be killed and assaulted, including in a public place as was the case just two weeks ago, including in their homes, including those whom they are or have been in a relationship with.

Every woman in every corner of our community must feel and be safe wherever she happens to be. We must do whatever we can to ensure that there is not one more woman nor indeed anyone assaulted or killed in our community; not one more assault; not one more misuse of power to cause psychological, emotional, financial or mental harm; not one more woman feeling unsafe at home or indeed anywhere else.

Tragically, we cannot bring back the 58 women who have been killed in Australia this year nor can we heal the many physical, emotional and mental wounds that have been caused through domestic violence. But together we can create a different future where we shift the way women and men are perceived, a future where no-one thinks it is okay to control someone through violence, a future where violence is never an option, a future where we have true gender equality where every woman feels and is safe at home and wherever she goes, a future where no child is forced to mourn their mother. I hope that the bill we are discussing today will take us some way forward in making that future possible.

As mentioned, following the Social Development Committee's 2014-15 inquiry into all aspects of domestic violence, recommendations were made in relation to prevention, funding and a range of other issues. Following these recommendations and extensive consultation, as also mentioned, the former Labor government released a discussion paper on domestic violence in July 2016. Much of that work and the resulting discussion paper have formed the backbone of this legislation.

I understand that the government has also undertaken a four-week consultation on a draft bill and received 35 written submissions, as well as 600 responses to an online survey. Whilst this is a short consultation, we acknowledge that much of the work and consultation were done by the previous government, and we are pleased that the feedback received through the most recent consultation has also been used to shape this bill.



This bill creates a new offence of choking, suffocating or strangling a person where the defendant and the victim are or have been in a relationship. This change has been made by the Queensland government. It also provides for a presumption against bail for a person taken into custody in relation to this proposed new offence. Choking and strangulation are known to be precursors to domestic violence-related deaths, and it is important that the legislation creates this new offence.

The bill allows a recording made by a police officer of a victim making a statement to be used as evidence. Some requirements need to be met for this to be admissible but, if met, it is believed that this will ensure that a person who has experienced domestic violence will, thankfully, not need to retell their story in court. I understand this change is modelled on New South Wales legislation. A core focus of Labor policy in this area has been to ensure that there are adequate supports available to empower those who have experienced domestic violence, and we will continue to do what we can to ensure that those supports are in place.

In relation to part 3—the amendment of Evidence Act to insert section 13BB, which focuses on the use of police recordings as evidence to be used later in court—we must support those who have experienced domestic violence through the situations that will arise as a result of this change. I support this amendment but will ask questions about this particular aspect during the committee stage—again, to ensure that the necessary supports are in place for women going through these processes.

The bill also gives the court the ability to make an interim variation to a final order on application by a police officer. At present, an application for a variation must allow the Commissioner of Police, the defendant and each person protected by an order the opportunity to be heard on the matter. This makes it difficult to get a variation in place as soon as possible to protect someone.

If this bill is passed, the Youth Court will have the power to declare a domestic violence order made in any jurisdiction to be a recognised domestic violence order in this jurisdiction. Currently, only the Magistrates Court can do that. It would also add a \$20,000 fine to the penalty for the breach of a term of an intervention order, as well as a higher maximum penalty for a second or subsequent breach or a breach that involved physical violence or a threat of physical violence.

Lastly, this bill extends the list of reasons an intervention order can be issued to include forced marriage, threatening to distribute invasive images without consent, and preventing a person from entering the person's own primary place of residence. Whilst these are just examples and not an exhaustive list, the court can determine other reasons for an intervention order to be issued. We on this side of the house are considering other issues that may be included in this area.

In closing, I again state my support for this bill. I fervently hope that it spurs even more conversation by all of us in our communities about how we can ensure that not one more woman is subject to domestic violence in any form, to ensure that women and their children are safe and to ensure that together we can stamp out the gender inequality that lies at the root cause of so much domestic violence and violence against women.

As I have said in this house before, as community leaders not only must we speak up for as long as it takes to end domestic violence but we must engender and encourage the voices of others however we can. It is incumbent upon us to find ways to encourage conversations and actions in our communities. We need to work to make sure that everybody in our community feels comfortable to speak up and out about what they are experiencing, to seek help or to check in on their neighbours, their loved ones and their friends. Together, we must continue to take steps to end domestic violence, and I support this bill in the hope that it will help us to keep taking those much-needed steps forward.

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (16:30):** I rise to speak in support of this bill and to be a voice for anyone in my electorate living in violence. This bill gives effect to the government's election commitment to increase the penalties for breaches of domestic violence related to intervention orders. The intention is to deter abusers and predators. We on this side have committed to work tirelessly to end the epidemic of domestic violence in South Australia. The bill also enhances other aspects of domestic violence that were talked about but not taken up by the former government.

We on this side are prioritising legislation and reform around domestic violence. Why is this important? Eleven: that is how many Australian women were violently killed in the past month alone. Already this year 58 females have been killed, primarily at the hands of men, allegedly usually by men they know. This number has already surpassed the 53 who died in 2017, and there are still two months of the year left. But in October alone the number of females who died in violent circumstances skyrocketed. If 11 people had been killed by shark attacks last month or 11 people killed by terrorists last month, what would we be doing? What would we be talking about, what would be on the front page of our papers and why are these numbers going up?

I am thankful for the shift in public conversation around domestic violence. Cases that have previously been written off as accidents, especially in remote areas and Indigenous communities, are now being taken more seriously. I do think that more and more women are coming into the media to talk. More politicians are asking and talking about this scourge, and more women are telling their stories. When I was on council in the last four years, I raised domestic violence twice in the chamber, and I was told by one of the senior elected community leaders to stop shoving domestic violence down people's throats. Well, I was not quiet then and I will not be quiet now.

We know that the reported deaths are only the tip of the iceberg. These deaths do not include the women who escape the violence, the hospitalisation, the injuries, the burns, the standard running into the doorknob. Then there are the injuries that people do not even see: the financial, emotional and sexual abuse between partners. Then there is the child abuse of children witnessing and being used as pawns in the violence, the controlling behaviour, the terrifying fights that leave kids shaking under the bed or, as in my case as a child, holding onto each other in the bathroom, listening. When police are called out to the thousands of disturbances in South Australia, we are told that at least 60 per cent of the time children are witnessing this violence.

Our government cares about every person living the best life possible; therefore, we will work with our community to prevent family violence. Why are we increasing penalties for domestic violence? As a government and as a community, we stand united in our view that domestic violence is unacceptable in any form. We strongly believe that prevention is the key to combating domestic and family violence. Out of 23 convictions for homicide last year in South Australia, 10 were related to domestic violence—a staggering, sobering statistic.

While men are also reported to be victims, statistically SAPOL data shows that the majority—about 80 per cent—of victims of domestic violence are women and that a high proportion of perpetrators are partners or former partners. There has never been a more important time to strengthen our laws in this state around domestic violence. Across the country, in October alone, too many women were killed, most in the context of current and former intimate relationships, the others also suspected to have died at the hands of male perpetrators. While men living in Australia are far less likely to be killed by an intimate partner, especially if they have never been abusive to that partner, women have a one in four chance of experiencing emotional, physical or sexual violence in at least one of their relationships.

So what are we doing? In the bill we have created an offence for strangulation, with a maximum penalty of seven years in prison. Non-lethal strangulation has been identified as one of the top risk factors in cases where people were later killed by their partners. Queensland already has a stand-alone offence of strangulation, which has also been recommended in other jurisdictions. The bill increases the penalties for repeat breaches of intervention orders and those breaches that involve serious physical harm in the first instance. By strengthening the penalty, we will send a stronger message to the community that this type of offending will not be tolerated and that those who do offend will face severe consequences.

The bill changes the Evidence Act to allow for the admission of recordings taken by police. This is also currently being used in New South Wales. Under this change, police will be able to record on-the-spot statements that will take the place of victims having to give evidence later in court. The bill expands the definition of 'abuse' under the intervention orders to include forced marriage, preventing a person from entering that person's place of residence, and threatening to distribute invasive images of a person without their consent. The bill amends the Bail Act 1985 to provide a presumption against bail for a person taken into custody in relation to the new strangulation offence.

The bill clarifies that the new strangulation offence applies where the victim and the defendant are or have been in a relationship. The bill allows for the making of an interim variation to a final intervention order. This amendment was requested by the Chief Magistrate, as the current process does not allow for a variation, and does not allow for an immediate increase in protections due to the requirement to give the defendant a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

When I was doorknocking only a couple weeks ago, I asked a man for his thoughts on the speed limit on the road that he lived on. As he was answering my question about local issues, his wife, whom I could not quite see in the hallway, tried to make a suggestion from inside their house. He told her in a stern voice to 'just shut up'. What is this woman's life like if he feels confident to speak to her in such a disrespectful way in front of me?

Last week, I was walking on King William Street and a man was making angry comments loudly to everyone and directing some to a scared, tired, unhappy-looking woman walking ahead of him. I looked at her to see if she was okay and she told me, 'I am so sorry.' She was apologising to me for his behaviour. I said to her, 'You have nothing to apologise for. Can you please keep yourself safe.' Then he yelled at me to mind my own business and took her off in another direction. What is this woman's life like?

Too many children and women are living amongst us in a community where they are not safe. Too many children are growing up and seeing disrespectful and violent behaviour that they may grow up thinking is normal. It is not a child's responsibility to keep themselves safe and they have a right to know how to ask for help when they need it. This is where early-years protective behaviours education comes in. I will speak more about this later, and I will speak more about this with every opportunity I have in this house.

We have a local societal problem that is condoning disrespect and violence. We only have to stop and look at adults' behaviour online. Just look at this online bullying. Please speak up for the women and children who do not have a voice. This is imperative in building a stronger, safer community.

This bill was the subject of a broad, four-week public consultation, which included a mail-out to relevant stakeholders and an online survey. Thirty-five written submissions and 600 responses to the online survey were received. Under the former Labor government, a domestic violence discussion paper was launched but with little action. Unlike the former government, this government is prioritising legislation and reform around domestic and family violence. We have a stand-alone assistant minister for the prevention of domestic and family violence and have already held a number of round tables in both the city and the regions to talk with our community about how we tackle these issues.

This government has also recently launched the domestic violence disclosure scheme, which allows those who think they are at risk to make an application for disclosure of a partner's relevant offending by the police. This week, bar staff at pubs across the state are being trained to aid patrons who use a code word to ask if they feel unsafe. We in the Marshall Liberal government care about people and we are making real changes to keep South Australians safer, but the culture change can only happen if all of us are part of this change.

Did you know that in South Australia one in four children will be reported to the Child Abuse Report Line by the age of 10? This is absolutely unacceptable. It is imperative that we act to make women and children safer in South Australia. Research shows that children who have been neglected or abused are at a greater risk of engaging in criminal activity and entering the youth judicial system. If we want to build fewer prisons, we need to prevent child abuse and neglect. If we want to provide fewer hospital beds, we must prevent child abuse and neglect.

Key statistics on the care section in Australia include that 35 per cent of young people experience homelessness within the first year of leaving care, 46 per cent of boys with care experience have had contact with the justice system and 29 per cent of young people who have experienced out-of-home care are unemployed. The whole community will benefit socially and economically if we put a stop to family violence and put a stop to child abuse. We must play our part and act now.

For the past five years, I have been advocating for age-appropriate early-years child protection education. It is generally accepted that children are taught to stay safe while using electrical equipment, knives and scissors, and they are taught to be sun smart. As a community, we need to take a stronger approach to take the same approach when teaching children how to deal with other people. We need to teach them what respectful behaviour looks and sounds like.

Our South Australian Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum, mandated in South Australia, needs to be taught effectively to all children if we are to break the cycle of abuse in South Australia. May I make it clear that this is not the Safe Schools program. Information about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum program is available from your child's school or preschool. Please speak to your child's teacher or you can look up this information on the Department for Education website.

To facilitate positive change in our culture, we must give our children the knowledge and language to know what being safe and unsafe feels like. We must teach them about boundaries, respect, consent and we must give them the language to speak up about any experience that makes them feel anxious, unsafe, scared or confused. Our MPs across this house must unite and collaborate to stop family violence and make South Australia safer. South Australians do not want political bickering on this subject of safety. Those opposite and the government must find common ground to actively make a real change.

South Australians do not want social commentary: they want action. With a collective approach, we can make so much progress for people living in South Australia. I am hopeful that with the help and courage of my community in King, we can achieve this cultural change and empower children. Our silence is enabling abusers. To any community member who may hear this speech, I have an important favour to ask you: please ask your child's teacher if they are teaching the South Australian Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum and ask them how they have embedded this into their curriculum. If they are not teaching the curriculum, ask them why not.

The Marshall Liberal government is delivering on its key election commitments to address the scourge of domestic violence by investing more than \$11.9 million over the next four years on a suite of measures to support women and children at risk in South Australia. The 2018 state budget includes a raft of positive measures to address domestic violence in South Australia. Domestic violence services will be enhanced to work with the community, and more activities will be advocating for the prevention of domestic, family and sexual violence.

The Minister for Human Services, Michelle Lensink, said that the multimillion dollar funding boost highlighted the Liberal government's commitment to help reduce the scourge of domestic violence. The Marshall Liberal government is committed to doing whatever we can to ensure that women living in a violent or abusive relationship are better able to access immediate support. We are serious about making South Australia a safer community. I thank the Attorney-General for the bill and I support it.

**Dr HARVEY (Newland) (16:46):** I am very pleased to rise today in support of the Statutes Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill 2018. Domestic violence is, indeed, a scourge in our society and its prevalence is truly horrifying. According to a number of different bodies, there are as many as one in five Australian women who has experienced sexual violence since the age of 15; one in four women who has experienced emotional abuse by a current or former partner since the age of 15; and, on average, in Australia one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner. In fact, more have died so far this year than in all of 2017. Almost 40 per cent of women continue to experience violence from their partner while temporarily separated. In South Australia, of the 23 convictions for homicide last year, 10 were related to domestic violence, which is over 40 per cent.

The fact that there are women and children in our very own neighbourhoods, who in their own homes live in fear of, most often, someone close to them is a cruel cancer on our society. It is certainly true that violence against anyone, irrespective of their gender, is unacceptable, but it is an uncomfortable fact that, far and away, the majority of victims of domestic violence are women—in fact, around 80 per cent of all cases—with a high proportion of perpetrators being a current or former partner.

The bill before us today sends a strong message to perpetrators and potential perpetrators that their behaviour will not be tolerated, that our society will not turn a blind eye and that our laws will ensure that perpetrators face consequences for their actions. In demonstrating this, we will hopefully be able to get through to those who, for some reason, are not persuaded by basic standards of human decency and respect.

Non-lethal strangulation is one of the clearest warning signs that someone could take the life of another. The bill provides that should a person be found guilty of strangulation in a domestic setting, whether the setting be between husbands and wives, partners, siblings or parents and children, that person can be imprisoned for a maximum of seven years. This will hopefully put an end to the abuse before the worst possible outcome becomes a reality.

Importantly, the bill provides for there to be a presumption against bail for a person taken into custody in relation to this offence. The bill also increases the penalties for breaches of intervention orders, particularly for repeat breaches. A person found to be repeatedly breaching an intervention order will now face a maximum penalty of \$20,000 or four years' imprisonment. This demonstrates how seriously our society takes breaches of intervention orders and sends a message to offenders that we will not tolerate their behaviour.

A sensible measure included in the bill is the amendment to the Evidence Act, which will allow for victims' statements, recorded by police, to be used in court. There is no doubt that victims who face their perpetrators in court are unbelievably brave; however, they should not need to relive their trauma on the stand. I could not imagine the emotional upheaval that a person would go through having to answer questions in front of their abuser, particularly when they had at some point been in a relationship of trust and interdependence with the abuser. This is a very sensible measure and one that I hope will increase the number of abusers being punished for their behaviour.

This bill also expands the definition of abuse under the Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act. The definition would be expanded to include forced marriage, entering a person's place of residence and threatening to distribute invasive images of a person without their consent. These are all worthy additions to the definition, and I am particularly pleased to see the inclusion of threatening to distribute invasive images. Such threats are clearly a form of abuse in isolation from any other action but could also be used to dissuade a victim from reporting other forms of abuse.

This bill was informed by weeks of public consultation. It demonstrates how the government is prioritising measures to address domestic and family violence. I am also proud to be part of a government that has committed significant additional financial resources in the recent budget to tackle domestic violence. The Marshall government has committed \$9 million for domestic and family violence beds, which includes \$4 million for 40 additional domestic and family violence crisis beds and \$5 million for interest-free loans for non-government domestic violence organisations to fund housing-related capital projects, including expansions, renovations and upgrades.

There is \$1.7 million for the Women's Safety Services SA crisis hotline to operate 24 hours a day, \$624,000 for peak body funding for the South Australian Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services to enhance its community work and activities for the prevention of domestic violence, \$510,000 to the Office for Women to support a 12-month statewide trial of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme and \$150,000 for the development of a personal protection app linking at-risk individuals directly to South Australia Police and women's domestic violence services.

The bill before us today introduces a number of very important measures that tackle domestic violence, as does the recent budget. It is also important to remind us of the broader cultural change that is required to ultimately deal with the scourge of domestic violence at its source. As a former prime minister and others have said, 'While not all disrespect ends in violence, the cycle of violence certainly starts with disrespect.'

I believe that the 'Stop it at the start' federal ad campaign from a number of years ago hits the nail on the head in terms of this issue. For those who have not seen it, the ad starts with a young boy shutting a door in the face of a girl of a similar age as she was following him. That behaviour is excused by the adult in the room, telling her, 'He is only doing it because he likes you.' This ad is followed by a series of increasingly worse examples of behaviour as they both get older, to the point where she is subjected to violence with him standing over her in a threatening fashion.

We need to be more awake and active in countering this kind of behaviour in our community. It much more frequently occurs towards women than it does men. It is completely unacceptable and feeds the kind of environment that ultimately can lead to violence. A number of years ago, I remember attending a local community event where I spoke with a woman I knew through another context. An older man approached, introduced himself to me and gave me his card. He then introduced himself to the woman, gave her his card and exclaimed, 'This is for you to keep under your pillow.' It was not funny. She clearly felt uncomfortable, and his comment had the effect of making her feel more powerful and her less.

A number of weeks ago, I heard a story from many years ago from someone who used to travel away for work. This was something that she often did. On one particular occasion she stayed up late with a few work colleagues. As she was on her way back to her hotel room, a particular guy who happened to be there with them followed her and attempted to force his way into her room. Another example is someone else I know who went on an overseas trip as part of a tour. As often happens, a group of them had a number of drinks in the evening, then one of the guys there attempted to inappropriately touch her without any permission whatsoever.

Another story I heard just recently from many years ago was about a guy who apparently was one of the cool guys in his particular group. He decided to throw a girl into a swimming pool. There are numerous cases of girls walking down the street minding their own business with unwanted critiques of their body being offered by Neanderthals screaming from their cars passing by and also of getting a girl really drunk in the hope that she might change her mind. Another example is a guy continuing to pin a girl down on the bed after being repeatedly told that she did not want to go any further.

So many women can tell stories like these, and the fact of the matter is that most of us guys cannot. That is not to say that such behaviour towards men is not just as unacceptable; it certainly is. It is also certainly true that the vast majority of men do not behave in this way, but we need to acknowledge that there is an imbalance between men and women on this issue and that men play a very important role in, obviously, not behaving like that but also in calling it out when we see it.

I have two daughters, a mother, a sister and many friends and colleagues who are women, but this is not about me, and the fact that I have those connections quite frankly is irrelevant. This is really about saying that that behaviour is disrespectful and that when that behaviour demeans and creates a sense of power of one person over another it is just not okay. I do believe, as I said in my first speech in this place, that this is a problem that will ultimately be addressed, and the example of mutual respect we set for our sons and our daughters—the example as fathers to sons and daughters, in particular, and the way that fathers interact with the mother of their children—is important and it has a lasting impact.

I am proud to be part of a government that has begun the important work of tackling domestic violence. This bill is a very significant advance in that area, but there is indeed still much more work to do. I would like in particular to commend the Deputy Premier for her work in this area, as well as the Minister for Human Services in the other place and the Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention. I commend this bill to the house.

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (16:56):** As a government, and as a community, we stand united in our view that domestic violence is unacceptable in any form, and so it is a great privilege to rise today and speak in support of the Statutes Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill 2018.

This bill not only gives effect to our election commitments but also sends a clear message to our community and to those who come to reside in South Australia about what we consider acceptable behaviour and what behaviour related to domestic violence will not be tolerated in our state. We know the shocking statistics related to domestic violence that plague our community, with one in three Australian women having experienced physical violence since the age of 15 and one in five Australian women having experienced sexual violence; put another way, this means that on average one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner.

In 2016, there were more than 8,400 reported occasions of domestic violence in South Australia. Further, last month alone nine women were killed, seven allegedly in the context of a current or former relationship. Out of the 23 convictions for homicide last year in South Australia,

10 were related to domestic violence, so there has never been a more important time to strengthen laws around domestic violence—and this is exactly what this bill does. I am proud that as a new government we are prioritising this.

In particular, this bill, which was subject to a four-week public consultation process, seeks to increase the penalties for repeated breaches of intervention orders, create a new offence for strangulation, allow evidence recorded by police to be used in court and expand the definition of aggravated domestic abuse. By introducing tougher penalties for intervention order breaches (previously called domestic violence retraining orders), and those breaches that involve serious physical violence in the first instance, we are sending a clear message to our community that this type of offending will not be tolerated and that those who do offend in this way will face severe consequences. This is so vitally important, given that intervention orders exist in the first place to set clear boundaries for perpetrators and, most importantly, to protect people from their abuser.

As mentioned, the bill creates an offence for strangulation. We know that hands are the weapon of choice for perpetrators of domestic violence, and for many this extends beyond hitting and includes choking and strangling a partner. Non-lethal strangulation has been identified as one of the top risk factors in cases where people were later killed by partners. A Queensland university report showed that a woman whose partner attempts to strangle her is eight times—eight times—more likely to end up dead.

Clause 6 inserts a new stand-alone offence of choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting; that is, the new offence applies where the victim and the defendant are or have been in a relationship. The new offence has a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment and will apply if a person who is or has been in a relationship with another person chokes, suffocates or strangles that person without their consent. There is no requirement that harm be intended or caused; rather, it is the conscious and voluntary act of choking, suffocating or strangulation that proves the offence.

This legislative reform has been well received by the community, as the consultation showed that 67 per cent of the respondents said that this was an appropriate change to the law. Nevertheless, should there be anyone in the community who may be wondering why we would want to create a new offence, rather than simply rely on existing offences, such as causing harm or endangering life or attempted murder, I would like to highlight that it is through the creation of this new offence that we are effectively increasing the penalty for this behaviour where no harm is caused. Further, we are acknowledging the inherent dangerousness of this behaviour and that it is a predictor of future serious or fatal domestic violence incidents, and we are educating the police and the community along the way.

In addition to this new offence, new subsection (4) provides an alternative verdict of assault where a jury is not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the strangulation offence has been established. Interestingly, a similar offence was introduced in Queensland in 2016, with almost 800 people charged within the first 12 months—clearly showing the need for action. Linked to the new strangulation offence is an amendment to section 10A of the Bail Act 1985 to provide a presumption against bail for a person taken into custody in relation to the new strangulation offence—a good move indeed.

Another key feature of the bill is the insertion of new section 13BB into the Evidence Act 1929 to allow for the admission of recordings taken by police. In many cases, domestic violence offences may not be prosecuted. This can happen for a range of reasons, including a victim withdrawing their evidence due to fear or pressure from their abuser or a desire to no longer go ahead with the court process. Allowing video and audio recording taken by police to be admissible in court will help authorities gather the evidence they need to prosecute. In addition, this new provision will help reduce stress and trauma for victims associated with the court process.

As mentioned, the bill expands the definition of domestic violence. When an offence is classified as aggravated, harsher penalties apply. Under current law, domestic violence is classified as aggravated if it occurs against a current or former spouse, current or former domestic partner, or certain children. The bill expands the definition to include relationships such as grandchild, sibling, carer, person related according to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship rules and members

of some other culturally recognised family groups. This means that an abuser's criminal record will more clearly show that their offence was domestic abuse. By way of background, this is because aggravated offences list the specific circumstances of the incident, which is not required for a basic offence.

Finally, clause 9 of the bill expands the list of examples of emotional psychological harm to include forced marriages, threatening to distribute invasive images without consent and preventing the person from entering the person's primary place of residence. By capturing more circumstances that represent domestic and family violence, such as forced marriage and threats to distribute invasive photos without consent, we can intervene earlier to protect people from family violence.

Whilst this bill is a key part of our strong commitment to end domestic violence, it is only one of several initiatives that this government is taking to reduce the prevalence and impact of domestic and family violence. In addition to strengthening our laws, we have announced an incredible \$11.9 million of new investment over the next four years in combating domestic and family violence. This funding will see us deliver on all our election commitments related to domestic and family violence and implement a range of initiatives which will include the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme commenced in early October and provides an avenue for a person who may be at risk of domestic violence to get relevant information about their partner or former partner to help them make decisions about their safety and the future of their relationship. A request for information can be made online by either the person who is feeling unsafe in the relationship or a person who is concerned about the welfare of someone they know—a sister, niece, a brother, whatever the case may be.

By knowing whether their partner has a violent history of offending, people will be better placed to make informed decisions about their future and potentially prevent domestic violence from occurring in the first place. One of the key aspects of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme is that, regardless of whether there is information to disclose or not—that is, whether their partner has a record of violent history—applicants will be connected with specialist domestic violence services. I think that is one of the greatest strengths of our Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

We are also establishing a 24-hour domestic violence crisis hotline. Currently, the South Australian domestic violence crisis hotline operates during business hours only. This line has been in operation for almost 30 years and I think it stands as a dark shame on the previous Labor government for not providing funding to ensure this line could operate 24/7. We know domestic violence does not only occur during business hours, so the new Liberal government has provided \$1.6 million over the next four years to Women's Safety Services to enable the crisis hotline to expand its services from business hours to operate 24 hours, seven days a week. This initiative will help ensure that hundreds more women, children, people who are living in a violent or abusive relationship are able to access immediate and specialist support from experts trained in the field.

Another initiative of this government is the development of a personal protection app, which involves \$150,000 having been allocated in the recent state budget for the development of a personal protection app linking at-risk individuals directly to South Australia Police and women's domestic violence services. The development of a personal protection app will be delivered through adapting an existing app. The adaptation will provide a safety measure for women assessed by the Domestic Violence Crisis Line and/or regional specialist women's domestic violence services as being in medium to high risk.

Our other initiatives will see the Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services, which was an unfunded peak body for South Australian domestic violence services under the previous Labor government, receive peak body funding. This funding, made by the new Liberal government, will enable the South Australian Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services to coordinate its activities across the state, provide advice to government, support its members through information sharing and experience, and work with the community to prevent domestic, family and sexual violence.

We have also committed to providing an additional 40 domestic and family violence crisis beds. The exact locations and service models will be determined in consultation with the domestic



and family violence sector. I am proud that we have already completed five domestic and family violence round tables: one in metropolitan Adelaide and four across the regions.

Most importantly, we are currently developing a new framework for the prevention of domestic and family violence, stopping it at the start by building three pillars of response: primary prevention, service and support, and justice. The framework will be action focused, incorporating the election commitments we made and are now delivering, and will reflect the diverse needs of different population groups.

These are just a few of the activities we are undertaking to address domestic and family violence, in addition to the bill being debated in parliament today. Everyone has the right to feel safe in their homes, at their kitchen tables and in their family relationships. No one government or organisation alone can end domestic violence, but together we can look to eliminate domestic violence and create a community where women, children and men feel safe in their homes.

This bill is an important step to this end. I commend the bill to the house, and I acknowledge the Attorney-General for her incredible work in introducing this much-needed and long-awaited legislative response to domestic and family violence.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Kaurna, I will give you the call.

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (17:11):** Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I commend you for your excellent chairmanship of the house.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** It is best that we alternate.

**Mr PICTON:** That is right, it is best that we alternate. Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I appreciate the call, because I rise to support this very important piece of legislation. The Statutes Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill is yet another step towards ending domestic violence, family violence and violence against women in our state. It is a horrible scourge in our society and has sadly been a feature, not just in South Australia but across the whole world, for far too long.

There are far too many women who are living in fear within abusive relationships. There are far too many children who live in fear and grow up in a fearful environment. It results in the awful destruction of families for generations, and is the root of many issues in our society. We all need to stand together as members of parliament and as government officials to work towards saying that enough is enough—not one more.

We need to do everything we can to prevent domestic violence from occurring, and if it does occur we need to make sure that justice is swift. We need to focus on ensuring offenders receive necessary punishments and that women and children who are victims of domestic violence are protected. Our laws have come a long way in that regard. If you go back 30, 40 or 50 years, the laws were not at all shaped in order to protect women and children; they were shaped to protect the perpetrators.

Our laws were such that if police turned up at a domestic dispute after somebody had called them out, they would essentially take the perpetrator's viewpoint, even if there was clear evidence that violence had occurred. That is how our laws were shaped. We have been progressively changing those laws to make sure that we are protecting victims and bringing them into safety, and this bill is the latest step. It cannot be about laws alone; legislation is only one key aspect.

So many excellent South Australian non-government organisations work in the community to prevent domestic violence and to keep women and children who are fleeing domestic violence safe. Another aspect is the excellent work undertaken by our police force to combat domestic violence. Last year, I was lucky enough to be police minister for six months and see firsthand the excellent work of our police in dealing with domestic violence issues, which are an increasing part of their role. It is a very complex issue to deal with, and it is something that police patrols deal with day in day out. That is why it is important that we in this parliament give them the legal leverage and the legal powers that they need to take action and also make sure that there is proper coordination between services.

I note in particular the work that has been done over recent years by MAPS in South Australia, where we are getting all agencies to work together, which is really leading the world in

terms of coordination between police, child protection, health services and education, making sure that no perpetrator can escape justice. We are also making sure that we are using every piece of information that we have across government and sharing that information to make sure that we are keeping people safe and developing plans to keep people safe, in particular women and children. That is having a difference. That model is now being copied and replicated in other parts of Australia, if not the world, and that should be rolled out progressively.

Also, our front-line police do an excellent job in terms of the officers who deal with domestic violence in each local services area, whose job it is to specialise in this very complex area. Each case can take a very long time to negotiate and work through, and they do an amazing job on behalf of the people of South Australia. A number of the elements in the legislation that we have before us are going to take us further in terms of the laws in South Australia and our ability to make an impact on reducing domestic violence. The first introduces a new offence of strangulation in relation to a domestic violence situation, in particular strangulation or suffocation of somebody's partner, family member or close intimate relation.

Sadly, the evidence clearly points to this offence being very common in terms of domestic and family violence situations. I believe that the bill will now bring in a very significant maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment for strangulation offences, specifically when it occurs within a domestic relationship. I think that is a very strong signal from this parliament that we do take such instances very seriously, and it should be seen as a very strong message to the community that such horrible violent behaviour is not at all acceptable and should be dealt with very harshly.

The second issue the bill deals with is in terms of changes to the Evidence Act to make it much clearer that police can rely more heavily upon video evidence being submitted. South Australia has made a very significant investment over the past few years in body-worn video cameras for our police officers. When I was police minister, I spoke with officers who were using body-worn cameras, whether in city or country locations. They were very appreciative of this new technology being rolled out for them because it provided them with not only additional safety but also additional evidence of their actions, making sure that they were able to later account for what happened in a courtroom and explain, through the use of video evidence, that they took the appropriate action in those circumstances.

We want to make sure that that video evidence can be used and relied on in domestic violence situations. We also want to make sure that it can be used and relied upon where, for whatever reason, a victim may be nervous or particularly afraid to come forward and give evidence in court. We want to ensure that that video evidence can be used before the court and can be relied upon by the court in finding the guilt, or lack thereof, of a particular person.

I think it will have a very strong effect in helping to reach conclusions in a number of these situations because, obviously, there are situations in which a victim of domestic violence is fearful about coming forward and giving evidence, or fearful about the repercussions of appearing before a court and testifying in relation to the conduct of a person. In taking on domestic violence, we have always had to be mindful of how we can best shape our laws to protect people who are fearful of taking that step of providing reports and evidence in court. This will be another step in terms of doing that.

The third issue that the bill deals with is in relation to intervention orders and breaches of intervention orders, particularly where threats of violence are made when intervention orders are in place. Obviously, as the parliament will know, we have taken a number of steps recently in terms of strengthening the ability for police to make their own orders, which is very important. As I mentioned, sometimes victims of domestic violence are too fearful to take that step themselves, so it is important that the police have the ability, if they are clearly seeing something that is happening, to make their own police orders. That has been a very welcome change. It has been welcomed by police and by the anti-domestic violence sector.

This will take that another step further in terms of where people are breaching the orders that are placed upon them. It is something I have heard of in my own electorate. I have spoken to a number of people who are fearful in terms of what has happened when orders have been breached. They live in fear that those orders will be breached and they are not quite sure whether it will be followed up and what the repercussions will be if those orders are breached. This will take us another

step further in increasing the penalties for breaches of those orders. Making sure that those penalties are strengthened is something that I certainly support and it has the support of this side of the house.

All those measures will improve our situation in terms of domestic violence but, as I said, I do not think that is where this will end. I do not think it is purely a legal situation that is going to end this in its entirety. Obviously, our entire community needs to work together. We need not just women but men to stand up and say that domestic violence is not okay in order to ensure that we create a culture and a community in South Australia that does not allow domestic violence to occur, that we do not tolerate it when we see it occurring or when we see signs of it occurring. We need to stand up and take action and we need to be very clear that it is not okay for any man to make a violent action against a woman.

In the last few weeks, in my community a terrible tragedy happened, very close to where I live in fact, at Colonnades at Noarlunga Centre where a woman was killed. Clearly, it is before the courts at the moment and a number of orders are in place. It was an absolutely horrible situation that occurred and it has really rocked my entire community in the southern suburbs. We had a vigil last week, which I, the member for Reynell, the member for Hurtle Vale and the federal member for Kingston attended.

It was a very emotional experience. There was a very strong turnout by the community. A huge number of people came to express their sorrow for what had occurred and to also express that they believed that we need to stand together as a community and say, 'Not one more,' and say very clearly that all of us need to work together to make sure that violence like that should not occur anywhere in South Australia and that women have the right to go about their business as they please.

Obviously, this was not a domestic situation, but it is an example of the violence that can occur against women in our community. We need to make sure that any violence against women is not tolerated and that women have the right to be anywhere in our society. They also have the right to be in a domestic relationship without living in fear. That takes all of us. This is not going to be the last step. I am sure that this will not be the last bill that our parliament debates to take further steps in terms of domestic violence or violence against women.

We need to work continuously. We are going to need to continue to approve the resources and capabilities that our police have available to them to combat violence against women and domestic violence. We are also going to need to strengthen our community programs, our resilience as a community and the programs available for people fleeing those situations, particularly women with children.

There has also been a lot of work in recent years in terms of making sure that pets are looked after in those situations as well. That has often been something that has been forgotten, and it can be a barrier in terms of fleeing; that is, people need to look after their pets as well, so programs have been put in place through the RSPCA and others to make sure that it is not a barrier.

We need to remove each and every one of those barriers to enable women to live in safety and escape situations that are violent and threatening. I think this bill goes another step forward to doing that. There is a lot more to do, and I look forward to working with all members of this house, and our community more generally across South Australia, to make sure that we do everything we can to protect women and stop violence against women and domestic violence.

*Parliamentary Procedure*

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

**The SPEAKER (17:25):** Today, there was a point of order regarding a document used in debate. The member for West Torrens raised a point of order concerning the Minister for Industry and Skills allegedly quoting from Construction Industry Training Board papers and the need for those papers to be tabled. I can advise the house that the Deputy Speaker advised that he would be referring the point of order to the Speaker for his consideration.

I have had the opportunity to read the *Hansard* as well as watch the footage and to speak to the minister about the nature of the document allegedly quoted from. The minister advised me that

the information he was referring to formed part of his notes. I refer to Blackmore, *Practice of the House of Assembly*, 1885, page 322, and quote:

It is obviously right that the House should have access to the same sources of information as a Minister, if the latter makes statements, or bases arguments, or asks the House to accept conclusions, founded upon public papers which he quotes. But the rule applies to public documents only, not to private letters, or even memoranda. A memoranda made by a Minister, or by anyone else for the use of a Minister, with a view of furnishing information to be communicated to the House is not treated as a public document whose production can be enforced.

I am satisfied with the minister's explanation that the information he was referring to formed part of his notes with a view of furnishing information to the house. To that end, there is no requirement on the minister to table his notes.

### *Bills*

## **STATUTES AMENDMENT (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) BILL**

### *Second Reading*

Debate resumed.

**Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (17:27):** I rise to speak today on the Statutes Amendment (Domestic Violence) Bill. Let me start by saying that domestic violence is unacceptable in any form, and so today I do rise to support this bill, which seeks to amend a number of acts, namely, the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935, the Evidence Act 1929, the Bail Act 1985 and the Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009.

Domestic violence reform is a high priority of this government, and it remains committed to fighting the scourge of domestic violence within South Australia. This bill is the culmination of an election commitment and a four-week public consultation process. It was interesting hearing in some of the other contributions the passion there is to try to put an end to domestic violence. I note particularly that of the member for Elder, who is the Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention and who gave some insight into some of the steps being taken to overcome domestic violence.

Many spoke of the alarming statistics relating to domestic violence. If I can add to that, I note that of the 23 homicide convictions in South Australia in 2017, 10 were related to domestic violence. That is 10 too many. When comparing South Australia's domestic violence statistics with those of other states, it is frightening to see that, in 2015, 45.7 per cent of all homicide and related offences were attributed to domestic violence, which represents the second highest rate in all of Australia, following the Northern Territory.

On average, one Australian woman dies each week due to domestic violence. In fact, the cost to the country is that in October alone nine women were killed, seven of those were allegedly involved in an intimate relationship with either their current or a former partner, while the other two were also suspected to have died at the hands of male perpetrators. These deaths are just the tip of the iceberg.

Family violence includes hospitalisation, injuries, burns and emotional abuse. These more physical injuries are present, but then there are other injuries that are hidden away behind closed doors—financial, emotional and sexual abuse. While that violence may be hidden away from the outside world, 60 per cent of the time children are also witnessing this violence. It leaves some children in fear and has a disabling effect on that child's development; for others, it normalises the behaviour and leads to a cycle that repeats for the next generation.

The 2017 research from the Australian Bureau of Statistics has shed a light on the prevalence of domestic violence in Australia, and the statistics speak volumes. While men are also reported to be victims, statistically SAPOL data shows that the majority—well over 80 per cent—of victims of domestic violence are women and that a high percentage of the perpetrators are partners or former partners.

The survey found that, while men living in Australia are far less likely to be killed by an intimate partner, especially if they have never been abusive to that partner, almost one in four women suffered violence at the hands of a domestic partner by experiencing emotional, physical and/or

sexual violence in at least one of their intimate relationships. Those statistics are damning, knowing that a young girl who is looking to have a fulfilling life with a partner is faced with the prospect that they may have a one in four chance of experiencing this sort of emotional, physical and sexual violence.

This domestic violence has a devastating effect not only on the victim but also, as I explained before, on all those people who are close to them and leads to long-term effects in all areas of life. We have heard before in this parliament that these effects are not just at the time of the violence but pervade their life for many years to come and, in many cases, all their life. Unfortunately, there has been a steady increase of offences against the person relating to domestic violence over the past few years.

In 2012-13, of all offences against a person—a term that encapsulates offences such as murder, attempted murder, assault, serious assault, sexual assault—21 per cent were domestic violence related. In 2013-14, this number rose to 24 per cent, and from 2014-15 we have figures of 34 per cent, equating to a staggering 10 per cent increase in such a short period. So it is clear that domestic violence needs to be properly addressed not only by this government but by all governments in Australia.

In 2015, almost half the assaults were related to family and domestic violence, with 7,740 incidents recorded in that year. It must be highlighted that the number of assaults occurring may be higher than this but, because of the current legal schemes, some victims are too scared to report an occurrence. There are examples of where a daughter has had domestic violence brought upon her by her father; however, the lawyer representing the father has impressed upon the daughter that, if she took continued action, he would be sent to gaol, and so the charges were dropped.

So you can see that the issues around domestic violence, and the effects it has on all family members, are very hard and that the rates of reported occurrences may actually be lower than what is occurring, which is even more unfortunate. Noting all this, it really has never been a more important time to strengthen the laws around domestic violence and, as a government and as a community, we stand united in our view that domestic violence is unacceptable in any form. The introduction of this bill is one of this government's steps to combat the domestic and family violence that places such a toll on our whole community in South Australia.

As other speakers have said, the current laws surrounding violence are not tailored to domestic violence and do not recognise the inherent danger of violent conduct within a domestic setting. Therefore, this bill introduces an amendment by inserting section 20A in the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 to create a new offence of choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting. Importantly, there is no requirement for harm to be intended or caused. Rather, this offence recognises the very danger of this action and therefore does not require harm to be proved for a conviction to occur.

The introduction of this offence is necessary and urgent as non-fatal strangulation is increasingly used by abusive partners as a mechanism to control their victim without killing them. Importantly, the definition of what constitutes a relationship is also expanded in terms of this offence. Queensland has introduced similar legislation. In the first year after introducing the offence of strangulation, suffocation and choking, 798 people were charged with non-fatal strangulation. This does not necessarily mean more cases; rather, we are now able to identify the specific type of assault.

The reason for identifying this is that strangulation is often considered a red flag for future serious abuse and, unfortunately, fatality, which is why the government is introducing this stand-alone penalty to ensure the future and continued safety of any victims or possible victims of domestic abuse. The creation of this strangulation offence, rather than relying on existing offences such as causing harm or serious harm or attempted murder, is also important to educate the community on domestic violence and ensure that domestic violence is tackled head-on rather than through general violence offences.

Recognising the serious nature of this newly introduced measure to consider strangulation as a serious offence in a domestic setting also sees an amendment to section 10A of the Bail Act 1985, which creates a presumption against bail in particular circumstances. Specifically, the

presumption against bail in the act is amended so that, when an applicant is taken into custody in relation to an offence under certain provisions of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act, it now includes the newly created section 20A, which deals with choking, strangulation and suffocation in a domestic setting.

Another point to this statutes bill is the fact that reliving an experience of domestic violence is just as traumatic as the domestic violence itself, particularly when the victim is placed in front of the person who caused that harm. It can be intensely traumatic for a victim; however, at this point in time, this is what they must endure in a courtroom through cross-examination as part of the evidential process. I spoke before about how reported cases may be under-representative of what is actually occurring, and this trauma is another reason why.

Approximately half of domestic violence cases do not result in a conviction because of the withdrawal of charges or a victim's decision not to present evidence in a court. Issues such as this have prompted this government to insert a new section in the Evidence Act 1929. Section 13BB is aimed at reducing the stress of victims as a result of the court process by allowing the evidence in chief of a victim to be admitted in the form of a police officer recording. This recording can be from a police officer's body-worn camera and will be admissible in court if it is found to be a prescribed recording.

A prescribed recording is a recording that was made as soon as practicable after the offence had occurred. It is taken with the informed consent of the victim and is presented concurrently with a statement by the victim about their age, that they are being truthful and any other information required by the rules of the court. This introduction of recordings used as evidence in the court was encouraged by the South Australian Chief Magistrate, Mary-Louise Hribal.

Another aspect of the bill relates to intervention orders or restraining orders. Such orders are put in place to restrict the behaviour and/or actions of a particular person against another and usually these are granted to protect victims or possible victims of domestic or family abuse. Currently, the act covers acts of abuse intended to result in physical injury, emotional or physical harm and unreasonable and non-consensual denial of financial, social or personal autonomy or damage to property. Whilst this list is extensive, there are circumstances in which victims or potential victims require protection, which are not currently included in the Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009.

The bill aims to extend the acts to which intervention orders apply by adding to section 8 in relation to the meaning of abuse. In particular, section 8(4), relating to emotional or psychological harm, will now include three other definitions: forced marriage is one, which involves forcing a person to marry another person. Historically, this practice has connotations of treating children, especially girls, as chattels or property. We seek to outlaw this and make it an offence.

Another item to be referred to in terms of emotional harm is taking an invasive image and then threatening to distribute those invasive images without a person's consent. The third and final addition is preventing a person from entering their place of residence, which can be used, again, in an emotional manner to control a partner in a domestic setting.

In relation to intervention orders, clause 14 of the bill is tangible evidence of this government delivering on our election promises. This government went to the election with a promise to introduce legislation to toughen penalties for abusers who repeatedly breach the conditions of intervention orders. These intervention orders are put in place to protect victims or those susceptible to domestic violence. However, abusers are continuously breaching them and not facing the appropriate penalties that the people of this state deem fit.

Currently, pursuant to section 31(1) of the act, a breach of an intervention order imposed under section 13 warrants a fine of up to \$1,250 or an expiation fee of \$160. For any other breach under section 31(2) an abuser may face up to two years' imprisonment. This statutes amendment bill aims to amend section 31(2) to add a pecuniary penalty of up to \$10,000 to the existing maximum two years' imprisonment. Where the breach constitutes a second or subsequent contravention or involves physical violence or even the threat of physical violence, the bill aims to double the penalty for a breach to \$20,000 or four years' imprisonment.

In the most recent financial year, 1,297 people were found guilty of at least one breach of an intervention order and another 487 breached more than once. This government intends to strengthen the penalties for breaching intervention orders to maintain the protection of victims and potential victims. Through increasing the penalties, this government is sending a message to all abusers that domestic violence is not acceptable, will not be tolerated and that those who offend will face severe consequences. As I said earlier, the bill gives effect to the government's election commitment to increase the penalties for breaches of domestic violence-related intervention orders.

It is worth noting that the bill, before we got to the stage of debating it, was the subject of a broad four-week public consultation, which included a mail-out to relevant stakeholders and an online survey. Thirty-five written submissions were received and there were 600 responses to the online survey. Of those respondents, 49 per cent identified that they had experienced domestic violence themselves, whilst other contributors knew someone who had experienced domestic violence, knew someone who was a perpetrator or worked in the domestic violence sector.

Some of the findings that came out of this were that over 75 per cent of respondents agreed with the expansion to the definition of relationship that has been outlined in the act, which includes where the person who experienced the abuse is a grandchild, sibling or carer. Over 85 per cent of the respondents agreed that video or audio recorded by police could be used as evidence in court to allow authorities to gather evidence needed to prosecute perpetrators of domestic violence.

In addition to this initiative, the government has also launched recently the Ask for Angela campaign, which began in the UK and is also used in New South Wales to help if people feel unsafe or vulnerable in hotels, pubs, clubs or restaurants. It may be because patrons are worried about their drink being spiked or it may be that they have received unwanted sexual advances. This campaign encourages a patron of the hotel, pub or club to seek support and ask a staff member if they can speak to Angela. Staff at participating venues will then be alerted and assist the person in getting help by calling a taxi, alerting security or taking them to a safe place in the hotel.

Domestic violence in any form is unacceptable. Taking advantage of a trusted relationship within the family unit and having abusers bringing violence and fear against other family members are rejected not only by the government but by the community as a whole. This government is committed to fighting the scourge of domestic violence and helping victims and their families. Prevention is key to combating domestic and family violence. The harsher penalties that are introduced by the bill will act as a deterrent and help shape community attitudes towards domestic violence, but the best result that I look forward to in the future is where domestic violence does not occur in the first place and where women, men and children are living in safe environments free from fear and harm.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Ellis.

## **PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE BILL**

### *Final Stages*

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

No. 1. Clause 4, page 3, line 29 [clause 4(1), definition of *journalist*]—

Delete '(subject to a regulation made under subsection (2))'

No. 2. Clause 4, page 4, lines 34 and 35 [clause 4(2)]—Delete subclause (2)

No. 3. Clause 6, page 6, line 28 [clause 6(b)(iii)(B)]—Delete '120' and substitute '90'

No. 4. Clause 6, page 6, line 30 [clause 6(b)(iii)(B)]—Delete '120' and substitute '90'

No. 5. Clause 8, page 8, line 2 [clause 8(1)]—Delete '\$10,000 or imprisonment for 1 year' and substitute:

\$20,000 or imprisonment for 2 years

No. 6. Clause 9, page 8, line 27 [clause 9(5)]—

Delete '\$10,000' and substitute:

\$20,000 or imprisonment for 2 years

No. 7. Clause 9, page 8, line 33 [clause 9(7), definition of *detriment*, (a)—Delete paragraph (a) and substitute:

- (a) loss or damage (including damage to reputation); or
- (aa) injury or harm (including psychological harm); or

No. 8. Clause 9, page 8, after line 37—After subclause (7) insert:

- (8) For the purposes of this section, a *threat* of reprisal may be—
  - (a) express or implied; or
  - (b) conditional or unconditional,

and in any proceedings dealing with an act of victimisation (including proceedings for an offence against subsection (5)) it is not necessary to prove that the person threatened actually feared that the threat would be carried out.

No. 9. Clause 10, page 9, line 5 [clause 10(1)]—Delete '\$10,000' and substitute '\$20,000'

No. 10. Clause 11, page 9, line 13—Delete '\$10,000' and substitute '\$20,000'

Consideration in committee.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I move:

That the Legislative Council's amendments be agreed to.

May I indicate that the government welcomes the amendments from the Legislative Council. I note that the amendments passed by them after due consideration were sponsored by the Hon. Connie Bonaros. In short, her amendments seek to reduce the time that would expire from 120 days to 90 days for the right for someone to go to the media—that is, to go public—in relation to an allegation of government waste or maladministration that a whistleblower has made and in the event that the relevant authority refuses or is unwilling to actually investigate that complaint.

Bear in mind that the primary objective of this legislation is to provide the environment to encourage public sector persons to ensure that they come forward and disclose any maladministration or waste in the public sector, or something that is corrupt or illegal in public administration, and that it is in the public interest that they do so. They need to be protected in those circumstances and supported to ensure that they have an avenue to properly undertake their duty to make those reports. We had followed the 120 days as something that had been recommended by Mr Lander when he undertook a review of this matter and reported in 2014. Although that is abridged now to 90 days, we welcome the same.

There is also a substantial increase in the penalties that relate to someone who attempts to interfere with the person's right to blow the whistle in respect of these matters. There was a third area under consideration by the other place, again sponsored by the Hon. Connie Bonaros, where she sought have a reward system introduced, commonly called a 'bounty' in this area of law reform, which has been rejected in other jurisdictions. In the consultation of this matter and including in the report of Mr Lander in 2014, he did not see a reward system as appropriate and we have maintained our view on that.

I thank the opposition, that is, the ALP, for their support in rejecting that proposal because we want people in the public sector to be supported and protected through this process. We want them to come forward and step up as part of their responsibility to make sure these things come to light, but we also do not want them to be doing so in anticipation of some reward. That is not what this law is about. They have a duty, they have an obligation and we expect them to honour it. But we also know, especially after Mr Lander in his 2015 annual report reported, that of the 7,000 people he surveyed, one in four, which I think is just alarming, was reluctant to report corruption, misconduct or maladministration. Their most common concern at that stage was that there would be personal repercussions and their job.

We completely understand, therefore, the need to ensure that if you have whistleblowing law, it has to actually work and that people have to feel secure in stepping up and undertaking their responsibility. We welcome the amendments that have been presented. I think this is momentous legislation that is going to pass this parliament. I thank the opposition, as I said, ultimately for



supporting this. It has had a rocky road historically. It is an extremely significant day that this legislation has finally passed.

If I were to give just one example, and I think it is important that I place it on the record, one of the most shocking cases that ever came to light in South Australia in the time I have been in the parliament in the last 16½ years was the Shannon McCooles case. He was a person who was employed in the then child protection area of the department of the former government. In 2014, the premier of the day made a public statement that this man had been charged with most foul charges in relation to child exploitation and pornography. Everyone knows about that. He then announced there would be a royal commission. Later, Ms Margaret Nyland was announced as the royal commissioner.

As many members know, Mr McCooles was subsequently convicted. Obviously, very serious allegations were made about the extraordinary expanse of conduct he had undertaken whilst an employee of a government department providing services for children.

Why is this so important to this legislation? If legislation had passed in light of the recommendations back in 2013 or 2014 to enable people to safely come forward and, if they were not listened to, were then able to go to the public, would we have been able to catch Shannon McCooles earlier? I say yes. I urge members to have a look at Commissioner Nyland's report and refresh their memories. She uses the McCooles case as an example of shocking child exploitation and pornographic offences.

Justice Nyland catalogues, as a case study, the numerous times that colleagues of Mr McCooles from within the department stepped forward to try to alert authorities about his conduct. It was shameful that they were ignored—'Well, yes, there maybe something in it,' but it was not really followed up. This is what happens when good people step up and are not listened to.

Today, we are passing historic legislation to ensure that people are protected when they do come forward and that, most importantly, they can go public if nobody listens. I thank the parliament for the debate on this matter. I welcome the amendments today and I look forward to the Governor's assent.

Motion carried.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

#### **TEACHERS REGISTRATION AND STANDARDS (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL**

*Final Stages*

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

At 17:58 the house adjourned until Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 10:30.

*Estimates Replies***ABORIGINAL HERITAGE TEAM**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

At the end of 2016-17, the core staff within the Aboriginal Heritage Team was 10.0 FTE.

**BECKER HELICOPTERS**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

1. In November 2017, Becker Helicopters received a grant for financial assistance from the Economic Investment Fund (EIF) of \$3 million (GST exclusive) which comprised of \$2.250 million from the EIF Defence Industry Attraction fund and \$750,000 from the EIF Investment Attraction South Australia fund to establish a new operating base in Whyalla.

2. Defence SA has carriage of the Becker Helicopters relocation project from the Sunshine Coast, Queensland to Whyalla, South Australia.

**BUDGET PAPERS**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

The budget papers were printed on 3 September 2018.

**DEFENCE SA**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

The current contract for Air Chief Marshall Sir Angus Houston AK AFC (Ret'd) is for a two-year term expiring on 14 October 2019.

**STATE BUDGET**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

The appropriate debt to revenue ratio is that which allows the state to maintain liquidity, invest in productive infrastructure, and service its debts sustainably and responsibly.

**ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

There has been one formal request for directions under section 24 of the act in the past 12 months. The applying body was notified of the decision 5 business days from the time the decision-maker received the relevant information.

**RAIL COMMISSIONER**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

Mr Deegan was paid an additional payment as a part of a confidential deed of settlement to settle any claims against all appointments.

**MINISTERIAL STAFF**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

One staff member is seconded from my office to assist Assistant Minister Lee.

**EAGLESON MR W.**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

As detailed on [www.tenders.sa.gov.au](http://www.tenders.sa.gov.au), Mr Eagleson's current contract expires on 10 November 2018. His current contract is based on a daily rate, not a weekly rate as previously advised.

**STOLEN GENERATION COMMUNITY REPARATIONS FUNDS**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

The last round (Round 2) of the Stolen Generations Community Reparations Fund was completed in January 2018.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

As advised to the house on 30 May 2018 in response to a question from the leader, the cost of termination payments to departmental chief executives totalled \$2.065 million.

**ARTS SA**

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** I have been advised:

Currently, Arts SA has 33.6 FTEs, who work across policy development, strategic planning, client management, asset management and capital projects, grant programs, project management and research, finance and administrative support.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013 – Annual Reporting Requirements for 2017-18 information relating to expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total cost of work undertaken and nature of work undertaken, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies.

As detailed in the Treasurer's ministerial statement on 16 October 2018, the government is delivering on its election commitment for greater transparency and the 2017-18 annual reports will be a transition year as there are some pre-existing agreements with confidentiality obligations that the government is unable to provide in this reporting period.

**CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS**

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier):** The following information is provided on behalf of all ministers:

Budget Paper 4 provides the consultancy budget for 2018-19 for each agency.

Expenditures and details on contracts to be awarded cannot be known ahead of procurement being undertaken. As a result, information relating to 2018-19 expenditure on consultants and contractors including the vendor, total value of contract and nature of services provided, will be detailed in annual reports published by agencies at the relevant time.

**PREMIER'S OFFICE REFURBISHMENT**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

This question was asked of the Premier by the Leader of the Opposition in Estimates Committee A on Friday, 21 September 2018 and the Premier's response was that the cost of the fit-out for the refurbishment of the Premier's office in total is \$3,000.

**SA WATER**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

Temporary water allocation sales of \$1.5 million will be targeted by SA Water as part of the strategy to achieving its increased contribution in 2018-19.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

No. The Professional Services panel does not include audit services. Audit services are included under the separate across-government contract for Audit and Financial Advisory Services.

**FLEET VEHICLES**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

As at 24 September 2018, the SAFA owned fleet consisted of 6,840 vehicles. These were allocated to the following agencies:

Agency	Number
Health and Wellbeing	1,485
Police	1,115
Human Services	613
Education	596
SA Water	521
Planning, Transport and Infrastructure	474
Child Protection	386
Environment and Water	363
Primary Industries and Regions	190
Correctional Services	163
Premier and Cabinet	149
TAFESA	146
Attorney General	128
Country Fire Service	103
Treasury and Finance	95
Courts Admin Authority	91
Energy and Mining	47
Industry and Skills	46
Metropolitan Fire Service	41
Forestry	23
Environment Protection Authority	22
Parliament	11
Tourism	10
SAFECOM	9
Trade, Tourism and Investment	5
Legal Services Commission	4
State Emergency Services	2
Electoral Commission	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,840</b>

NOTE:

- Health and Wellbeing is split between Health (769), Country Health (578), and SA Ambulance (138).
- Treasury and Finance includes 67 short term hire pool vehicles.

#### FLEET VEHICLES

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

For the 2017-18 financial year there were 1,463 claims processed in relation to motor vehicle insurance arrangements for state fleet vehicles (excluding South Australian Police vehicles) leased from the South Australian Government Financing Authority. The number of claims includes any crash, incident, vandalism or theft, regardless of cost.

Based on information available, there were no occurrences of contributing or extenuating circumstances around these claims related to drink or drug driving.

#### KEOGH CASE

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

The payment was approved on 14 May 2018.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

At June 2018, SAFA had a range of fixed rate term select lines on issue with maturities ranging from August 2019 through to September 2027.

Outstanding as at 30 June 2018 were:

Maturity Date	On Issue (\$billion)
4.75% 6 August 2019	\$2.000
5.00% 20 May 2021	\$2.044
1.50% 22 September 2022	\$1.500
4.25% 20 November 2023	\$1.520
2.25% 15 August 2024	\$1.500
2.75% 16 April 2025	\$1.250
3.00% 20 July 2026	\$1.750
3.00% 20 September 2027	\$1.500
TOTAL	\$13.064

In addition, there are two tranches of floating rate notes of \$2 billion each outstanding with maturity dates of December 2018 and February 2020. SAFA also had \$1.729 billion of short term commercial paper borrowings and AUD \$298 million equivalent in euro commercial paper outstanding at 30 June 2018. The duration of SAFA's term debt on issue was 4.25 years at as 30 June 2018.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I indicated to the committee I would look at past practice to see whether former treasurers have assisted the committee in that particular way.

I am advised that in fact, past treasurers in recent years have not provided this information. As indicated in my response during Estimates Committee B, 'those numbers are notional not actuals, because it depends on what ministers and CEOs actually do in terms of the numbers'.

Because the numbers are notional, forward estimates are not included by agency in budget statements across the forward estimates. However each agency statement provides an estimate for the budget year's FTEs for their agency (for example refer to page 181 of Budget Statement 4 Volume 4 for a very detailed table of FTE numbers for the Department of Treasury and Finance, including the estimate for 2018-19).

Of course actual FTEs are provided each year in the comprehensive report from the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment.

#### SUPER SA CONTRIBUTORS

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

As at 30 June 2018 there were 216,265 members across Super SA's numerous schemes and this figure includes preserved members (those who have left SA government employment and have preserved their account with Super SA) and Superannuants. As at 30 June 2018 there were 31,649 active contributors across the various Super SA schemes.

#### **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

The number of medical malpractice claims has decreased. As at 30 June 2017, SAFA was managing 104 medical malpractice claims. As at 30 June 2018, SAFA was managing 89 medical malpractice claims.

#### **ROYAL ADELAIDE HOSPITAL**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

There are no claims being managed by SAFA or SAicorp in relation to this matter.

#### **SUPER SA AND REVENUESA**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

The FTE for Super SA is 144.07.

The FTE for RevenueSA is 171.66.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

SAFA's headcount for August 2018 was 83. This represents 77.85 staff on a FTE basis.

10.80 FTEs are involved in the raising of debt on the markets.

13.84 FTEs are involved in managing the state's insurance arrangements.

#### **TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PACKAGES**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

A non-executive employee to whom an offer of a TVSP is made and who accepts such offer, will receive a payment, calculated at the rate of 10 weeks' pay, plus an additional 2 weeks' pay for each completed year of service, up to a maximum of 52 weeks' pay. Consistent with clause 1.8.6 of the South Australian Modern Public Sector Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2017, an excess employee who has been a redeployee for between 0 to 3 months from date of formal written declaration of excess is entitled to redundancy pay equal to 100% of the voluntary separation payment prescribed in clause 1.8.3 plus a lump sum payment of \$15,000.

Employees who accept a TVSP are not eligible to be re-employed or otherwise engaged in the South Australian Public Sector:

- for a period coinciding with the number of weeks' TVSP pay (based on 100% TVSP) paid to them, from the effective date of their separation; unless
- the individual repays to the Crown a sum equivalent to the number of weeks' pay remaining in the nominal period by reference to the number of weeks' remuneration paid to them upon resignation of their employment.

For example, a full-time employee with 10 years unbroken completed years of service would be offered a TVSP (at 100%) equivalent to 30 weeks pay (10 weeks, plus 2 weeks x 10 completed years of service). The employment exclusion period for this employee would then be 30 weeks from the date the employee terminates by resignation.

#### **RETURN TO WORKSA**

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following:

ReturnToWorkSA Premium over last five years

Financial year	Total Premium	Labour Hire Premium
2014	\$657.3 million	\$24.3 million
2015	\$659.3 million	\$21.0 million
2016	\$494.4 million	\$17.2 million
2017	\$518.1 million	\$21.7 million
2018	\$527.3 million	\$24.5 million

The premium for 2018 is 20% less than 2014, reflecting an increase in the remuneration base being more than offset by the reduction in the average premium set rate by ReturnToWorkSA. The scheme's average premium rate has been reduced from 2.75% to 1.8% over the 5 years to 2018.

Premium forecast for the next financial year, both generally and for Labour Hire

In the context of setting of the average premium rate at a record low of 1.7% for the 2018-19 financial year, it is predicted that approximately \$520 million in premium will be collected from employers.

There is no predicted labour hire premium figure for the 2018-19 financial year. However, ReturnToWorkSA's expectation is that it will be in a similar proportion to previous years, i.e. between 4% and 5% of total premium.

All the above figures are accurate as at 9 October 2018.

#### FUNDS SA

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following:

Funds SA assesses total investment related fees/costs incurred by calculating an Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR). The ICR represents the total investment costs/expenses as a percentage of funds under management and is a standard expense measurement tool used in the funds management and superannuation industry. Types of fees/costs included in Funds SA's ICR include:

- Fund manager fees, including performance fees
- Fees/costs incurred by underlying funds in which Funds SA are directly or indirectly invested
- Transaction costs
- Corporate expenses
- Custody fees

For the year ended June 2018, the total ICR incurred by Funds SA was 1.03%, or \$10,300 per \$1 million. For the year ended 30 June 2018, total Fund Manager Fees were \$220.6 million. All returns earned by Funds SA investors are reported after the payment of fees and, where appropriate, Super SA administration fees.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following

The Professional Services panel will be for a period 12 months with the option to extend for two further periods of twelve months.

The two main categories that will fall under the Professional Services panel will be:

- Business Advisory Services; and
- HR & Recruitment.

#### RETURNTOWORKSA

In reply to **the Hon. J.R. RAU (Enfield)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** ReturnToWorkSA has advised in response to the following questions:

What were the total legal expenses for the scheme in 2017-18?

For the registered scheme, the total legal expenses paid in 2017-18 was \$31,595,828.

What were the legal costs paid to workers or their representatives for 2017-18?

For the registered scheme, the total legal expenses paid to workers or their representatives in 2017-18 was \$10,423,749.

What were the legal costs paid to employers or their representatives for 2017-18?

For the registered scheme, the total legal expenses paid to employers or their representatives in 2017-18 was \$1,784,590.

What were the legal expenses of the corporation for 2017-18?

ReturnToWorkSA's legal expenses, including those for its claims agents, for 2017-18 was \$19,387,489.

How many workers reached the 2 year limit of their income entitlement period in 2017-18?

In 2015-16, RTWSA received 14,159 claims, this is the total pool of claims of which their income support entitlement would have ceased sometime in the 2017-18 financial year should they still not be working.

Of those, 460 claims (3%) reached the end of their entitlement period—that is, the people who ran all the way to the end of the two-year limit and lost an ongoing income support entitlement. This excludes fatality and serious injury claims.

The South Australian Employment Tribunal has advised in response to the following questions:

What was the number of disputes lodged by workers in 2017-18?

In 2017-18 there were 4783 applications lodged by workers. All were under the current scheme. Of those, 3,337 were applications for review, 1,402 were applications for an expedited decision and 44 were suitable employment applications. In addition, there were 29 applications for review and 7 applications for an expedited decision filed by a worker's dependent(s).

How many are resolved at conciliation within 3, 6 months or whatever it might be?

Of all *Return to Work Act 2014* matters lodged in 2017-18, 3246 have been resolved at conciliation: 2,780 were resolved within 3 months of lodgement, 437 were resolved between 3 and 6 months from lodgement and 29 were resolved more than six months after lodgement.

How many of them go on to be a contested matter within the Employment Tribunal?

Of all *Return to Work Act 2014* matters lodged in 2017-18, 1,504 were referred to a presidential member for hearing and determination.

How many of those ultimately wind up going on appeal?

Of all *Return to Work Act 2014* matters lodged in 2017-18, 18 decisions of a presidential member have been appealed to the Full Bench of the South Australian Employment Court. It is too early to report on the ultimate number of matters that will be appealed, however in 2017-18 the Full Bench of the Court delivered 26 decisions on *Return to Work Act 2014* appeals. In that same year there were 12 appeals to the Full Court of the Supreme Court.

Can you provide any information about a member of the Tribunal making a determination in a particular matter and that determination is, upon appeal overturned?

Of the 26 *Return to Work Act 2014* appeal decisions delivered in 2017-18 by the Full Bench of the Court, 8 appeals were dismissed and 18 were upheld or partially upheld.

Could the number of appeals be broken down between a successful appeal on the basis of an issue of fact as opposed to an issue of law?

Pursuant to s261 of the *South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014*, an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal under the *Return to work Act 2014* (other than in the exercise of its criminal jurisdiction) will be limited to a question of law, therefore all appeals have been on questions of law.

Can you provide the number of disputes lodged by employers in 2017-18?

In 2017-18 there were 98 applications lodged by employers. Of those, 93 were applications for review and 5 were applications for an expedited decision.

How many have been successful, unsuccessful and so forth?

SAET does not keep data on the content of settlements or decisions so is unable to answer this question.

#### RETURNTOWORKSA

In reply to **the Hon. J.R. RAU (Enfield)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following:

What were the number of investigations in 2017-18, broken down by employer, worker and provider?

A total of 314 investigations were completed in 2017-18. Of these investigations, 262 related to employers suspected of under-declaring remuneration and non-compliance with their obligation to provide suitable employment. A further 50 investigations related to workers for suspected benefit fraud and two related to suspected provider fraud.



What were the total number of referrals made to external legal providers for opinion, including the Crown, on the matter of prosecutions arising from investigations, broken down by employer, worker and provider in 2017-18?

The Crown Solicitor's Office is the only external legal provider used by ReturnToWorkSA for prosecutions. A total of five referrals were made to the Crown Solicitor for opinion in relation to the prospects of prosecution pursuant to section 196 of the *Return to Work Act 2014* in 2017-2018. Of these referrals, four related to alleged offending by workers and one related to alleged offending by a provider to the scheme.

What were the total number of prosecutions, broken down again by employer, worker and provider, in 2017-18?

Four matters proceeded to prosecution in the Magistrates Court in 2017-18. Each matter related to offending by workers.

#### RETURN TO WORK OBLIGATIONS

In reply to **the Hon. J.R. RAU (Enfield)** (21 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R.I. LUCAS (Treasurer):** I have been advised of the following:

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment has worked with agencies to develop and implement a Practice Note on Employer's Duty to Provide Work. This practice note aims to ensure consistent application of the obligations on agencies of the Crown to provide suitable employment to injured workers.

The Practice Guideline states that, where suitable employment cannot be provided within the pre-injury employing agency, the agency must find suitable employment elsewhere in the public sector, or with the employee's agreement, outside the public sector. When suitable employment in another public sector agency is identified and that agency rejects the transfer, documented reasons for rejecting the transfer must be provided to the pre-injury agency.

Should the agencies disagree on an employee's suitability for a role, the matter will be escalated for resolution between each agency's chief executive, or their delegate. If agreement on transfer still remains unresolved after exhausting all avenues for resolution, the matter may be referred to the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment for consideration and advice.

#### LABOUR HIRE PRACTICES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

Since the election, multiple written submissions have been made to my office outlining concerns with the labour hire licensing scheme. In addition to this, there has been one written submission made to the Office of the Premier, which was referred to my office for a direct response. Based on CBS records, eight applications for exemptions under the labour hire licensing scheme have been received, and a further three inquiries made.

#### STAKEHOLDER SUBMISSIONS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following:

I met with several stakeholders who provided submissions during the original passage of the bill in 2017. Since the election, I have met with stakeholders who provided submissions, including SA Unions.

Questions as to whether these same stakeholders met with other Liberal members of parliament should be directed to the offices of MPs.

Questions as to whether any of these stakeholders attended Liberal Party fundraisers should be directed to the state division of the Liberal Party.

#### LABOUR HIRE LICENCES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

There have been a total of 121 applications received for labour hire licences, none of which have been granted. Consumer and Business Services (CBS) is no longer accepting new applications for labour hire licences. All applicants to date have paid both the application fee and the annual renewal fee. The application fee for both an individual and company licence is \$550.00. The annual renewal fee for an individual licence is \$220, whilst a company licence is \$1,200. CBS has received and would need to refund approximately \$200,000 in application and grant fees if the Act is successfully repealed.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

- (a) The Courts Administration Authority employed two FTEs to provide communication and promotion activities in 2017-18 at a cost of \$199,000.
- (b) The following table provides estimated FTEs and expenses over the forward estimates.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Estimated Employment Cost	\$216,000	\$219,000	\$223,000	\$226,000

(c) As an open and transparent government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The Activity Reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

- (a) No FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions as at 30 June 2018, costing \$nil.
- (b) No FTEs are budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities in 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, costing \$nil.
- (c) As an open and transparent government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The activity reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

Attorney-General's Department

Positions abolished	Positions created
Job Title	Job Title
Special Counsel	Special Counsel to Crown Solicitor
Major Indictable Reform Project Implementation	Major Indictable Reform Project Implementation
Director Innovation	Director Innovation
Crown Advocate	Assistant Crown Advocate
Managing Solicitor (vacant)	Chief Counsel (Appeals and Advice)
Director, Justice Transformation Projects (vacant)	Director, Policy and Justice Reforms
	Director, Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission
	General Manager, Business Transformation
	Senior Solicitor (Brief Assessment Team)
	Director, Investigations (ended 8 October 2018)
	Director, Corporate Governance (ended 18 May 2018)
Total Employment Cost = \$1,346,000	Total Employment Cost = \$2,438,000

Courts Administration Authority

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018 the Courts Administration Authority created one executive position temporarily to 21 December 2018 to replace an executive (Registrar Probates) who has been re-assigned to the Electronic Court Management System project team.

Electoral Commission of SA

No SA executive positions have been (1) abolished or (2) created at the Electoral Commission SA between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018 or between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):**

Attorney-General's Department

Positions abolished	Positions created
Job Title	Job Title
Chief Inspector, Compliance and Enforcement (vacant)	Director, Compliance and Enforcement
Director, Corporate Governance (see above)	Director, Internal Consulting
Executive Solicitor	
Executive Solicitor	
Total Employment Cost = \$835,000	Total Employment Cost = \$390,000

Courts Administration Authority

Nil

Electoral Commission of SA

No SA executive positions have been (1) abolished or (2) created at the Electoral Commission SA between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018 or between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.

**GRANT PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2017-18 in question 4.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following:

(a) For the Attorney-General's Department (including the Public Trustee), 26.7 FTEs performed communication and promotion functions in 2017-18, costing \$2.3 million.

(b)

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities	Estimated employment expense (\$m)
2018-19	15.6	1.3
2019-20	15.6	1.3
2020-21	15.6	1.3
2021-22	15.6	1.3

Note:

- The decrease in FTEs from 2017-18 is mainly due to the transfer of SafeWork SA to the Department of Treasury and Finance from 1 July 2018.
- The above figures represent the estimated FTEs and expense associated with communication and promotion activities across the Attorney-General's Department. This includes communication, engagement, website, media and design functions across various business units including the Public Trustee and Consumer and Business Services.

(c) As an open and transparent Government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The Activity Reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

**PROBATE REGISTRY**

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

The Probate Registry has reviewed the remaining files for which a grant of probate or administration has not yet issued

In answer to the question 'of the people who are currently waiting what is the longest that anybody has had at this point in time?', the registry can advise:

- A grant application lodged in June 1993 for a death occurring in February 1993 has not been granted as a result of the failure of the applicant to answer correspondence from the Registrar of Probates.
- A grant application lodged in June 2000 for a death occurring in December 1999 has not been granted as a result of the failure of the applicant to answer correspondence from the Registrar of Probates.
- At the present time the Probate Registry is preparing grants to be issued for some 1,400 applications most of which have been received since early September 2018. There is an application received on 11 April 2018 and an application received on 29 June 2018 and several received during August 2018. They are due to be issued by the end of October 2018. They have been delayed by the time taken for the applicant to respond to requisitions.

#### ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kurna)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

The demographic analysis necessary to support the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission has not been completed. The Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission will most probably be convened after 30 June 2019.

#### POLLING BOOTHS

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kurna)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following:

I have been advised that the Electoral Commission has not stated that Aboriginal voting has increased by 25 per cent and that the overall increase in votes taken in the APY Lands from the 2014 to the 2018 state election was 18 per cent. I have been advised of the following turnout statistics for votes taken in mobile polling booth locations in the APY Lands for the 2014 and 2018 state elections:

Locations	2014	2018	Increase
Pipalytjara	66	74	12%
Amata	113	143	27%
Nyapari	16	13	-19%
Kanypi	-	12	100%
Pukatja/Ernabella/Kenmore Park	136	146	7%
Umuwa	22	31	41%
Kaltjiti/Fregon	64	93	45%
Iwantja/Indulkana	109	113	4%
Mimili	93	104	12%
Totals	619	729	18%

#### COURTS ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (24 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General):** I have been advised of the following

The Courts Administration Authority is not subject to investigation by the Ombudsman in relation to this matter.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

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):**

3a.

15.1 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions as at 30 June 2018, costing \$1,671,040.

3b.

FTEs budgeted to provide communications and promotion activities:

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FTE	7.94	7.4	7.4	7.4
Estimated employee expenses	\$943,232	\$902,540	\$916,078	\$929,819

3c.

Total government-paid advertising in 2017-18 was \$87,163 inc GST. In 2018-19 government-paid advertising is budgeted at \$188,516 ex GST.

#### GRANT PROGRAMS

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):**

A complete list of grants paid during 2017-18 has been provided in question 4.

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

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):**

	Position Abolished	Position Created	Total Employment Cost
30/6/2017-17/3/2018	Nil	Nil	Nil
17/3/2018-30/6/2018	Executive Director Food Innovation	Nil	\$268,404

#### MAGISTRATES COURT

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Attorney-General has advised the following:

The Youth Court regularly remit prosecution costs under section 191 of the Criminal Procedure Act, after considering the capacity of young people. Since 1 July 2012, if no fee is prescribed, the fee set by section 189A (2)(b) is \$100. There has been no change to this fee since commencement.

#### PREMIER'S CERTIFICATE FOR VOLUNTEERING SERVICE

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

The Premier's Certificate for Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service are provided to organisations for presenting to volunteers during National Volunteer Week, which is held annually in May each year.

In 2019, National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from 20 to 26 May. It is anticipated that nominations for the 2019 Premier's Certificate for Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service will open in late February, with certificates to be made available to organisations in early May 2019.

#### HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

As at 30 September 2018, 89 employees in the department identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, equating to 2.3% of the workforce.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

(a) In 2017-18, 17.2 FTEs were employed to provide communication and promotion activities in areas such as media management, communications, design and production, internal communications, disability reform communications and digital communications. The employment expense for these FTEs was \$1,803,047.

(b) The following table outlines the estimated FTEs budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities from 2018-19 and 2021-22:

Financial Year	Number of FTEs	Estimated Employment Expense
2018-19	12.00	\$1,465,998

Financial Year	Number of FTEs	Estimated Employment Expense
2019-20	12.00	\$1,487,988
2020-21	12.00	\$1,510,308
2021-22	12.00	\$1,555,957

(c) The total cost of government-paid advertising across all mediums in 2017-18 was \$223,094, including campaign, functional, recruitment and social media advertising. This included a one-off budget for a marketing campaign to support the smooth transition to the NDIS, including NDIS expos held across the state, and promotion of the 2017 Multicultural Festival.

The budgeted cost for government-paid advertising in 2018-19 is \$45,400.

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

The following SA executive positions were abolished between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018:

Job Title	Total Employment Cost
Recovery Co-Ordinator, Pinery Fire, State Recovery Office	\$244,855
Director, Child and Youth Services	\$179,379
Project Manager, State Recovery Office	\$159,150
Local Recovery Co-Ordinator, Riverland Storm, State Recovery Office*	\$54,000

\* This was a part-time position

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

The following SA executive positions were abolished between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018:

Job Title	Total Employment Cost
Executive Director, Community Services	\$214,364
Director, Domiciliary Care	\$182,070
Director, Special Projects, Disability Policy	\$117,973

The following SA executive positions were created between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018:

Job Title	Total Employment Cost
Executive Director, Youth Justice	\$258,000
Director, Project Management Office, Disability and Reform	\$200,057

There were no SA executive positions created between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018.

SA Housing Authority was not a separate agency until 1 July 2018. Information is included in the Department of Human Services response.

#### REMOTE ABORIGINAL HOUSING

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The South Australian Housing Authority has advised:

The number of new houses needed in remote Aboriginal communities to alleviate overcrowding is subject to a range of parameters and variables.

The commonwealth government released the Remote Housing Review in 2017, which considers estimated need by jurisdiction. However, estimates are based on 2011 census data and it was noted that these may not be in line with more recent 2016 census data.

The state government will engage with remote Aboriginal communities to accurately identify and better understand true housing need, and inform future priorities.

#### VOLUNTEER SCREENING CHECKS

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The Department of Human Services has advised:

1. In 2018-19, it is projected that the DHS Screening Unit will receive approximately 170,000 screening applications. If the number of applications was 20% greater than the projected total, around 204,000 applications would be received. The corresponding budgetary increase would be approximately \$600,000 based on revenue received from paid checks, and taking into account free screening for volunteers, costs for criminal history checks and salary costs.

2. During 2017-18, 35,392 completed screenings, just under a quarter of all screening applications (23%), were for volunteers. Based on the projected number of screening applications to be received in 2018-19 (170,000), and the percentage of volunteer applications in 2017-18 (23%), it is anticipated that the number of volunteer screenings in 2018-19 will be around 39,000.

The budget papers do not include the projected number of screening applications beyond 2018-19. It is anticipated that the screening framework will change in 2019-20, impacting who will need a screening check and resulting in projections being reset during the 2019 State Budget process.

3. Before 1 November 2018, volunteers were charged a reduced fee of \$59.40 (GST inclusive) per screening application. If more than one type of screening was required, the reduced fee was applied, so long as the applications were submitted together. Based on the number of volunteer applications completed in 2017-18, and the mix of multiple screenings applied for by volunteers, the cost to abolish screening fees is calculated at \$1.4 million (based on the GST exclusive fee of \$54). The \$1.4 million budget figure used projected costs and was based on assumed volumes and costs of screening applications derived from historical data.

4. The current mix of volunteer multiples and individual applications results in a cost of \$1.4 million for free volunteer screening as provided in the budget. Following the commencement of the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016, sectors previously not required to undertake a DHS screening check will be phased in under transitional provisions. This includes people working and volunteering in the emergency services and sport and recreation sectors. These sectors will comprise volunteers. However, as these are new sectors and the regulations regarding the requirements are the subject of consultation, any costs associated with these new cohorts will be considered once these changes are introduced.

#### REMOTE ABORIGINAL HOUSING

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. J.M.A. LENSINK (Minister for Human Services):** The South Australian Housing Authority has advised:

Based on data from the Remote Housing Review: A review of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing and the Remote Housing Strategy (2008-2018), 27% of houses were deemed to be overcrowded.

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, two (2) executive positions were created and one (1) executive role was abolished within the department, as follows:

Executive Positions Created (between 30/6/17–17/3/18)	
Position Title	Classification
Director, Cleland Wildlife Park	SAES1
Director, Engagement and Delivery, Climate Change Group	SAES1
Executive Position Abolished (between 30/6/17–17/3/18)	
Position Title	Classification
Director, Major Projects	SAES1

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, one (1) executive position was created within the department, as follows:

Executive Position Created (between 17/3/18–30/6/18)	
Position Title	Classification
Director, Strategic Project Delivery	SAES1

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018 no executive positions were abolished or created at the Environment Protection Authority.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018 no executive positions were abolished or created at the Environment Protection Authority.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018 no executive positions were abolished or created at the Office of the Technical Regulator.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018 no executive positions were abolished or created at the Office of the Technical Regulator.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Section 17 of the South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994 allows the Corporation to appoint the employees it thinks necessary or desirable and on terms and conditions fixed by the Corporation. Given this SA Water uses its own industrial framework for employing staff and no positions at SA Water fall within the SA Executive Service.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

SA Water's Executive structure consists of its Senior Leadership Team (SLT), which comprises its chief executive and seven general managers. There has been no abolition or creation of SLT roles during 2017-18.

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

No executive positions within Green Industries SA have been abolished or created for the periods detailed in the questions.

**RESERVOIRS COMMITTEE**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):**



I have been advised that there are terms of reference for the 'Water Quality Working Group' which include the following scope and deliverables:

- Undertake an assessment of each of the recreational activities proposed for reservoirs to identify possible risks to water quality within a reservoir (may be different for individual reservoirs) and mitigation strategies to assure drinking water quality, including water treatment options.
- Undertake an assessment of each reservoir to identify what recreational activities can occur without requiring additional water treatment. This must include assessing parts of reservoir land where risks may be lower or non-existent.
- Identify SA Water water management infrastructure and any requirements (including statutory requirements) to restrict public access (i.e. major hazard facilities).
- Assess the impact of previous and current reservoir water management practices (including copper dosing) on potential recreational activities, including on fishing to determine if fish will be safe to eat.
- Give consideration to the impact of algal blooms and recreational activities, including public perceptions.
- Providing advice on how recreational access to reservoirs interstate has been undertaken to ensure no adverse outcomes to drinking water quality.
- Identify scheduled major upgrades to infrastructure and environmental programs that may restrict recreation activities.
- Provide advice on capital works (including budget) required to assure drinking water quality as a result of the introduction of recreational activities on reservoirs.
- Develop an implementation plan for endorsement by the Taskforce.
- Provide advice on a communications and engagement plan, consistent with the overarching plan, for endorsement the Public Access and Engagement Working Group.
- The task force may assign other deliverables to the working group.

The working group includes experts from SA Health, SA Water, the Department for Environment and Water, and the Environmental Protection Authority who will ensure that appropriate advice is sought to ensure that water quality risks are managed.

#### SA WATER

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

The variance relates to a number of projects brought forward as part of an accelerated works program, which has now been completed.

Any future variations would be subject to the corporation's priorities and the ESCOSA-approved investment plans.

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

As shown in the 2018-19 Budget Measures Statement, Green Industries SA's savings targets over the forward estimates are \$350,000 in 2018-19, \$350,000 in 2019-20, \$380,000 in 2020-21 and \$390,000 in 2021-22. The savings will not have a significant impact on the effectiveness of Green Industries SA's programs.

The savings in 2018-19 are being met by reductions in the Innovative Solutions and Problematic Wastes (\$220,000) and Recycling Infrastructure Grants programs (\$130,000). The balance of funding for these programs over the forwards estimates is shown in the table below:

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recycling Infrastructure Grants Program— Industry and Local Government	6,544,000	2,605,000	2,656,000	2,793,000
Innovative solutions for problematic wastes	0	258,000	263,000	270,000

The reduction to the Recycling Infrastructure Grants Program budget will not materially affect the total funding available to industry and local government. Green Industries SA is able to reduce operating expenditure for the

Innovative Solutions for Problematic Wastes Program while continuing to maintain an advocacy role in this area as much of the work relates to policy and strategy development, including at a national level.

Green Industries SA has strong partnerships with local government and industry and regularly consults with them on a range of matters. The Agency has formalised relationships with the Local Government Association of SA (LGA) and SA Branch of the Waste Management Association of Australia (WMAA) via annual service level agreements. The LGA and WMAA are also represented on key working groups lead by the Agency; including the SA China National Policy Working Group and sub-groups focused on procurement and education.

#### **ADELAIDE BRIGHTON CEMENT**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

One hour monitoring has never been on Adelaide Brighton Cement's (ABC) licence.

The 24-hour average is considered a more appropriate standard and in line with the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure. There is not currently a health-based standard for one-hour ground level particular emissions, and one-hour monitoring is more susceptible to fluctuations from traffic and other localised emissions. The monitoring is conducted and paid for by ABC.

#### **AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

The EPA relies on PM10 criteria under the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016 and National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (NEPM). Within these two pieces of legislation, 24 hour averages are defined as calendar day averages calculated from midnight to midnight.

#### **GREEN INDUSTRY FUND**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

The Green Industry Fund (and formerly the Waste to Resources Fund) is used to support programs in waste minimisation and resource recovery that benefit the whole community, including councils. Examples include the establishment of high performing kerbside collection systems, litter education and awareness projects, and provision of free collection services for problematic and hazardous materials.

In addition, Green Industries SA's programs that support industry investment in new and upgraded resource recovery infrastructure, as well as support businesses with resource efficiencies, also have indirect benefits to councils and communities in waste and recycling. Further information on Green Industries SA's programs is publicly available via the Agency's annual business plan on its website: [www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au](http://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au).

#### **GREEN INDUSTRY FUND**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

The Green Industry Fund benefits the entire community including councils and is made up primarily of 50 per cent of the solid waste levy received by the Environment Protection Authority pursuant to section 17(3) of the Green Industries SA Act 2004. The remainder contributes to funding the operations of the Environment Protection Authority (45 per cent) and programs funded from the Environment Protection Fund (5 per cent).

#### **GREEN INDUSTRY FUND**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

Over the next four years the Green Industry Fund has been allocated to programs run by Green Industries SA, the Department for Planning, the Transport and Infrastructure, the Department for Environment and Water and the Department for Energy and Mining. Expenditure from the Green Industry Fund is approved in accordance with the State Budget for the purposes outlined in section 17(5) of the Green Industries SA Act 2004.

Further information about specific programs are available in Budget Papers 4 and 5.

**LE FEVRE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

If NOx is measured at Le Fevre Primary School in future, it would detect emission from all local combustion sources such as passenger vehicle traffic, heavy vehicle traffic and industrial sources such as Adelaide Brighton Cement. It would not necessarily distinguish between sources.

**MARINE PARKS REVIEW**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

The review is being conducted by an independent consultant, BDO Econsearch and is being independently peer reviewed by:

- Professor Peter Fairweather, Professor of Marine Biology, Flinders University: Marine science
- Professor Caleb Gardner, Centre Head (acting) Fisheries and Aquaculture, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania: Fisheries economics, Fisheries management
- Professor Rob Lewis (retired.): Marine science, Fisheries management
- Professor Rod Connolly, Griffith University: Marine science.

The independent consultant was selected because of its expertise in assessing environmental, social, and economic values as they relate to marine parks, and their experience in delivering the 2012 and 2014 Marine Park Impact Statements which provided analysis on the social, economic and ecological impacts on implementing marine parks.

**GOVERNMENT SECTOR EXPENSES**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water):** I have been advised:

This question should be directed to the Treasurer, as Budget Paper 3 is the consolidated general government sector presentation of information. Budget Paper 3 represents expenditure across multiple portfolios and agencies, not just the Department for Environment and Water.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment):** I have been advised that:  
The Department of Trade, Tourism and Investment (DTTI)

(a) Investment Attraction South Australia had 1.5 full time equivalent (FTE) employed to provide communication and promotion activities in 2017-18. DTTI was not established until 1 July 2018.

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2017-18	1.5	\$183 871

(b) DTTI has eight FTE positions budgeted to provide communication and promotion activities:

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2018-19	8	\$861 000
2019-20	8	\$877 000
2020-21	8	\$891 000
2021-22	8	\$905 000

(c) As an open and transparent Government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The Activity Reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/servicesfor-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

## South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)

(a) As a tourism agency the SATC's role is to market and promote the State as a tourism destination. In line with this, the below information provides the total FTEs for the areas that specifically provide marketing and promotional activities, namely Marketing, Public Relations, Events South Australia and Destination Development units of the agency.

Unit	2017-18 Actual	
	FTE's	Actual \$'s
Marketing & PR	44	4 698
Events South Australia	49.9	4 892
Destination Development	9.2	1 158
TOTAL	103.1	10 748

(b)

Unit	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Est. Year End FTE's	Budget \$'s	Est. FTE's	Est. Budget \$'s	Est. FTE's	Est. Budget \$'s	Est. FTE's	Est. Budget \$'s
Marketing & PR	42.6	4 143	42.6	4 247	40.1	4 104	40.1	4 206
Events South Australia	47.3	4 783	47.3	4 903	44.8	4 766	44.8	4 885
Destination Development	9.2	1 037	9.2	1 063	8.7	1 032	8.7	1 058
TOTAL	99.1	9 963	99.1	10 213	93.6	9 902	93.6	10 149

(c) The SATC does not conduct government advertising. The role of the SATC is to undertake domestic and international marketing campaigns that promote South Australia as a tourism destination.

However, as an open and transparent Government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The activity reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/servicesfor-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

## Adelaide Venue Management Corporation (AVMC)

(a) One FTE was allocated to communication and promotion functions as at 30 June 2018, costing \$114,920.

(b)

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2018-19	1 FTE	\$117 000
2019-20	1 FTE	\$118 800
2020-21	1 FTE	\$120 600
2021-22	1 FTE	\$122 400

(c) As an open and transparent Government, Marketing Communications activity reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The Activity Reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50 000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/servicesfor-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>.

## GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment):** The government has provided a complete list of grants paid during 2017-18 in question 4.

## PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment):** I have been advised:

The Department of Trade, Tourism and Investment

- Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, one new SA executive position with a total employment cost of over \$150,000 was created. The job title of this position is Deputy Chief Executive.
- Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, no executive positions were abolished or created.

South Australian Tourism Commission

- Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, no executive positions were abolished.
- Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, no executive positions were created.
- Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, one executive position was abolished with a total employment cost of \$197,594 per annum which includes salary superannuation. The job title of this position was General Manager—Adelaide 500 and Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.
- Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, no executive positions were created.

Adelaide Venue Management Corporation

- Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, no executive positions were abolished or created.
- Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, no executive positions were abolished or created.

#### **ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH FUND**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (25 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. D.W. RIDGWAY (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment):** I have been advised:

1. It is expected that economic development agencies will engage with industry groups to identify and assess the priority industry sectors which have emerging growth prospects that could be enhanced through initiatives supported by the Economic and Business Growth Fund. The number of full time equivalent staffers within each agency that will support the development of initiatives will vary over time depending on the size and complexity of the issues being considered.

2. All proposals seeking approval under the Fund will first need to be submitted for assessment to a Governance Group comprised of:

- David Reynolds, Chief Executive, Department of Treasury and Finance (chair)
- Jim McDowell, Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Mike Hnyda, Chief Executive, Department of Trade, Tourism and Investment
- Mark Duffy, Chief Executive, Department of Industry and Skills
- Scott Ashby, Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA

The Governance Group will assess whether the proposal meets the Government's industry financial assistance principles and advise the Economic and Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet (EICC). Proposals supported by the EICC will then be progressed to either the Treasurer or full cabinet for the final decision.

#### **FARM DEBT MEDIATION**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

The cost of the farm debt mediation will be set at \$195 (no GST payable) per party per mediation day.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):**

As part of the 2018-19 state budget, the South Australian government has announced the following initiatives that will benefit small and medium business:

- Payroll tax—Small businesses with annual taxable payrolls below \$1.5 million will be exempt from payroll tax from 1 January 2019. Businesses with annual taxable wages between \$1.5 million and \$1.7 million will pay less payroll tax. Approximately 3,200 businesses will become exempt from payroll tax (a saving of up to \$44,550 a year) with around 400 businesses expected to receive a reduction in their payroll tax liabilities.

- A 50 per cent reduction in the emergency services levy, returning \$90 million a year (\$360 million over four years).
- Providing \$95.9 million in land tax relief, to allow businesses to grow and invest with confidence.
- Our Skilling South Australia investment of \$203 million (including up to \$102.6 million from the Commonwealth) to create 20,800 new apprenticeships or traineeships over four years. This is a major investment in skills development that will lead to real job outcomes.

A new industry assistance framework to support economic growth in South Australia, delivered through three new funds:

- The Economic and Business Growth Fund—\$100 million over four years to support industry and business growth through attraction and expansion support for initiatives that will introduce significant new technologies, capabilities, capacities and expertise in industries that align to the State's competitive advantages and provide industry sector support where required.
- The Research, Commercialisation and Start-up Fund—\$27.9 million over four years to support SA businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to solve industrial problems, commercialise new products and services, attract research infrastructure investment into the state and encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups.
- The Regional Growth Fund—\$150 million over ten years to pursue economic opportunities for regional South Australia and build and strengthen regional communities.

The Department for Industry and Skills will continue to support South Australian small to medium enterprises to develop business capabilities to help improve their productivity, competitiveness and growth.

I have been advised that the 2018-19 target to support 1,200 small to medium businesses will be achieved by assisting the delivery of fundamental capability and growth programs, including:

- South Australian Young Entrepreneurs Program (SAYES): \$210,000 has been provided to Business SA to deliver mentoring to at least 100 young entrepreneurs from 2017 to December 2018.
- Southern Adelaide Business Advisory Service: \$240,000 has been committed to the City of Marion to co-fund the delivery of tailored business advice to at least 960 small businesses in Adelaide's southern suburbs from 2017 to 2019.
- Digital Growth Program: \$400,000 over four years to June 2019, was provided to the Polaris Centre to mentor at least 205 small businesses per year on the effective use of digital platforms to improve business operations and growth.
- Excellence in Business Fund (EBF): \$178,125 was committed in 2017-18 to co-fund nine organisations across South Australia's regions to deliver business capability development initiatives over two years to an estimated 730 businesses.
- Southern Business Connections (SBC): \$50,000 was provided to SBC to assist small business owners in the southern areas of Adelaide by delivering business strategy workshops, business networking and information sharing events and business facility tours to at least 200 participants.
- Centre for Business Growth: \$4.186 million over four years to 2019, was provided to the University of South Australia's Business School to deliver one day Growth Clinics and four-month Growth Courses to assist South Australian small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to identify opportunities, overcome business challenges and drive competitive advantage.
- ATO Workshop Program: at no cost, the Department is partnering with the Australian Tax Office to deliver business tax essentials workshops to start-ups and established businesses in urban areas of Adelaide.

#### **BEDFORD INDUSTRIES**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

In 2017-18 Bedford Industries received \$491,400 from Jobs First Employment Projects. There are further opportunities for Bedford to access support under Skilling South Australia, including through bespoke projects.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

On 23 April 2018, the Department for Industry and Skills informed representatives from the University of the Third Age (U3A) that grant funding would conclude on 30 June 2018. I wrote to stakeholders, including Ms Claire Eglinton, State Secretary U3A confirming that decision.

**NORTHERN ECONOMIC PLAN**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):**

In addition to broader economic reforms to support all South Australian businesses and households, including through tax cuts and supporting a skilled future workforce through the \$203 million Skilling South Australia initiative, I have been advised that the Department for Industry and Skills is working with councils and businesses in northern Adelaide on the following projects:

1. Developing an online geospatial tool incorporating South Australian Government, council and private sector datasets to support investment planning.
2. Facilitating resource recovery in food manufacturing and horticultural industries.
3. Further developing the Mawson Lakes Innovation Precinct, Technology Park.
4. Fostering innovation and new product development in the food processing sector.
5. Building a comprehensive support system for emerging young entrepreneurs to complement the new entrepreneurship curriculum and entrepreneurship schools.
6. Supporting local businesses to be better prepared for attracting, training and retaining apprentices as part of their workforce development.
7. Supporting the growth of social enterprises and businesses with social purpose to create job opportunities and tackle disadvantage in the region.
8. Supporting local business groups to work together to save on their energy costs.

**SKILLING SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

The performance benchmarks for South Australia under the National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund in 2018-19 are as follows:

Target	Performance benchmark
Apprenticeships and traineeships	6,669
Pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships	2,346
Higher apprenticeships	143
Total	9,158

**ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

In reply to **the Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

Approximately 4,000 people access Adult Community Education (ACE) through Foundation Skills grants each year with around 4,200 people accessing ACE in 2017-18.

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised that under the previous Labor government the number of FTE's employed to provide communication and promotion activities within the department is as per below:

## (a) Department of State Development

Year	No of FTEs employed in Communication and Promotion Activities	Employment Expense
2017-18	14.0 FTE	\$1,640,847

\*includes employee on costs

## (b) Department for Industry and Skills

NOTE: The FTE numbers reflected below are consequential of the arrangements put in place by the former Labor Government.

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2018-19	13.0 FTE	\$1,582,458

Year	No of FTEs budgeted to provide Communication and Promotion Activities	Estimated Employment Expense
2019-20	13.0 FTE	\$1,606,195
2020-21	13.0 FTE	\$1,630,288
2021-22	13.0 FTE	\$1,654,742

\*includes employee on costs and Service Delivery to Democrat

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#### GRANT PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):**

I have been advised that program fund amounts are relevant as at October 2018 but are subject to change:

(a) and (b)

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Purpose of Grant Program or Fund
Aboriginal Programs	Aboriginal Programs support Aboriginal South Australians into employment, through skills training, employer incentives and mentoring.
Adelaide Gig City	Connect businesses within key Adelaide innovation precincts with extremely fast broadband speeds of 1 gigabit per second and up to 10 gigabits per second available on request.
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Grants paid to ACE providers to deliver foundation skills training (literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and employability skills) in accessible community settings.
Alinta Energy	Assists affected workers exiting Alinta Energy as a result of retrenchment or company closure by providing funding for career services and training
Australian Institute of Machine Learning	Build on research strengths in machine learning. It is the first machine learning institute in Australia.
Australian Manufacturers Workers Union	Fund the employment of a Research Officer within the AMWU.
Auto Jobs Connect	To directly connect automotive supply chain workers who have been made redundant or facing redundancy, to employers or jobs.
Auto Transformation Taskforce	Support the operations of the Warrendale career centre by workers impacted by the closure of the automotive manufacturing industry in Australia.
Boards without Borders	Promote the state to Interstate Board Members holding meetings in South Australia.
Building Family Opportunities	To assist long-term unemployed families to access employment opportunities by providing intensive case management.
Career Services	Funds state-wide Career Services providers to provide independent, tailored service that helps individuals and retrenched workers to identify, plan and action training and employment pathways to achieve their career goals.
Ceduna Thevenard	DIS contribution to DPTI towards Thevenard Marine Offloading Facility.
Centre for Business Growth	The Centre for Business Growth is part of the University of South Australia's business school and delivers programs targeted at executives of South Australian companies between 5 and 200 employees.
Commercialisation & Entrepreneurship	Support the University of South Australia to establish exhibitions and program resources for the operation of SciCEd, develop science, design and innovation program content for young people and adults.
Country Arts SA	Grant payment to Country Arts SA for operating Hopgood Theatre at Noarlunga.
Critical Skills Investment Program	A completion bonus of up to \$2,000 paid to eligible employers for each apprentice or trainee that complete a qualification listed on the Critical Skills List (GTOs not eligible). Also includes the GTO Support Program where funding is provided to Group Training Organisations (GTOs) in lieu of Payroll Tax Exemption.
Defence & STEM Scholarship	The program funds up to 10 Internships and 10 Honours Scholarships, to attract high achieving university students to consider a career in defence companies and industries reliant on STEM skills.



Name of Grant Program or Fund	Purpose of Grant Program or Fund
Digital Gaming Industry Fund	Fund was established to support South Australia's entrepreneurs and businesses to create high quality digital games.
Disability Sector	Grant for activities to support individuals and businesses to build their capability and capacity to meet the demand for services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
DOME	Paid to DOME (Don't Overlook Mature Experience) to deliver training and employment activities to support mature aged jobseekers.
Equal Remuneration Order	Cabinet approved supplementation paid to not for profit organisations to cover CPI increases for community sector workers.
Flinders Powers Regional Development Fund	Support for the Leigh Creek and Upper Spencer Gulf outback communities.
Helpmann Academy	Grant for advancing/supporting and promoting education/training in visual and performing arts at tertiary level in SA.
Hybrid World	Sponsorship for hybrid World, an event focused on the life-changing influence of digital technology.
Job Readiness STEM	Trial to improve the job readiness of VET STEM graduates.
Jobs First	Jobs First Employment Projects are tailored activities developed in partnership with employers, industries and regional stakeholders to assist job seekers to obtain and sustain a job.
Leigh Creek Motel	Support the operation of the Leigh Creek Motel—Tavern at Leigh Creek.
Local Finance Management Scholarships	Scholarship program to provide post-graduate research opportunities in finance and related sectors by investing in research projects exploring new innovations, products or problems in the finance and fintech sectors.
Manufacturing Technology Program	To create greater awareness within South Australian manufacturers of emerging and disruptive technologies, their associated business model impacts and how these technologies could exploit new market opportunities.
Maritime Skills Centre	Support skills and training requirements of the Air Warfare Destroyer Project workforce.
Metcash Distribution Centre	Assistance with the establishment of a Distribution Centre in Adelaide.
Minerals Skills Centre	Grant to RESA for the coordination for workforce development opportunities and issues in relation to the resources and engineering sectors.
Mobile Blackspot	To improve and extend mobile phone coverage to regional and remote Australian locations in conjunction with the Commonwealth Mobile Black Spot initiative.
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Support business expansion in the City of Playford, Port Adelaide-Enfield and Salisbury with a focus on the creation of jobs.
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Focus on the Department's priority sectors by targeting businesses undertake structural change to sustainable high value activities, with sustainable growth potential.
OJP: Automotive Supplier Diversification Program	Support the diversification of businesses impacted by the closure of the automotive manufacturing industry in South Australia.
Our Jobs Plan	The Our Jobs Plan initiative was established to offset the departure General Motors Holden assisting industry diversification and providing support for entrepreneurs.
Personal Support Program	Paid to ACE providers to engage disadvantaged individuals (50+) in community education and pathways to training, further education volunteering and employment through the provision of personal support.
Regional Projects	Funding for the administration of regional employment networks and for regional projects and services provided to regional jobseekers.
Renewable Technology Industry Development Program	To support manufacturers in the renewable technologies sector.
Research Commercialisation and Start-up Fund	To support South Australian businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to solve industrial problems, commercialise new products and services and attract research infrastructure investment into the state, as well as to encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups.
Retrenched workers	Assists non-automotive workers exiting a company as a result of retrenchment or company closure by providing funding for career services and training.
Rip it up Initiative	DIS contribution to Whole of Government Electronic forms platform.
SA Early Commercialisation Fund	Target innovative high-growth ventures with strong potential to generate substantial income, employment and export earnings for South Australia.
SA Group Training	Support for Group Training Organisations to enable employment and off-job training for apprentices and trainees and hosting out to employers for the provision of on-job experience and training.
SA Oysters Growers Association	Development of an information technology based management system to assist with the monitoring and management of oyster stocks.

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Purpose of Grant Program or Fund
SA Rapid Commercialisation	Drive commercialisation of technologies that can be acquired or licensed from South Australian research institutions.
SA Science Council	Sponsorships to promote science in South Australia and Support for a South Australian Note of the AustCyber CRC.
Science and Research Fund	Dedicated Research and Development funding to support the State's research community to compete successfully on a national and global scale.
Skilling South Australia	Fund to support a range of initiatives to create an additional 20,800 apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia through subsidised training and support services.
Skills in the Workplace	Skills in the Workplace provides employers with a training subsidy to help them lift the skills of their existing employees at higher qualification levels.
Small Business Initiatives	Support for small business to grow capabilities and expand operations.
Southern Economic Board	Support industry development in Southern Adelaide.
Strategic Industry Development Fund	Fund targeting priority sectors, specifically businesses undertaking structural change to sustainable high-value economic activities, with sustainable growth potential, capitalising on national and international opportunities for South Australian products and services, developing global connections and alliances, and investing in new technologies and innovations.
Student Transport Concessions	Program to support Student Transport Concessions. Payable to DPTI.
Student VET Fee Help	Contribution to the Commonwealth Student VET FEE HELP program.
TAFE SA Capital	Support provided to the TAFE SA Capital program.
Tauondi	Paid to Tauondi, a Registered Training Organisation funded to assist Aboriginal people with skill development, job preparation and brokerage into jobs.
TechinSA	Contribute to the development of South Australia's high-tech industry.
Techstars	Establish the Techstars accelerator program for start-up companies in South Australia.
Trade Waste Transition Program	DIS Contribution to Green Industries SA.
Trainee Travel & Accommodation	Travel and accommodation subsidy for apprentices/trainees travelling more than 150km to the closest approved training provider.
Training Fund	Subsidies for TAFE and non-government training providers for the provision of VET and associated services.
UNISA Future Industries Institute	The Future Industries Institute builds on the research capabilities in Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment.
University of 3rd Age	Paid to the University to facilitate learning experiences for older South Australians (50+) to keep them engaged.
US Ignite	Foster development of next generation applications that provide transformative public benefit using new technologies like software-defined networks.
Workforce Development	Workforce Development Program provides support for industry-led projects that address current and future workforce and skills development needs.

(c) Balance of the Grant Program or Fund in the table below equals budgeted expenditure from the Program or Fund (detailed in (d)) less contractual commitments as at 30 June 2018.

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Balance of the Grant Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboriginal programs	—	57	17	11	3
Adelaide Gig City	—	890	97	108	—
Adult Community Education (ACE)	—	2,915	2,964	2,964	2,964
Alinta Energy	—	—	—	—	—
Australian Manufacturers Workers Union	—	—	—	—	—
Auto Jobs Connect	—	100	—	—	—
Auto Transformation Taskforce	—	—	—	—	—
Boards without Borders	—	—	—	—	—
Building Family Opportunities	—	—	—	—	—
Ceduna Thevenard	—	125	—	—	—

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Balance of the Grant Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Centre for Business Growth	—	698	—	—	—
Commercialisation & Entrepreneurship	—	290	240	190	196
Country Arts SA	—	115	—	—	—
Critical Skills Investment Program	—	3,232	3,118	3,229	3,343
Defence & STEM Scholarship	—	100	100	100	100
Digital Gaming Industry Fund	—	200	—	—	—
Disability Sector	—	18	—	—	—
DOME	—	—	523	—	—
Equal Remuneration Order	—	750	785	804	824
Flinders Powers Regional Development Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Helpmann Academy	—	—	—	—	—
Hybrid World	—	—	—	—	—
Job Readiness STEM	—	—	—	—	—
Jobs First	—	1,581	—	—	—
Leigh Creek Motel	—	25	—	—	—
Local Finance Management Scholarships	—	250	250	250	250
Manufacturing Technology Program	—	920	—	—	—
Maritime Skills Centre	—	—	—	—	—
Metcash Distribution Centre	—	1,000	—	—	—
Minerals Skills Centre	—	28	456	467	479
Mobile Blackspot	—	52	—	—	—
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	—	1,512	—	—	—
OJP: Automotive Supplier Diversification Program	—	1,133	1,000	—	—
Our Jobs Plan	—	4,637	—	—	—
Personal Support Program	—	—	—	—	—
Regional projects	—	104	32	—	—
Research Commercialisation and Start-up Fund	—	3,427	5,207	6,025	7,913
Retrenched Workers	—	169	—	—	—
Rip it Up initiative	—	32	32	33	33
SA Early Commercialisation Fund	—	2,500	—	—	—
SA Group Training	—	1,423	1,458	1,495	1,532
SA Oysters Growers Association	—	—	—	—	—
SA Rapid Commercialisation	—	—	—	—	—
SA Science Council	—	—	—	—	—
Science and Research Fund	—	241	—	—	—
Skilling South Australia	—	34,000	46,400	53,000	50,100
Skills in the Workplace	—	35	—	—	—

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Balance of the Grant Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Small Business Initiatives	—	250	175	175	175
Southern Economic Board	—	—	—	—	—
Strategic Industry Development Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Student Transport Concessions	—	15,984	16,390	16,800	17,221
Student VET Fee Help	—	1,200	1,685	1,732	1,780
TAFE SA Capital	—	4,318	4,355	4,611	4,726
Tauondi	—	29	114	—	—
TechinSA	—	3,492	1,109	1,200	—
Techstars	—	—	—	—	—
Trainee Travel & Accommodation	—	939	970	996	1,020
Training Fund	—	280,369	246,772	242,145	252,485
UNISA Future Industries Institute	—	—	—	—	—
University of 3rd Age	—	—	—	—	—
US Ignite	—	60	—	—	—
Workforce Development	—	—	—	—	—
Australian Institute of Machine Learning	—	—	—	—	—
Career Services	—	—	—	—	—
Renewable Technology Industry Development Program	—	1,000	—	—	—
Trade Waste Transition program	—	—	—	—	—

(d)

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Budgeted (or actual) Expenditure from the Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboriginal programs	1,463	138	17	11	3
Adelaide Gig City	1,236	2,778	539	108	—
Adult Community Education (ACE)	5,363	3,539	2,964	2,964	2,964
Alinta Energy	198	—	—	—	—
Australian Manufacturers Workers Union	110	110	—	—	—
Auto Jobs Connect	641	100	—	—	—
Auto Transformation Taskforce	253	—	—	—	—
Boards without Borders	75	75	—	—	—
Building Family Opportunities	1,380	—	—	—	—
Ceduna Thevenard	125	125	—	—	—
Centre for Business Growth	1,395	698	—	—	—
Commercialisation & Entrepreneurship	443	290	240	190	196
Country Arts SA	110	115	—	—	—
Critical Skills Investment Program	3,036	3,232	3,118	3,229	3,343
Defence & STEM Scholarship	136	100	100	100	100

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Budgeted (or actual) Expenditure from the Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Digital Gaming Industry Fund	780	350	—	—	—
Disability Sector	2,821	673	—	32	—
DOME	948	102	523	—	—
Equal Remuneration Order	590	750	785	804	824
Flinders Powers Regional Development Fund	73	—	—	—	—
Helpmann Academy	203	—	—	—	—
Hybrid World	215	—	—	—	—
Job Readiness STEM	138	—	—	—	—
Jobs First	7,427	2,278	—	—	—
Leigh Creek Motel	213	25	—	—	—
Local Finance Management Scholarships	—	250	250	250	250
Manufacturing Technology Program	—	920	—	—	—
Maritime Skills Centre	600	450	411	—	—
Metcash Distribution Centre	—	1,000	—	—	—
Minerals Skills Centre	434	245	456	467	479
Mobile Blackspot	844	956	—	—	—
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	4,364	2,385	—	—	—
OJP: Automotive Supplier Diversification Program	1,631	4,110	1,000	—	—
Our Jobs Plan	4,594	4,637	—	—	—
Personal Support Program	296	—	—	—	—
Regional projects	1,576	237	32	—	—
Research Commercialisation and Start-up Fund	—	3,427	5,207	6,025	7,913
Retrenched Workers	303	323	—	—	—
Rip it Up initiative	31	32	32	33	33
SA Early Commercialisation Fund	5,000	2,500	—	—	—
SA Group Training	1,199	1,423	1,458	1,495	1,532
SA Oysters Growers Association	125	—	—	—	—
SA Rapid Commercialisation	600	600	600	—	—
SA Science Council	62	—	—	—	—
Science and Research Fund	4,039	3,648	1,925	1,150	100
Skilling South Australia	—	34,000	46,400	53,000	50,100
Skills in the Workplace	40	35	—	—	—
Small Business Initiatives	284	250	175	175	175
Southern Economic Board	200	—	—	—	—
Strategic Industry Development Fund	1,586	721	743	—	—
Student Transport Concessions	13,974	15,984	16,390	16,800	17,221
Student VET Fee Help	1,583	1,200	1,685	1,732	1,780
TAFE SA Capital	5,506	4,318	4,355	4,611	4,726
Tauondi	3,450	1,050	2,614	—	—
TechinSA	5,885	3,492	1,109	1,200	—
Techstars	1,940	—	—	—	—

Name of Grant Program or Fund	Budgeted (or actual) Expenditure from the Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Trainee Travel & Accommodation	1,033	939	970	996	1,020
Training Fund	266,086	280,369	246,772	242,145	252,485
UNISA Future Industries Institute	3,000	3,000	—	—	—
University of 3rd Age	46	—	—	—	—
US Ignite	110	60	—	—	—
Workforce Development	244	—	—	—	—
Australian Institute of Machine Learning	775	1,300	1,300	1,325	1,300
Career Services	2,131	—	—	—	—
Renewable Technology Industry Development Program	—	1,000	—	—	—
Trade Waste Transition Program	78	—	—	—	—

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Name of Grant Program or Fund	Budgeted (or actual) Payments into the Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18 (Actual)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Aboriginal Programs	44	—	—	—	—
Australian Institute of Machine Learning	600	—	—	—	—
Automotive Transformation Taskforce	40	—	—	—	—
Disability Sector	538	—	—	—	—
Flinders Powers Regional Development Fund	80	—	—	—	—
Jobs Readiness STEM	138	—	—	—	—
Our Jobs Plan	132	—	—	—	—
Personal Support Program	11	—	—	—	—
Skilling South Australia	—	39,441	20,100	23,000	20,100
Southern Economic Board	200	—	—	—	—
Training Fund	969	969	969	969	969

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Name of Grant Program or Fund	Carryovers into or from the Program or Fund (\$000)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Adelaide Gig City	-415	415	—	—	—
Digital Gaming Industry Fund	-200	200	—	—	—
Disability Sector	-673	673	—	—	—
Leigh Creek Motel	-25	25	—	—	—
Manufacturing Technology Program	-600	600	—	—	—
Mobile Blackspot	-377	377	—	—	—
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	-1,185	1,185	—	—	—
OJP: Automotive Supplier Diversification Program	-4,810	3,810	1,000	—	—
Our Jobs Plan	-3,657	3,657	—	—	—
Science and Research Fund	-391	391	—	—	—

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Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Aboriginal Programs	AFL Sports Ready	6	Yes
Aboriginal Programs	Austland Management Pty Ltd	5	Yes
Aboriginal Programs	Grant—Power Community Ltd	20	Yes
Aboriginal Programs	Price Waterhouse Coopers	46	Yes
Aboriginal Programs	Regional Development Australia	4	Yes
Adelaide Gig City	Sabernet	2,330	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Aberfoyle Community Centre Inc	12	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Aldinga Community Centre Inc	3	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Alexandrina Connect Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Anglican Community Care Incorporated	7	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Anglican Community Centre Inc	25	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Bagster Road Community Centre Inc	27	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Baptist Care SA Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Beach Road Artworks Inc	20	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Catherine House Inc	13	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Catholic Church Endowment Society Inc	16	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Centre for Equality Ltd	8	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Christie Downs Community Centre Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	City of Marion	44	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	City of Port Adelaide Enfield	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	City of Salisbury	26	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Eastwood Community Centre Inc	4	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Elizabeth Community Connections Project Inc	11	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Encounter Centre Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Eyre Futures Inc	27	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Hackham West Community Centre Inc	33	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	High Street Social Club	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Hutt Street Centre	5	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Junction Community Centre Inc	12	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Kahra Foundation Australia	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Limestone Coast Work Options Inc	7	Yes

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Lutheran Community care	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Marion life Community Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Mid Murray support service Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Midway Community house Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Milang and District Community Assoc Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Minda Inc	5	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Morella Community Centre Inc	40	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Mt Barker Family house Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Murray Bridge Community Centre Inc	12	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Muslim Women's Assoc of SA Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Northern area Community and Youth Services Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Overseas Chinese Assoc of SA	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Paralowie Community Centre Incorporated	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Parks Children's Centre Community Development Group	4	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	7	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Plaza Youth Centre Inc	7	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Pooraka Farm Community Centre Inc	39	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Port Lincoln Community House Inc	6	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Reynella Neighbourhood Centre Inc	14	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Riverland division of general practice Inc	11	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Southern Yorke Peninsula Community telecentre Inc	4	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	The Hut Community Centre Inc	30	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Uniting Care Wesley	22	Yes
Adult Community Education (ACE)	Vietnamese community in S A chapter Inc	15	Yes
Australian Institute of Machine Learning	Australian Institute of Machine Learning	5,225	Yes
Australian Manufacturers Workers Union	Australian Manufacturers Workers Union	110	Yes
Digital Gaming Industry Fund	Academy of Interactive	150	Yes
Disability Sector	Australian Migrant Resource Centre Inc	5	Yes
Disability Sector	Barossa Lower North Futures Inc	17	Yes
Disability Sector	Career Partners Plus	75	Yes



Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Disability Sector	City of Playford	33	Yes
Disability Sector	Grant AUCTUS Consulting Pty Ltd	28	Yes
Disability Sector	Grant Career Employment Group Inc	33	Yes
Disability Sector	Hills Community Options	8	Yes
Disability Sector	Life Without Barriers	5	Yes
Disability Sector	Minda Inc	32	Yes
Disability Sector	National Disability Services	6	Yes
Disability Sector	Northern Futures	125	Yes
Disability Sector	University of SA	20	Yes
Disability Sector	Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast	75	Yes
Disability Sector	Regional Development Australia Murraylands & Riverlands Inc	75	Yes
Disability Sector	Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula	75	Yes
Disability Sector	Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North	75	Yes
DOMES	DOMES Association Inc.	102	Yes
Jobs First	Adelaide Training and Employment Centre Inc	50	Yes
Jobs First	Allan Miller Transport Training	5	Yes
Jobs First	Barossa Lower North Futures Inc	13	Yes
Jobs First	Bedford Phoenix Inc	52	Yes
Jobs First	Career Employment Group Inc	24	Yes
Jobs First	Civil Contractors Federation SA Branch	7	Yes
Jobs First	Club & Hospitality Training Services	8	Yes
Jobs First	Hospitality Industry Training Pty Ltd	38	Yes
Jobs First	KIK Innovation Ltd	34	Yes
Jobs First	MADEC Australia	15	Yes
Jobs First	MAS National Ltd	103	Yes
Jobs First	Morgan and Hay Pty Ltd	106	Yes
Jobs First	Northern Futures	46	Yes
Jobs First	Regional Development Australia Barossa Inc	35	Yes
Jobs First	Regional Development Australia Yorke And Mid North	106	Yes
Jobs First	South Australian Learning Centre	7	Yes
Jobs First	The Quality Training and Hospitality College Pty Ltd	48	Yes

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Maritime Skills Centre	Australian Submarine Corp Air Warfare Destroyer Shipbuilder	861	Yes
Minerals Skills Centre (RESA)	Minerals Skills Centre (RESA)	217	Yes
Mobile Blackspot	Optus	828	Yes
Mobile Blackspot	Telstra	76	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Ace Cranes and Equipment	80	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Adelaide Fabrication Services	8	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Agri-Bits	50	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Australian Blow Moulders	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Australian Ground Mount Solutions	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Broadtec Solutions	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	BT group	15	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Burnie Timber	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Crew Concrete	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	D&S Resources	4	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Dolphin Explorer Cruises	5	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Eagle Contractors	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	ETH Transport	20	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Everything Autocare	3	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	FreshPack	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Gelato Bello	5	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Green Frog Systems	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	GST Farms	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Hydro R US	100	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Ignition Custom Engineering	4	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Laftsis Fresh Produce	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Lasertat	4	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Lawrie & Co	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Lucas Plumbing & Gas Solutions	3	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Macheda S & G	6	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Martin Dentist Dentures	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Mikutta Heavy Vehicle Refinishers	100	Yes

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Mincham Aviation	40	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Northern Eye Specialists	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Nymet Australia	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Pestcorp Australia	17	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Pfitzer Performance Gearbox	7	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Pogas Produce	3	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Prospect Rd Day Night Clinic	8	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Saint Meat	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Silvercrete Concrete Products	100	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Subluxator	8	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Sunrise Early Learning	100	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	SV Plumbing	3	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	Sweet Amber	9	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	T Musolino & Co	10	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	TEB Contractors	1	Yes
Northern Economic Plan: Small Business Development Fund	The Corner Store on Semaphore	10	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Adelaide City Engineering	200	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Adelaide Profile Services	186	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Brice Metals	500	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Conma Industries	61	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Milford Industries	100	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Sage Automation	500	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	SMR Technologies	1,000	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Sonnex	8	Yes
OJP: Automotive Diversification Program Supplier	Supashock	422	Yes
Regional Projects	Accustom Consulting Pty Ltd (Kadina)	5	Yes
Regional Projects	Austland Management Pty Ltd (Riverland)	6	Yes
Regional Projects	Barossa Lower North Futures Inc	15	Yes
Regional Projects	Barossa Lower Nth Futures Inc. (Clare)	5	Yes
Regional Projects	Career Employment Group (Far North)	10	Yes
Regional Projects	Career Employment Group	27	Yes

Grant program/fund name	Beneficiary/Recipient	Value \$000	Subject to grant agreement under TI I5
Regional Projects	Career Employment Group (Whyalla)	5	Yes
Regional Projects	Community House Pt Lincoln (Pt Lincoln)	10	Yes
Regional Projects	DOME Association Inc.	5	Yes
Regional Projects	Eyre Futures Inc. (Ceduna)	5	Yes
Regional Projects	Mission Australia	15	Yes
Regional Projects	Uniting Care Wesley Pt Adelaide (Murray Mallee)	10	Yes
Regional Projects	Uniting Care Wesley Pt Adelaide (Upper Limestone/Mt Gambier)	10	Yes
Regional Projects	Regional Development Australia Barossa Inc. (Gawler)	5	Yes
Retrenched Workers	MAS National Inc	154	Yes
SA Rapid Commercialisation	Availer	1,200	Yes
Science and Research Fund	Australian Wine Research Institute	12	Yes
Science and Research Fund	Defence SA	125	Yes
Science and Research Fund	DPTI	100	Yes
Science and Research Fund	Flinders University	265	Yes
Science and Research Fund	Rural Solutions	100	Yes
Science and Research Fund	SAHMRI	2,000	Yes
Science and Research Fund	SARDI	100	Yes
Science and Research Fund	University of Adelaide	3,250	Yes
Science and Research Fund	University of SA	625	Yes
Science and Research Fund	Mitchell Cheesman	5	Yes
Strategic Industry Development Fund	New Castalloy (via Renewal SA)	1,464	Yes
Tauondi	Tauondi	3,521	Yes
UNISA Future Industries Institute	University of South Australia	3,000	Yes
Boards without Borders	Committee for Adelaide Inc	75	Yes

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills):** I have been advised:

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018, the Department for Industry and Skills (formerly the Department of State Development) has not abolished or created any executive roles.

However, between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, under the previous Labor government the then Department of State Development, created a new position of the Director, Performance and Governance with a total employment cost of \$235,000 on 1 July 2017. During this period, no executive roles were abolished.

**TAFE SA**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment has advised of the following:

In 2016, Datacom began exploring a partnership with TAFE SA which led to Datacom extensively upgrading and leasing a portion of the TAFE SA Tea Tree Gully Campus with the support of the previous Investment Attraction Agency and partnering with TAFE SA to provide pre-employment and ongoing training opportunities for Datacom employees. The Department for Trade Tourism and Investment maintains an ongoing working relationship with Datacom. Any discussions between the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment and companies are classified Commercial in Confidence, and therefore I cannot disclose this information.

**MUSIC FOCUS SCHOOLS**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

From 2015-2017, a snapshot of student enrolments in Instrumental Music was undertaken in May of each year.

Following Phase 1 of the implementation to the Music Focus School model, the number of students enrolled in Instrumental Music increased from 6,152 students in 2015 (baseline) to 6,275 students in 2016.

Following full implementation in 2017, 7,769 students were enrolled in Instrumental Music, which represents a 26% increase from the 2015 baseline.

As of May 2017, Instrumental Music provided instruction for students in 58% of schools compare to 52% in 2016 and 51% in 2014 (baseline). A snapshot taken in July 2018 found that there are 8,232 active enrolments. Please note a new database was implemented in 2018 and so data is not directly comparable to previous years.

**TAFE SA**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):**

Consideration was given to the proximity, accessibility and continuity of campus resources available at the nearby Gilles Plains campus to students living in the north-eastern suburbs. It was noted that Gilles Plains campus is 10 minutes by road from Tea Tree Gully campus.

Gilles Plains campus resources available to all TAFE SA students include:

- an excellent learning resource centre (library) with staff, two computer suites and an open computer pool, totalling approximately 68 computers
- photocopiers and printers
- a student wireless network, allowing students to bring and use their own devices and gain access to TAFE SA's online learning resources; and
- student common areas (indoor and outdoor).

It should be noted there is no learning resource centre at the Tea Tree Gully campus.

TAFE SA does not hold record of the number of students living in the north-eastern suburbs enrolled at campuses other than Tea Tree Gully campus, who may use the resources available at Tea Tree Gully campus.

**SCHOOLS, LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):**

The figures in the following table are representative of completers based on results data released at the end of each year. This is because students may still be withdrawn, or enrolled, through school results sheets and/or exceptional circumstances at any time during the year. Accordingly, the data below is from 1998 to 2017.

Location	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Northern Territory	76	93	97	100	134	523	476	600	645	679	595
Stage 1						389	352	470	524	542	442
Stage 2	76	93	97	100	134	134	124	130	121	137	153
South Australia	6712	7147	7549	7621	7418	7024	6816	6942	6806	6697	6644

Location	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Stage 1	4945	5303	5582	5543	5393	5034	4906	4976	4860	4830	4834
Stage 2	1767	1844	1967	2078	2025	1990	1910	1966	1946	1867	1810
Grand Total	6788	7240	7646	7721	7552	7547	7292	7542	7451	7376	7239

Location	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northern Territory	489	521	597	610	634	673	666	548	628	772
Stage 1	389	416	482	530	483	561	503	416	509	601
Stage 2	100	105	115	80	151	112	163	132	119	171
South Australia	6688	6547	5801	5120	4435	4166	4007	4238	4494	4441
Stage 1	4970	4783	4098	3744	3246	3086	2991	3107	3318	3227
Stage 2	1718	1764	1703	1376	1189	1080	1016	1131	1176	1214
Grand Total	7177	7068	6398	5730	5069	4839	4673	4786	5122	5213

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT REDUCTIONS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):**

The South Australian government is providing \$3.7 million to the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board to fulfil its regulatory obligations for the 2018-19 financial year. This level of state government funding is recurrent. In addition, we are providing funding of \$1.1m in 2018-19 and \$0.55 million to December 2019. Further consideration will be given to subsequent arrangements in due course.

### CHILDREN'S CENTRES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

Allied health services in Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development and Parenting (children's centres) are provided by personnel who meet criteria to work as an Allied Health Professional Level 2, as specified in Appendix 6A: Allied Health Professionals Work Level Definitions, contained in the South Australian Modern Public Sector Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2017.

Currently there are 37 FTE family services coordinators in 41 positions in children's centres. These positions are filled by personnel with a social work, occupational therapy or psychology degree. A majority of these positions are 1.0 FTE; however a small number are 0.5 FTE based on identified community need.

There are 10.4 FTE occupational therapists in 30 positions in children's centres. These positions are filled by personnel with an occupational therapy degree. In metropolitan centres these positions are 0.3 FTE, and in regional areas they are 0.5 or 0.6 FTE.

There are 8.8 FTE speech pathologists in 28 positions in children's centres. These positions are filled by personnel with a speech pathology degree. The FTE distribution for speech pathologists follows the same pattern as for occupational therapists, with 0.3 FTE positions in metropolitan centres, and 0.5 or 0.6 FTE in regional areas.

### DISABILITY SERVICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The process to allocate funding for the preschool support program is the same as in previous years. The government is currently considering opportunities to improve and streamline funding processes.

In regard to increasing both enrolment and attendance at the preschool level, there are a range of strategies in place for all children. This includes promoting preschools through the Every Day Counts campaign. Preschools make contact with families if a child is regularly absent to encourage attendance, noting that preschool is not compulsory.

The Department for Education also operates Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development and Parenting. The family service coordinators and community development coordinators at these children's centres have

a key role in supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable families and children to access early childhood services, including preschool programs.

#### DISABILITY SERVICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The Preschool Support Program (PSP) is a statewide program supporting children with developmental delay and/or disability.

For the 2017-18 financial year, the PSP budget was \$7.19 million and in 2018/19 this budget is \$7.27 million. This is inclusive of Universal Access funding. The budget has remained constant for approximately 10 years, increasing by CPI each year. However, as part of the enterprise agreement in 2016, the budget was increased by \$1 million to address additional enrolments of children with disability and complex needs in preschools.

#### PRESCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The attendance rates for the three category rankings of the 382 Department for Education preschools as at Term 3, 2018 (August 2018 data collection) are:

Category Ranking	Total Eligible Enrolments	Attendance
1	6 645	83%
2	7 016	89%
3	3 310	90%
Total	16 971	87%

#### PRESCHOOL SERVICES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

As at 30 June 2018, the Australian Bureau of Statistics projection of Aboriginal three-year-old children in South Australia was 982. Seventy-two per cent (707) of these children were enrolled in a department operated preschool.

As at 30 June 2018, the population of three-year-old children under the care of the state was 180. Forty-one per cent (73) of these children were enrolled in a Department for Education operated preschool. It should be noted that this does not include three year old children under the care of the state who are enrolled in child care rather than preschool as this data is not available to the department.

#### PRESCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** Yes.

#### BULLYING

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

Commencing on 11 July 2018, the Department for Education engaged two consultants, Ms Jo McNamara, Social Worker, University of Adelaide, and Mr Adrian Booth, Clinical Psychologist, Mental Health Unit, SA Health, and visiting lecturer at the University of Adelaide. Both Ms McNamara and Mr Booth were selected through recommendations based on their significant relevant experience, credibility in the field and expertise in the areas of GDSD and mental health in relation to children and young people. Ms NcNamara has recently concluded her work with the department, having accepted an alternative employment opportunity.

#### EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The total contract value for an initial 10 year contract term for the Education Management System with Civica is \$76.4m (excl. GST) for enterprise licensing, hosting, support and implementation costs. The initial contract value of \$76.4m over 10 years equates to a cost per preschool/school of approximately \$8,332 per annum.

#### APY LANDS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):**

The policy that governs school terms, vacations and closures is under review by the Department for Education, and relevant stakeholders are currently providing feedback to a range of questions including the question posed. The department will provide me with recommendations at the conclusion of their review. It should be noted that those recommendations, if accepted, will apply to all remote school locations across South Australia.

#### SCHOOLS, YEAR 7 REFORM

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

1. The Department for Education's indicative modelling suggests the need for an additional 800 secondary school teachers.
2. Primary schools vacancies are generic; therefore departmental systems do not differentiate between year level teaching cohorts.

#### SCHOOL FUNDING

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The net uncommitted funding available for new projects in the Department for Education's existing approved forward estimates is \$20.583 million.

#### SCHOOLS, YEAR 7 REFORM

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018).  
(Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

As of 4 October 2018, the following schools within the Department for Education's Capital Works Program may require some additional learning areas to accommodate the transition of year 7 students into high school based on existing enrolment projections:

- Charles Campbell College
- Craigmore High School
- Gawler and District College B-12
- Glossop High School
- Golden Grove High School
- Grant High School
- Heathfield High School
- Henley High School
- Kapunda High School
- Mount Gambier High School
- Murray Bridge High School
- Norwood Morialta High School
- Paralowie School
- Playford International College



- Port Lincoln High School
- Reynella East College
- Salisbury High School
- Seaton High School
- Seaview High School
- Unley High School
- Urrbrae Agricultural High School
- Willunga High School
- Wirreanda Secondary School
- Woodville High School.

Final plans will be developed with each individual school.

#### TARGETED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PACKAGES

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The in-scope FTE was 1,155.7FTE (YTD average as at 30 April 2018).

#### PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

In reply to **Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

In 2018-19 the Department for Education's investing budget includes expenditure of \$13.2 million for acquisition of land to establish the new Northern Adelaide and Southern Adelaide schools.

In the Department for Education's forward estimates, expenditure of \$20.136 million has been allocated for the 2021-22 financial year for the half year operating costs associated with the two new schools commencing from 1 January 2022.

#### LITERACY AND NUMERACY PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

The government's agreement with Raising Literacy Australia provides for reading packs to South Australian families for preschool children, babies, toddlers and children in out-of-home care.

The Smith Family's Let's Count program aims to improve the early numeracy of children 3-5 years in preschools and other settings. The Smith's Family Let's Read program will focus on children aged 0-5 years in a range of settings including preschools.

#### SWIMMING AND AQUATICS BUDGET

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

452 students with disabilities from 15 Department for Education schools attend Strathmont Centre on a weekly basis for water safety lessons.

Instruction is provided by department employed swimming instructors with the instructor to student ratio dependent on the needs of the students. The cost of each instruction hour used is \$57 per hour including oncosts which is funded by the department's swimming and aquatics budget. An instructor in charge is also employed at the centre funded by the department at a cost of \$83.70 per hour, including oncosts, while instruction is taking place. Teachers are also in attendance during these lessons.

#### SURREY DOWNS KINDERGARTEN

In reply to **Mr BOYER (Wright)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education):** I have been advised of the following:

As at August 2018, the preschool enrolments at Surrey Downs Kindergarten were 46 and the service has the capacity to take up to 84 children. Preschool enrolments at the service have grown from 31 in August 2016, and 36 in August 2017. Based on recent enrolment trends, it appears Surrey Downs Kindergarten will be a viable preschool into the future.

#### DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

The department can confirm that the Online Date reports for March and April 2018 were uploaded on the agency website in accordance with the practice instituted by the previous government which commenced in July 2016.

#### RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

As at 11 October 2018, of the 76 facilities operated by the Department for Child Protection the following can be reported:

All Shifts—Single	All Shifts—Double up	Mixed Model
34	6	36

It should be noted that shift configuration is based upon:

- The complexity of children and young people's needs in each facility;
- The number of children and young people in a facility;
- The immediate operational situations which are unplanned;
- The requirements of children and young people; and
- Assessing risks and safety as they relate to specific situations.

#### RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

A review of internal residential care services has commenced and one of the key priorities of the review is to investigate the efficacy of, and evidence for abandoning single-handed shifts. There are double-handed shifts in place.

I am currently committed to this existing arrangement.

#### RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

Through the recent recruitment campaign undertaken by the Department for Child Protection (DCP), 26 candidates have verbally accepted an offer of employment and are likely to commence in October 2018, of these seven have degree level qualifications other than social work.

#### CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

A desktop audit of 453 children and their placement needs was undertaken by the Department for Child Protection. The summary report of this audit is available on the agency website.

#### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

In reply to **Ms STINSON (Badcoe)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

1. There are two current staff employed by the department who have had their Working with Children clearance suspended by the Department for Human Services Screening Unit. Neither of those staff have worked at DCP since their clearances were revoked. Contracts with providers of agency staff require that those providers ensure that any staff assigned to undertake work in the department's facilities comply with relevant requirements, including holding a current Working with Children clearance.

2. One of the two employed staff had their Working with Children clearance revoked in the last financial year, on 23 October 2017.

3. One of those two employed staff had their Working with Children clearance revoked in the current financial year, on 4 September 2018.

4. During the financial year 2017/18 the Department of Human Services Screening Unit advised DCP of seven revoked Working with Children clearances that related to carers. The Screening Unit has advised DCP of one for the financial year 2018-19 to date.

5. One of the 33 employees previously reported as not holding a current clearance was at the workplace for a short period. During the period from when that employee's clearance had lapsed on 28 July 2018 until it was renewed by the Screening Unit on 27 August 2018, the employee continued to work with approval of the chief executive noting that a renewal application had been submitted to the DHS Screening Unit and that the employee's duties did not constitute prescribed duties or functions under the applicable Act. The employee was not working directly with children and young people and did not have access to children and young people's records during this time.

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following

(a) 6.5 FTEs were allocated to communication and promotion functions as at 30 June 2018, at a full year cost of \$692,000.

(b) Budgeted communication and promotion FTE for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 and estimated employment expense is as follows:

Estimated Expense	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
FTE	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Employee Expense	\$560,000	\$568,000	\$577,000	\$585,000

(c) As an open and transparent government, Marketing Communications Activity Reports and Annual Media Expenditure details are proactively disclosed. The activity reports list all marketing campaigns over the cost of \$50,000 and are posted on a monthly basis.

This information can be found at: <https://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/government-communications/government-media-advertising-expenditure>

#### PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):** I have been advised of the following;

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, there were three SA executive positions abolished. The total employment cost of these positions was \$ 645,372:

Position Title
Director, Metropolitan Services
Executive Director, Country Operations
Director, Country Services

Between 30 June 2017 and 17 March 2018, there were 8 SA executive positions created. The total employment cost of these positions was \$ 1,517,489:

Position Title
Director, Statewide Services
Regional Director, Far North Far West
Regional Director, South
Regional Director, North
Regional Director, Central
Director, Disability & Development Advocacy
Executive Director, Out of Home Care
Director, HR Performance & Operations

**PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVES**

In reply to **Ms WORTLEY (Torrens)** (26 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection):**

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018 there were two SA executive positions abolished. The total employment cost of these positions was \$ 440,817:

Position Title
Executive Director, Strategy and Performance
Director, Out of Home Care Reform

It should be noted that the position of Director, Out of Home Care Reform was established as a temporary position to undertake a defined project.

Between 17 March 2018 and 30 June 2018 there were no SA executive positions created. The total employment cost values have been determined by the Total Remuneration Package Value (TRPV) of the executive employment contract of the incumbent at the time the position was abolished or created.

**O-BAHN TUNNEL**

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised:

The Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have recently spent \$2 million on signage (2017-18 financial year) in line with the O-Bahn tunnel project.

At Tea Tree Plaza this included:

- 8 new bus stop plinths (2 real time) which show which routes service the stop
- Pressure washing and painting in the new standard O-Bahn orange
- Way-finding maps, entrance signs and directional signage around the interchange

The project also included:

- Every suburban on-road O-Bahn bus stop (751) has been updated with a new pole and plate design. The stop numbering did not change and is consistent with previous numbering. Each stop was fitted with an additional orange 'O-Bahn' plate as part of DPTI's broader strategy to improve wayfinding and legibility across the network.
- The signage upgrade included pressure washing and painting Klemzig and Paradise Interchanges in the new standard O-Bahn orange.
- Way-finding maps, entrance signs and directional signage around Klemzig and Paradise interchanges and associated car parks.
- 34 new bus stop plinths on Currie/Grenfell streets (27 real time). These stops are categorised by bus area, e.g. O-Bahn stops are orange, East-West are blue and Hills are green.
- 9 new bus stop plinths at Klemzig and Paradise (2 real time).
- 17 new bus stop plinths at O-Bahn Zones at Golden Grove Interchange, Mawson Central Interchange, Lyell McEwin Hospital (Stop 54 B Haydown Road), Stop 37C Montague Road, Salisbury Interchange, UNISA Mawson, Elizabeth Station Interchange and Elizabeth City Centre Interchange.
- Outer South (yellow), Outer North (purple) and North-South (red) routes have also been designated colours. These are located in the relevant suburban plinths. The route colouring on the website, MetroMate and progressively at major bus stops has been updated to reflect these colours.

DPTI is also currently investigating options to upgrade the existing real time units at Tea Tree Plaza, Paradise and Klemzig.

**TRAM CONTRACT**

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following

Since 17 March 2018, there has been one variation issued (as at 8 October 2018), for additional pavement rehabilitation works, funded by the City of Adelaide. The total cost of these works was \$118 327.54 (GST exclusive).

**PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

As at 31 August 2018, there were 3 337 persons employed within the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, including employees of the Rail Commissioner.

Savings measures will be achieved through a range of means, not solely through reductions in staffing. In addition given the flexible working arrangements available to employees, in particular part-time, job-sharing and transition-to-retirement, there is not an accurate projected headcount that can be provided which directly correlates to changes in FTE.

**TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

In reply to **the Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

P90 Budget Allocation

2018-2019	\$40.000m
2019-2020	\$38.200m
2020-2021	\$141.100m
2021-2022	\$135.000m
Total	\$354.300m

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

In reply to **the Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

The cash balance of the Planning and Development Fund (as at 31 August 2018) is \$15.413 million.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION**

In reply to **the Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

In the 2017-18 budget, an amount of \$407,000 was allocated to the Local Government Grants Commission for a grant relating to community infrastructure projects at Whyalla. As it was more appropriate for the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to administer this grant, the budget was reallocated to DPTI during the 2017-18 year.

**LEIGH CREEK SWIMMING POOL**

In reply to **the Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

The budget for the Leigh Creek swimming pool for the 2018-19 financial year is \$110,000 in operating expenditure, along with an additional expenditure of \$40,000 for necessary repairs and maintenance work.

**LEIGH CREEK FUTURES REPORT**

In reply to **the Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee A)

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning):** I have been advised of the following:

Information on the progress of the Leigh Creek Futures Report is publicly available at <http://leighcreekfutures.sa.gov.au/the-report/>. This site includes a status report on each of the 30 recommendations of the Report. In summary, 12 are achieved; 8 are in progress; 1 is ongoing, and 9 are under consideration.

**HENLEY BEACH POLICE STATION**

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The number of staff, both sworn and unsworn varies across rostered shifts. At 10 o'clock at night, two staff would be rostered, one sworn and one unsworn.

#### COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

There is no specific proportion of contract funding allocated for the intensive support program. Women are referred to the Home Detention Integrated Support Services Program (HISSP) when in-community supports are required; a support package is developed by the provider to meet their needs.

From contract commencement on 1 November 2017, to the end of the 2017-18 financial year, the total number of women referred to the provider under the HISSP contract was 76 out of a total of 349 referrals equating to 21% of all program referrals.

#### PRISONS, EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The 2017-18 budget provided new funding of \$9.2 million across the forward estimates for the Work Ready Release Ready Program. This program is a direct investment in prisoner education, vocational skill development and helping prisoners to prepare for employment upon release. The Adelaide Women's Prison is a key site in this program.

The Department for Correctional Services (DCS) is focused on developing strong partnerships across government, making best use of existing government funding for adult education and vocational training to improve access to education and vocational training within the prison system. This focus has resulted in DCS and TAFE SA establishing a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement (MOAA). A key outcome of this partnership is that parties work closely together to provide targeted vocational training to prisoners across the prison system.

With regard to the ratio of female offenders, I can advise the following:

- The proportion of females participating in education programs in 2017/18 was 12 per cent (of the total number of prisoners enrolled in education); and
- Females make up approximately 7.5 per cent of our prisoner population (as at 4 October 2018).

#### ALERT SA APP

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

Eight responses to the invitation to supply were received on 11 April 2018. The evaluation team submitted their Purchase Recommendation for approval on 18 June 2018. The Purchase Recommendation was approved on 26 June 2018 which coincided with a request for funding.

The Chief Executive, South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) provided the recommendation to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services on 25 July 2018, who subsequently approved SAFECOM entering into a contract on 2 August 2018. A contract was executed on 13 August 2018 when the funding was confirmed. The evaluation teams comprised of:

- D. Barry, Deputy Chief Officer, SES
- A. Stark, Deputy Chief Officer, CFS
- J. Hannan, Project Manager, Alert SA, SAFECOM
- M. Aitchison, Manager, Public Information and Warnings, SAFECOM
- A. Merwarth, Business Analyst, SAFECOM
- P. Freeman, Web Design Manager, CFS
- Y. Dowling, Manager Operational Systems, CFS
- J. Schirmer, Manager, Financial Services, SAFECOM
- K. Richardson, Principal Procurement Advisor, SAFECOM

**SAFECOM REVIEW**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

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

I can advise that the Chief Officers of the Country Fire Service (CFS), State Emergency Service (SES) and Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), as well as the Executive Director of the CFS Volunteers Association and the Chairperson of the SES Volunteers Association asked questions.

**CRIME STOPPERS SA**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

Call Centre records do not identify the number of calls specifically about illicit drugs and this figure cannot be provided. The number of calls about drugs received by Crime Stoppers is identified to be 6,698 in 2016-17 and 6,391 in 2017-18. This represents 32.8% of Crime Stoppers calls in 2016-17 and 31.4% of Crime Stoppers calls in 2017-18.

**ROAD SAFETY CAMERA AUDIT**

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The Safety Camera Audit has been conducted by an independent consultant. No Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure FTEs were assigned to the audit.

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government is the minister responsible for the body of transport law and regulations including the Road Traffic Act 1961, the Motor Vehicles Act 1959 and the Highways Act 1926. The minister has overall responsibility for the transport network with specific responsibility for the following matters:

- Network planning to ensure that the network is efficient, productive and safe
- Planning and delivery of infrastructure projects for expanding or modifying the network
- Maintenance and operation of the network
- Managing who and what can access the network through appropriate licensing, regulation, and access protocols and procedures
- Representing the State at the Transport Infrastructure Council and responding to any national law reforms.

The Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services is responsible for specific road safety programs or initiatives and communicating road safety matters to the public. The minister has responsibility for the following matters:

- Promotion of road safety matters
- Community engagement and programs that seek to educate the public and bring about behaviour change
- Speed management strategy and policy
- Policy and planning for safety camera programs
- Enforcement of road rules and development of new policies and strategies around enforcement such as drink and drug driving policy
- Media announcements or advertising campaigns regarding road safety matters.

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services will collaborate to achieve the South Australian government's road safety objectives and will consult on road safety matters.

**ALERT SA APP**

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (27 September 2018). (Estimates Committee B)

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing):** I have been advised:

The Chief Executive, South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) provided the recommendation to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services on 25 July 2018, who subsequently approved SAFECOM entering into a contract on 2 August 2018. A contract was executed on 13 August 2018 when the funding was confirmed.

Delivery of the new Alert SA website and app is scheduled for next year. Once the detailed design phase of the project is complete the estimated delivery date will be confirmed.