

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 6 December 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 Committees

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (11:01): I move:

That the committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the house.

Motion carried.

The SPEAKER: The member for Cheltenham, on indulgence.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL (Cheltenham) (11:02): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to announce to the house my intention to retire as member for the state district of Cheltenham. I thank the Speaker and the house for the indulgence to say a few words on this occasion.

I really want to speak principally about my gratitude to the people of Cheltenham, who chose me as their representative back in 2002, and the wonderful privilege it has been to represent such an interesting and diverse electorate that has some of the salt of the earth, one could say, living within it. On the very street I live, there are so many generous souls who bring to life our neighbourhood and make it such a joy not only to live there but also to represent that community.

I also want to thank the people within the local branch of the Labor Party. I was looking back on the first speech I made, back in 2002, and, with the sad exception of one woman who is no longer with us, they are all still a part of my team and play a fantastic role in supporting me and sustaining me, so I want to thank my sub-branch of the ALP.

I also want to thank the Labor Party for choosing me to be their representative. It is a big deal for a party to choose a representative to stand in their name because you are standing on the shoulders of giants. You are standing on the platform that has been created, in our case, by people who have been replicating Labor governments since the 1890s. As I often say, this is the first place in the world that elected a majority Labor government, in this very chamber. It is a proud tradition, so when you are asked to represent a party of that significance and of great contemporary success it is an extraordinary privilege. I thank each of the constituent elements of the party, the affiliates, the trade union movement and all those who chose to select me to represent them in this place.

I also want to thank my colleagues—all of the colleagues who are sitting around me, those present and also those past—who have sustained me in this role. You cannot do anything by yourself in this business; we are all a product of our capacity to work with other people. You only have one vote and you need more than that to get anything done, so that involves bringing other people with you to the extent that they decide to stand with you and support you, and create an environment where you feel confident enough to advance an idea. It is entirely your support and loyalty—loyalty that is tested when things are tough—that have allowed me to achieve everything that I have managed to achieve in this place, so thank you all so much.

As I think some of our federal colleagues are understanding, the idea of governing when you have to look over your shoulder all the time is really difficult. One of the things I have always valued is the strength and unity of purpose that exists; it is a pattern and a model. It should be acknowledged

that the success of our party has in large measure been due to its unity, and it is something that others would be well advised to copy.

I also want to talk about the myriad staff who, in one form or another, have supported me to allow me to continue this work. Obviously, there is the electorate office. I have been blessed with extraordinary electorate office staff and much of the burden has fallen on them because I have not been as present a local member, having had the good fortune of going to the ministry back in 2002. I have been more of a local member in the past nine months than I have in the previous 16 years. That has been a very interesting and enjoyable experience, but so much of the burden over that period fell on them, and I want to thank each of them for their support.

With regard to my ministerial advisers and the advisers who worked in the Premier's office, the great thing about these roles is that they attract the best and brightest people who want to be at the centre of government making a difference. You become surrounded by extraordinary people who help you to do your job and make you look much better than if you were struggling along on your own.

I also want to single out drivers, as I have had a couple of drivers throughout the course of my career. Famously, Steve Tippins was my driver for a long time. I can remember the lead-up to the 2010 election, which I thought we would lose. I packed up my office, thinking that we were going to be kicked out in 2010. I had two very young daughters at the time and I realised Steve Tippins had spent more time with them than perhaps any other male, other than me, so he was like a grandad. I just could not imagine them being wrenched apart from him in that way; that was the worst part of it.

Avdo, who took over while Steve was on leave, was my acting driver at the time of that election. I remember him saying in broken English to Steve Tippins when he came back, 'You give me minister, I give you Premier.' They have always been very close and they are very much a part of the family.

I also want to thank the public servants. There are so many great public servants in this state. They are often reviled—almost as hated as politicians. It is easy to poke fun at public servants, but they have to manage all the difficult questions. As those opposite are beginning to discover, government is one massive risk management operation, and all the tough stuff—the complex public policy issues, the difficult implementation questions—falls into the public sector. You are often dealing with vulnerable people, people who are angry and people who are sad, and they can be demanding. We expect a lot from our public servants, but they all do extraordinary work.

I also want to thank the public servants in this place: those who make sense of our garbled remarks up there at Hansard, all of the Clerks who allow for the smooth running of this place, all of those people who feed us and look after us and who make this a successful, happy and well-run workplace.

Then there are myriad informal advisers, people who come into your life from the private sector, friends you collect along the way and former members of parliament who become part of your mentoring, a network of people who sustain you and help you get through difficult questions, who give you the perspective of experience that allows you to understand how you might respond to a question by giving you some advice about what may have happened before. These are very important people. I know we all have them. I do not want to embarrass them by naming them all. They know who they are. They have been an important part of sustaining me.

Of course, most important is my family: my beautiful wife and my two beautiful girls. Much of the burden of public office falls on family members. They do not get to see as much of you as they might like and when they do get to see you, you can be distracted. One of the great advantages of being a state politician is that at least you get to sleep in your own bed. Sometimes you can be around, but not really be around because you have other things on your mind. That is one of the sacrifices that families make.

Frankly, I do not know how you can be sustained in a leadership role in politics without the love and affection of a family. It is tough; it is really tough. You need family, friends or some other support system to allow you to get through things. When the world looks like it is crashing down around you, it is important that, when you go home, you are able to talk to somebody who is always

on your side and who says to you that it is actually not as bad as you think it is. If you do not have that, it can be overwhelming.

Being able to dust yourself off and pick yourself up each day has a lot to do with your family. In a very real sense, anything you achieve is really only achieved with the support of your family. Of course, anything you achieve and the good times you celebrate are made so much more important because you share them with your family. That is something I have always had and always enjoyed.

I do not want to detain you all for too long, but I do want to say two serious things. One is about what we have managed to achieve. It is hard to select out things that we are proud of. There are so many things that I would like to talk about but, in a more contemporary sense, when I became premier we were really hit with three very sudden, sharp shocks, one right after the other, which really were challenges.

The first, of course, was Olympic Dam not going ahead when it was expected to go ahead. The fact of that being there and then the fact of it not being there were two very big differences. Then shortly after that, the aftermath of the GFC, where our finances were just absolutely wrecked and the state's economy was plunged into a difficult position; then, of course, the news of Holden closing. In quick succession we faced some very significant issues. People were predicting double-digit unemployment. We really fought back from that and we decided, very assertively, to tackle these challenges.

I think we should be proud as a state. It was not all me and it was not all us: it was the state that responded to each of those challenges. It is said about South Australia that there is a sense of precariousness here because we are perched on the edge of a desert. At various stages of our history it seemed like our very survival was up for grabs. The truth is that it is not that precarious. It is actually much more secure and sustainable than perhaps is commonly understood. The fact that we are now sitting here with the third lowest unemployment rate in per capita terms, the third fastest growing economy in the nation, which has been an improvement over this period when we faced these challenges, really represents the strength and resilience of this state. I am very proud of it.

I am also proud of the fact that at points of time when big questions were asked of us we made the right choices. When our revenues collapsed and we could have walked away from our infrastructure program, we continued to keep building, so all you see around you, the infrastructure projects, are because of that critically important decision. When we were told to settle for frigates and that we should wave goodbye to the subs we said no. As a state, we stood up and campaigned for that and we won a great victory. When Pirie and Whyalla were threatened, we stood up for those communities. They were not simple decisions. They were big commitments we had to make to ensure those towns survived.

There is one that is very gratifying, especially on a day like today. When we had the statewide blackout and people were describing our policies as reckless, as idiocy in ideology, we held the line on renewable energy, and today we see that there is an acknowledgement that not only are we making a massive contribution to the nation's stability through things like the big battery but we are also saving money. There is an acknowledgement that we are not just a national leader but a world leader in this critical transition to a low carbon future. I am proud of those things.

On a slightly philosophical basis, one of the reasons I wanted to come in here and announce to this parliament that I was retiring is that I believe in this institution and I believe in democracy. There is nothing that was inevitable about democracy. Historically, it did not have to be this way, and there is nothing permanent about it. In the face of challenges, and with the rise of the populist, authoritarian leader, we need to be alert to the fact that we have something very precious here that we should protect. It is something I spoke about when I first came in here.

I have tried to talk about the importance of people being involved in the decisions that shape their lives, I have tried to do something about improving the quality of discourse. I honestly believe that our role as leaders is to talk into existence a public that can act in its own interests through a process of dialogue, asking the big questions and trying to introduce a degree of civility into public discourse. I have failed at that from time to time, we all have, but this should always be our guiding star.

I want to leave you with a quote. It is in a book written by a South Australian, as it happens, who is now a professor in this area of democracy. He was speaking to a South African novelist, who described democracy in this way:

[it] breeds possibility: people's horizons of what is thinkable and doable are stretched, and it is for that reason exciting, infuriating, punctuated by difficult, quarrelsome, ugly and beautiful moments.

Parliamentary Procedure

SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (11:20): I move:

That standing and sessional orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable the consideration of Private Members Business, Committees and Subordinate Legislation to take precedence for one hour forthwith.

Motion carried.

Parliamentary Committees

ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Mr DULUK (Waite) (11:21): I move:

That the 2017-18 annual report of the committee be noted.

The report outlines the activities of the Economic and Finance Committee since 1 July 2017, which include work undertaken in the 53rd parliament prior to the election. I thank those former members for their service to the committee. The House of Assembly appointed the eighth Economic and Finance Committee on 3 May 2018, when I was appointed to the committee together with the member for Colton, the member for Lee, the member for Morphett, the member for Narungga, the member for Ramsay and the member for Wright.

On 10 May 2018, I was pleased to be appointed as Presiding Member by the committee. On 31 July 2018, the member for Finniss was appointed to the committee, replacing the member for Narungga. I thank all members, past and present, for their contributions to the committee throughout the 2017-18 period, particularly my predecessor as presiding member, the member for Elizabeth. On this note, I want to continue to chair the committee in the fine way that you did, member for Elizabeth, especially in the manner and good grace that you afforded opposition members at the time. I long to be that even, fair-minded presiding member, especially for the member for Lee, as the committee continues.

The committee tabled three reports in the reporting period, including the final report for its inquiry into primary producers, entitled 'From the paddock to the plate: a fair return for producers', which was tabled in the last parliament. I know that the committee is looking forward to the response from government in regard to that inquiry. As part of that inquiry, the committee received 17 submissions and heard from 35 witnesses across seven hearings. The final report made 13 recommendations aimed at improving government support for primary producers in South Australia.

In June 2018, the committee commenced an inquiry into South Australian investment attraction policies. The committee received 27 submissions and has heard from 27 organisations across nine public hearings, including a hearing in Salisbury on 9 October 2018 and in Murray Bridge on 11 October 2018. The committee also visited Beston Pure Foods' cheesemaking facility following the hearing in Murray Bridge. I thank the City of Salisbury and the Rural City of Murray Bridge for hosting the committee for those hearings. I thank all those businesses, local governments and others who met with us, including the member for Hammond, who is always a strong supporter of his community. The committee plans to table its final report on this inquiry in early 2019.

The committee also performed its various statutory functions during the reporting period, including reporting on the annual emergency services levy, considering the sport and recreation fund allocations and hearing evidence from the Auditor-General in relation to his annual report. The committee plans to continue its busy work schedule throughout 2018-19. As noted in this report, the committee commenced an inquiry into the economic contribution of migration to South Australia in

August 2018 and has received 30 submissions to date. The committee held its first hearing a fortnight ago and has already heard two inquiries in relation to this matter.

On behalf of the committee, I thank all those who have contributed to its inquiries and assisted the committee with its important work over the past year. The committee has been supported by Dr Josh Forkert, Adam Marafioti, Lisa Baxter, Shannon Riggs and Peta Spyrou, and I thank them for their assistance. I commend the Economic and Finance Committee's annual report for 2017-18 to the house.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (11:25): I rise to speak to the annual report of the Economic and Finance Committee. I was a member of the committee in 2017 and rejoined it this year. This year, we are hosting two inquiries; the first is into investment attraction and the other into migration. We were keen to conduct an inquiry into sports betting, which is pervasive and increasing in our state. Alas, we were not supported by government members, with the Chair utilising his casting vote on every occasion to defer this inquiry.

My remarks today will focus on the current investment attraction inquiry. Advertised on 30 June 2018, we received 26 submissions and heard from 22 organisations across seven hearings. What was the purpose of this inquiry? Was it the acknowledgement, independently analysed by the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies, that under investment attraction in South Australia 36 projects were secured and announced, leading to the creation of almost 9,000 jobs, more than \$2.275 billion of capital investment for this state and a 10-year analysis that the gross impact of GSP was to be \$9.08 billion? No, it was not. It was a witch-hunt.

The arrogance that Labor got it wrong and only the Liberal Party will know how industry investment attraction will best benefit South Australia—that is what this inquiry was about, not an acknowledgement of what had been achieved, independently analysed. Let's have a look at what has happened. This government has killed off Investment Attraction South Australia, kicking to the kerb Rob Chapman, chair of the board. They said to TechInSA head, Joe Thorp, 'Thanks, but no thanks.' To Marco Baccanti, they said, 'Yes, health industries is important, but now you're just part of the department. And of course we'll get a bloke from New Zealand to review everything.' That is a consultant. I wonder how much he will cost.

We have heard a lot about transparency and not picking winners, so imagine my surprise when Mitsubishi Motors Australia was supported with \$2 million from the Economic and Business Growth Fund. Did this go through the governance group? No, it did not. Let's talk about that governance group, the group that will support the Economic and Business Growth Fund. David Reynolds is the Chief Executive of the Department of Treasury and Finance. Jim McDowell is the Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Mike Hnyda is the Chief Executive of Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment. Mark Duffy is in the group as Chief Executive of the Department of Industry and Skills, along with Scott Ashby, the Chief Executive of the Department of Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia.

What will this group do? It will assess whether proposals meet the government's industry financial assistance principles and then advise the economic and infrastructure committee of cabinet. Did this newly formed governance group assess the support for Mitsubishi? No, it did not. What we heard is that this government will not pick winners and that it will be transparent, yet at the first hurdle it has failed.

Recently, in the Economic and Finance Committee, I asked a witness, 'How will companies apply for the Economic and Business Growth Fund?' I was told that there will not be an application process. In fact, to this very day, the criteria remain a mystery—so much for transparency. If you cannot actually apply for this fund, how will organisations know that they can access what is, I think, \$100 million over the forward estimates? Is it a mysterious process followed on some principles that are not made public that this governance group will assess? There is just hypocrisy here.

What makes me most concerned is that this government was willing to dismiss the great independently analysed work that was done with Investment Attraction South Australia looking at the benefits for this state. They just could not bring themselves to do it. They could not say, 'That was a good process.' They just had to tear it up.

What we see here is a government without a plan. It has gone from saying it will not pick winners to its very first act out of the Economic and Business Growth Fund to make a decision to give Mitsubishi \$2 million without going through a process. Today, I have spoken about the Economic and Finance Committee and looked at the report. This is a concern of mine and I will continue to raise it in this house.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (11:32): I rise today to speak to the Economic and Finance Committee Annual Report. I note that I was delighted to be appointed to the Economic and Finance Committee at the start of this parliament, along with the members for Waite, Colton, Morphett, Wright, Lee and Ramsay. It was a tremendous honour. They are a tremendous bunch of people on a very important committee.

Prior to my leaving the committee, I very much enjoyed the way the member for Waite ruled that committee with an iron fist. I think it was a well-run committee, kept very much in line by a capable Chair. That was reflected when the member for Waite chaired an estimates committee, which was also similarly well run. It ran seamlessly, stayed on topic and never strayed too far from the primary purpose of that particular committee. I congratulate the Chair, the member for Waite, on the studious way that he runs this committee and congratulate all members currently serving on it.

I had to vacate the Economic and Finance Committee in order to facilitate other committees taking place. It was relayed to me that there was no other possible time for the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee to sit when every member would be available and, as such, that a change of committee membership would be required to facilitate both committees continuing.

Although I was regretful, I was immensely proud to join the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, and I am sure that the Economic and Finance Committee may well be even better off now that the member for Finniss has joined in my stead. I am sure that committee members would argue that he would probably be a far more capable member than I could have ever hoped to be and I am sure his contribution has been great.

Whilst I was on the committee, I did get to enjoy the handing down of the ESL bill reduction report, which was a tremendous honour, particularly for me as a regional member. It was a great honour to see that put in writing and its importance validated through that report. The surprise tax hike that the previous government imposed on ordinary South Australians post the 2014 election was an abhorrent decision, in my view, and it was good to reverse that, with \$90 million returning to the pockets of ordinary South Australians.

South Australians were doing it tough at the end of 2014 and taking away more of their disposable income so they had less to put towards groceries, utilities and other basic life expenses was a difficult thing to do, I imagine, and should never have happened. There was obviously less money for utilities, groceries and basic living requirements. However, in my view, it was even more impactful for regional landowners with large parcels of land when their ESL bills increased dramatically by huge percentages and became even more burdensome for those people. It was pleasing for me to be on the committee and hand down that report.

I think the biggest shame, according to constituents I talked to after the ESL bill hike, was that there did not appear to be, in their view, a great deal of improvement in the emergency services that were being provided. One would have assumed that, with an increase in the ESL levy, there would have been a corresponding increase in the level of emergency services provided to regional South Australians, and to metropolitan South Australians, for that matter. Landowners felt that they were out of pocket significantly and that there was no corresponding improvement to the quality of service they were receiving, for which that money was supposed to be provided.

As I have said a number of times, it was good to be a part of that committee. I very much enjoyed the review of the ESL bill reduction, and I look forward to seeing the continued benefit it provides to ordinary South Australians, particularly those who are perhaps less fortunate, such as the pensioners or older people who have even less disposable income than others do and struggle to make ends meet for basic life expenses. They will now have more in their pocket to ensure that they can continue to warm their house in winter and cool it in summer—and that may be needed today. That was a tremendous honour.

I think I was also on the committee when the idea for an investigation into red tape was mooted by, I believe, the member for Waite. That is a fantastic proposal that should immediately take precedence over other ideas on that committee. So many South Australian businesses are suffering from overbearing rules and regulations. The lengths that some business owners have to go to in order to simply operate a business, or simply to employ people, is staggering. It honestly sometimes makes you wonder where we find people who are willing to put themselves out like that to do such a thing, but thank God they do. It is vitally important that we continue to have small business operators who are willing to take people on and are willing to provide employment to our South Australian people.

I certainly know that a lot of small business owners in the electorate of Narungga will be eager to make a contribution to that particular investigation. I will make sure that I make them aware of it when it comes on. I will encourage them to contribute and make sure that submissions are obtained from right around the state to ensure that we can reduce some of the red tape and regulation that we have in South Australia at the moment.

I believe it is the place of government to make things easier for individuals in business, not harder. We need to be putting measures in place to encourage prosperity, and then we need to get out of the way to allow that prosperity to develop and to foster it so it can continue to grow and provide the environment for business to succeed. With so much red tape and regulation in place at the moment, that is an impossible task.

Finally, we have a government who recognise their role, understand what they ought to do and are willing to do that. I am sure the submissions of businesses around the state will be taken seriously and will be given due and sincere consideration. I look forward to seeing that report, which I believe will be tabled early next year. I wholeheartedly support the committee and implore them to get on with that investigation, give it precedence, skip it to the front of the queue and make it a priority of the committee to investigate red-tape reduction in the state of South Australia.

The other investigation that I would like to briefly touch on in the remaining minutes I have is the opportunity that the investment attraction investigation gave to South Australians in general. My information from the annual report, which appears to be slightly different from the member for Ramsay's information, was that there have been 27 submissions received and 27 businesses heard from over nine public hearings around the state.

It is great that the committee made its way to Murray Bridge to receive submissions and also to the City of Salisbury to get out amongst the constituents and hear from them directly in a comfortable environment. It was pleasing to note that, and it was good to see a wide range of submissions received by the committee. I am sure that the report will be insightful reading. My view is that that was an important investigation for two reasons. Firstly, this new government should be ideologically different from the former one in terms of investment attraction. It should have a different point of view and a different method for doing it, and I do not think that is a secret.

But it is important that this committee ascertains what worked for the previous government and what did not. Politics should be placed to one side, and if it can be proven that measures taken by the previous administration worked, then we should continue to provide them. These measures should be meaningful, long-term improvements to the environment that are required to attract and sustain business. Attracting investment needs to be long-term and not just cash gifts immediately prior to an election so that there are photos that can be taken and publicity that can be gained.

Attracting investment requires an environment which can be fostered and which provides for long-term, year-on-year investment. It is no good having a business arrive and, when the handout runs out, they up and leave again. We need a long-term environment to provide for sustainable, year-on-year investment. For that reason—I hope, anyway—it is important that we ascertain what the previous government did well and what they did wrong so that we can continue to improve the South Australian outlook.

Their methodology has been tested and, if it has been proven not to work and ineffective, then it is time to abandon it and, similarly, the opposite applies as well. I am led to believe that report will be tabled in early 2019, and I am hoping that it will confirm the course of action that this

government has taken and, if not, then politics needs to be placed to one side and what works needs to be endorsed.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Economic and Finance Committee, particularly former staff Ms Lisa Baxter, Mr Shannon Riggs and Ms Peta Spyrou for the work they did prior to my arrival, and the current parliamentary officer, Dr Josh Forkert, and research officer, Adam Marafioti. They are wonderful staff who make sure the committee works well, and they are doing a tremendous job. I would like to also congratulate, as I said earlier, the committee members who currently serve on there: the members for Lee, Ramsay, Colton, Morphett and Waite.

I look forward to seeing the work this committee can do over the next three years. I am sure that the important work with the investment attraction investigation, as well as the other investigations it undertakes, will provide enlightening reading when they are tabled in this place going forward. With those short remarks, I once again commend the work of the committee and look forward to hearing the contributions from all members in this chamber. I look forward to the reports being tabled in due course.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (11:41): I rise to speak about the second report of the Economic and Finance Committee, the 2017-18 annual report. It is, along with my colleagues, a pleasure to serve on this important standing committee of the parliament. It has a number of roles provided to it by the parliament, some of which we have just heard about from the member for Narungga. It is great that he was able to make a contribution on this important report; perhaps wonders will also never cease because perhaps Chad Wingard will come back to the 2019 end of season drinks for Port Adelaide—maybe that will also happen as well.

It has been wonderful to have the member for Narungga's insights, despite his no longer serving on the committee. It is also great to hear that he celebrates the \$80 ESL bill relief provided by the government, on average, to the constituents of Narungga. It is unfortunate that the member for Unley is not here for this debate. I presume he is in his office in the parliament. Maybe he is celebrating with his constituents the \$400 relief that they received—

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

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: —in the 5061—

The SPEAKER: Member for Lee, be seated for one moment.

Mr DULUK: As much as I enjoy the member for Lee, it is unparliamentary to reflect on whether a member is present or not in the chamber.

The SPEAKER: Yes, that is true. Member for Lee, can you please cease doing that and get on with it. Thank you.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker, and I thank the member for Waite for his interjection and trying to break my flow; alas, it will not have any success. Perhaps there is a celebration going on amongst the constituents of postcode 5061 of Unley Park with the more than \$400, on average, that they are getting—five times the amount that regional constituents of members of the Liberal Party are receiving as a result of the ESL changes.

However, unlike what happens in this chamber, I am pleased to report to the house that the numbers do bind when it comes to votes on the Economic and Finance Committee, and that has been important for the Liberal government, because not once, not twice, but 13 times have they voted against motions by Labor members, moved by me, to try to bring on the first inquiry that was agreed to by the committee, and that is into online gambling and sports betting.

It might just be the case that there was another priority to try to chase down a political ghost that is not in existence, or some offence that was created against the small 'l' Liberals on the other side when the government was providing industry assistance grants. Unfortunately, as we have already heard, that has really turned up nothing, other than to establish the projects that were supported under the former Labor government.

The average cost per FTE, under the industry attraction South Australia projects that were superintended, was about \$10,000 per FTE. That sounds a lot in isolation, but when you consider that against the \$2 million financial assistance that the Liberal government has given Mitsubishi—

\$100,000 per FTE; \$2 million to secure an extra 20 FTEs—it sounds like a bargain. When you consider it against the \$42 million loan to the Stadium Management Authority, allegedly to secure 100 extra jobs at \$420,000 a job, then it stacks up as even more of a bargain.

I will not go on about the industry attraction inquiry; no doubt, we will have nothing to litigate on that in this chamber in future when we finally report on it. I did want to talk about that deferred inquiry into online gambling and sports betting because this is a problem in our community. This is important for the parliament to be turning its mind to and to address, though not in the minds of those opposite, of course, with their denying the opportunity for a committee of the parliament to investigate this issue 13 times.

When I have raised this issue in here, and when I have raised this issue in the media, what is the response that we get from the Liberal government? We saw only last week the extraordinary measure taken by the Attorney-General to complain that a member of parliament had had the temerity to raise an issue on behalf of his constituents about online gambling and sports betting. She tried to issue some sort of defence about why she had presided over and superintended over part of her portfolio responsibilities that saw the opening up of more gambling markets in South Australia and, in particular, the new opportunity for online sports betting and gambling to be done on amateur sport: in volleyball, in non-US grid iron and in a range of other sports here in South Australia.

The justification that was provided would be laughable if it were not so terrifying. The justification was, 'We asked the office for rec and sport and they weren't aware of any problems, so we went and asked the agency that requested that these markets be opened up for online sports betting. We went and asked Tabcorp if there were going to be any problems and they said, no, there wouldn't be any problems. "Don't worry, we'll do the right thing".' Fancy a national, if not multinational, gambling house providing an apparent assurance to a government that, 'Don't worry, we'll do the right thing. There's nothing to see here. Please just rubberstamp it.' Well, that is outrageous.

I have provided evidence to the media, and I have provided evidence in my remarks previously to this place, that there are gambling agencies providing bets on amateur sport here in South Australia—bet365 and Ladbrokes to name two. There are markets that are being offered on amateur soccer at the moment just because a contingency had previously been approved for soccer matches affiliated with the national soccer body, which is how contingencies are organised by the Independent Gambling Authority.

You might think that we would not have to worry about this because the Liberal government has taken the extraordinary measure of abolishing the Independent Gambling Authority, the authority that is meant to provide, by virtue of its name and legislation, independent advice about gambling activity here in South Australia. That is gone now and is now just to be presided over by a public servant who is being given no additional resources to conduct these extra responsibilities and requirements. Maybe in future, maybe when Tabcorp, bet365, Sportsbet, Ladbrokes or some other multinational gambling house wants to allow us to start betting on tiddlywinks in early learning centres, we will not even be able to ask them if they intend to do the right thing by our state. Maybe we will not have the resources to check. Maybe it will just be rubberstamped.

For the Deputy Premier to come into this place and say, 'Don't worry. There's nothing to see here. It's not a problem,' is just outrageous. The funny thing is that, in only the manner that the member for Bragg possibly could, she said, 'If the member for Lee has a complaint about this, if he's got some evidence, he should put up or effectively shut up.' Well, here is something that was reported to the media, to which the Attorney has had access, from guess who? Volleyball SA, one of the amateur sporting codes that will now be subject to online gambling markets in South Australia. According to the report:

Volleyball SA commercial manager Anne-Marie McAinsh said her organisation became suspicious of potential betting activity on June 28 when a man phoned asking about where and when State League matches were scheduled for that weekend.

A market appeared on Bet 365 that night offering live odds...

It is not just volleyball; representatives from amateur soccer organisations have contacted the media to say they have seen suspicious-looking characters standing on the far sideline of soccer pitches with a laptop, assessing who is in good form and who is not, and presumably reporting back to their

betting masters so that appropriate odds can be offered on those matches. People who have been travelling overseas wearing the strip of their local amateur soccer team have been recognised in international airports because people are used to betting on those amateur teams.

Not only has this government shut down inquiries that could possibly stop the proliferation of this sort of behaviour in the community but the Deputy Premier has her head in the sand on this issue, justifying it because Tabcorp told her agency that it was okay. That is outrageous. We know from SACOSS and from testimony of former AFL stars that online sports betting and gambling is crippling people. It is sending them bankrupt, it is ruining careers, and it is ripping families apart.

While it might be a source of jocularity for members opposite who sit on the Economic and Finance Committee that they have been able to use their numbers to vote down this inquiry, the question has to be asked: how much more damage is going to be done by this scourge in South Australia while they sit on their hands and chase down some ghost of an industry attraction grant or loan that they do not agree with? It is shameful. I look forward to the 2018-19 annual report of the Economic and Finance Committee, and I hope I will have some better news to convey.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (11:52): I rise to also speak on the second report of the Economic and Finance Committee, the annual report of 2017-18. I acknowledge that it is an honour to serve on this important committee in this place, and I thank the other committee members for their diligent work across the year. The committee is ably presided over by the member for Waite, with contributions by the member for Finniss, the member for Ramsay, the member for Wright, the member for Lee and the member for Morphett. We had the pleasure of the member for Narungga joining us for a short time at the beginning of the year when the committee membership was established.

Given that we are entering the Christmas break, it seems appropriate to recognise the great work of the parliamentary officers who have supported our committee so well over the year. I thank Mr Shannon Riggs for his work during the committee's transition period. He very ably supported the committee during that time. The appointment of Dr Joshua Forkert as secretary and Mr Adam Marafioti as research officer was well received, and the committee is thankful for the work they have undertaken over the year.

The Economic and Finance Committee is tasked with a number of responsibilities, and one of the most important is the emergency services levy. That report was brought forward in this place earlier in the year. Prior to the last election, the government committed to reduce the South Australian emergency services levy by 50 per cent, and that is exactly what was delivered after the election. The emergency services levy was a huge burden on a number of South Australians in my electorate and across the board, particularly given the 50 per cent increase. It was neither foreseen, foreshadowed nor in the best interests of South Australians in terms of cost-of-living pressures, and many South Australians were burdened with the costs over that time.

It was certainly well received by everybody I have spoken to within my community, well received more broadly from what I understand. It not just helps and assists that reduction in the emergency services levy in households but also supports community groups and others who were impacted by the unforeseen rise brought forward by the former Labor government. It does not seem that they like good news. They do not like to hear that it has been so well received by many in our community. We certainly know that it has been.

Aside from the emergency services levy, we are also responsible for the sport and recreation fund. The CE of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, Kylie Taylor, and her team presented to the committee around the operation of the sport and recreation fund, which we know so ably supports so many of the sporting clubs and grassroots clubs throughout all our electorates and across South Australia. We are very thankful for their contribution to the committee and obviously their understanding of that fund that they impart more broadly across South Australia.

To skip back to the emergency services levy, I will take the opportunity, as we go into summer, to bring the house's attention to where our emergency services levy is used. That fund supports emergency services in South Australia. As we head into the warmer months, we should reflect on the commitment of our emergency services volunteers and paid employees and what they do for our communities.

Unfortunately, there was a fire in Henley Beach South yesterday evening. The Yankee Cafe had a blaze go through their roof cavity, which affected a couple of local businesses in the strip of shops on Henley Beach Road. I want to pass on my thoughts to the businesses and business owners affected. That strip of shops is a very popular spot on Henley Beach Road, visited by so many over the summer months, and there are some very popular eateries, and we certainly hope that they are able to recover and get up and running as quickly as possible.

The MFS certainly responded incredibly quickly and we are very thankful for the work that they do in all of our communities. Likewise with the CFS, particularly in our coastal seats, Surf Life Saving South Australia, the Sea Rescue Squadron and all the other emergency services that do such a great job continually supporting and doing what they can to keep our community safe in all aspects.

This year, a number of inquiries were started, the first being the investment attraction inquiry. As a committee, we had the great pleasure of going out to a number of places in South Australia. We held hearings in Salisbury and Murray Bridge. I place on the record my thanks to the members of our community who came forward and made submissions to the committee at that time. We had representatives from the City of Playford, the City of Salisbury, Northern Futures, northern economic leaders, the University of South Australia and Myriota. We certainly recognise and note the success of Myriota this week in regard to the rocket launch in South Australia and look forward to their future success and leadership in the space industry in South Australia. It certainly is exciting times for that company.

We also had representatives from La Casa Del Formaggio, who make fantastic cheese products in South Australia, Green Frog Systems and VeroGuard Systems. In Murray Bridge, we had representatives from the Rural City of Murray Bridge, the Mid Murray Council, Thomas Foods International, Beston Pure Foods, Big River Pork, Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland and also the Murraylands Food Alliance, and the member for Hammond made a sterling contribution to the committee on that day.

Serving on the Economic and Finance Committee, I am taken aback and very much impressed by the level of detail in submissions put forward to our committees. It really is in the best interests of South Australia to have committees that are working effectively, and the way that works best is when we have the best and the brightest, those who have an interest in each of the inquiries put forward, submitting and taking part in the democratic process that is the parliament of South Australia.

I want to make a few brief comments in regard to the investment attraction inquiry and reflect on the past and future direction of investment attraction in our state. It has been well said that this government is looking to shift our focus from picking winners in individual businesses to a whole-of-sector support approach as, unfortunately, I think we had a number of submissions from companies who had taken an approach of soliciting to the highest bidder, where they had shopped around in different jurisdictions to see how much money they could solicit from a state government in terms of their location.

I do not think this is helpful from a broader perspective, that we are pitting state against state and spending more and more money to try to attract individual jobs. If there is whole-of-sector support, that allows people to make informed decisions about where their company should set up and we are not reduced to a bidding war around who moves where. From a longer term perspective, it is not sustainable to take that approach if, in three or four years' time when the money runs dry, that business then has the incentive to pick up and move and chase a dollar somewhere else.

The investment attraction inquiry will be finalised later in the year, and I look forward to seeing the recommendations that come from that report and the good work of the committee in that regard. I also look forward to future inquiries the committee is looking to undertake over the year ahead. The committee as a whole, I think, from a bipartisan perspective, from both sides of this chamber, has a particular interest regarding the impact of migration and the ability of migrants coming to South Australia to contribute to our great state.

We have heard a number of very detailed and well-developed submissions in that regard, and I think there is the potential for a large body of reform to come from that particular inquiry. I look forward to the future year and to serving on the Economic and Finance Committee in the year ahead.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (12:02): I rise to make a very brief contribution to this debate. I was not going to, but I thought I had better respond to the comments of the member for Waite, who was very generous in his praise of my previous stewardship of the committee. I thank him for that. I understand he has taken up the mantle and approaches Estimates Committee B in a similar bipartisan fashion, being fair to all sides.

I want to make a very brief contribution. I really enjoyed my time on the Economic and Finance Committee, particularly chairing the Economic and Finance Committee. Sadly, I understand, member for Waite, that the Treasurer has made some efficiency savings on the committee which—

Mr Duluk interjecting:

Mr ODENWALDER: We are all tightening our belts, member for Waite; there are crueller cuts in the budget than that. I understand he is doing a fair job in keeping up with the bipartisan approach that I well established on that committee.

As others have, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the hardworking staff of the committee, as I have done in this place before. Obviously the members all work very hard, but I want to make particular mention, from last year, of Lisa Baxter and Peta Spyrou, who made enormous contributions to that committee and who have gone on to other things in various places. I wish them all the best of luck in their future careers.

I will finish on this note. I understand—I could be wrong, and I will wait for the current Presiding Member's final concluding comments—that there is a report back from the minister that is overdue. Last year, or perhaps even the year before, we started an inquiry into primary producers, and I understand there is a statutory obligation for the minister to respond within a certain time frame. I understand that time frame has long passed, and I hope the Presiding Member will address this issue.

It was an important inquiry and made some important recommendations; indeed, it directly affects many of the members of the government backbench in terms of rural communities and the effect on primary producers. I look forward to the minister's response to that and I look forward to the Presiding Member of the Economic and Finance Committee reporting back to the house. With those remarks, I commend the report to the house.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (12:04): I also rise to speak to the second report of the Economic and Finance Committee; in fact, it is the annual report 2017-18. It provides an overview of the activities that were undertaken by the Economic and Finance Committee in both the 53rd and 54th parliaments between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. It also provides an update of the committee's ongoing inquiries that are happening as we speak in 2018.

The new committee, as of the March 2018 election for the 54th parliament, was put in place, and on 3 May 2018 the House of Assembly appointed the eighth Economic and Finance Committee. The member for Waite, as we have heard, was appointed as the Presiding Member of the committee, and that was done on the committee's first meeting on 10 May. He has been even, fair and bipartisan in how he has gone about progressing the committee's work. There is a lot of work being done into some of our inquiries, as members have heard, and I will touch on those a bit later.

Our main function is to consider matters in relation to the state's finances or economic development, along with other specific statutory functions referred to from other acts of parliament. I believe the inquiries we have underway at the moment are looking at the state's finances and economic development, and we are well led by the member for Waite on those. It is effectively the public accounts committee of the South Australian parliament.

In terms of our statutory functions, one of our first acts was to consider the material we received on 31 May 2018, which was a copy of a written statement containing determinations from the Treasurer which will form the recommendation to the Governor in respect of declaring the emergency services levy for 2018-19. Subsequent to that, the committee conducted a public hearing on 8 June 2018 when we heard from a number of witnesses who were representatives from the Department of Treasury and Finance, and RevenueSA on budget and performance. Also in attendance were representatives from the emergency services sector from SAFECOM, the

South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service, the Country Fire Service and the State Emergency Service.

We know that the South Australian emergency services sector plays an essential role in the safety of all South Australians, both metropolitan and regional. The emergency services sector comprises the three services just described and SAFECOM. We heard from Mr Jackman from SAFECOM, and he explained that in the last year the first responders from the Country Fire Service, Metropolitan Fire Service and State Emergency Service were dispatched to some 45,000 incidents which resulted from calls either to 000 or the 13 25 00 number. It is fair to say that the South Australian public are very appreciative of all the work that the emergency services do for this state and they have high levels of trust and respect for what the emergency first responders do.

In terms of the emergency services levy for 2018, there was an expenditure target of just over \$318 million which will be funded principally by the emergency services levy to the extent of \$315 million and then also some other minor revenues from the Community Emergency Services Fund of \$1.9 million and a rundown in cash in the Community Emergency Services Fund for the cost of expenditure carried over from previous years of \$1.4 million. This levy itself consists of a charge to owners of fixed property to the extent of \$267.5 million and mobile property as well to \$47.6 million.

Remissions for general property were introduced in the 2018-19 year, which effectively reduced the ESL bills paid by property owners and these remissions helped reduce the emergency services levy to \$90 million and was consistent with the government's election commitments. It was well received in the community as those first bills came out. The comments I have had back from people are that it is money they can spend on things they want, rather than being directed to spend it by the government.

The report that the committee considered also outlines that the government will pay \$130.3 million into the Community Emergency Services Fund in 2018-19, reflecting amounts equivalent to that fixed property levy that revenue has forgone through the remissions and also through pensioner concessions. They are still tied up in that \$40 million of pensioner concessions, which is important. It was fantastic news for South Australians who were struggling to keep up with the rising costs of living, and it demonstrates this government's commitment to delivering lower costs for all South Australians. That report was tabled on 20 June 2018.

We also received the 2016-17 report on the sport and recreation fund. The report was sent to the committee on 15 January but, due to the state election, we did not consider it until July 2018. We heard from representatives from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, who appeared before the committee in July 2018. The fund's value in 2016-17 was \$3.7 million, which included an additional \$200,000 for distribution from the Stadium Management Authority. In 2017-18, this amount increases to \$400,000 and continues to grow until 2020-21, when it reaches an additional \$1 million. This fund really can help out many sport and rec funds and community groups throughout South Australia.

In terms of the distribution of this \$3.7 million, \$2.55 million of that was to the Active Club Program, \$750,000 was to the Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program, and the final \$500,000 was for the state facilities fund. The active program goes to not-for-profit community-based sport to help develop their programs and services and also help with their facilities. It is done via two rounds each year for these facility applications and also program and equipment funding. There are priorities for some of the clubs, and one is that they have either completed or registered as a Starclub.

Overall, 268 applications associated with the program and equipment rounds were approved. Morphett clubs, I am happy to report, received just under \$23,000. In terms of the facility grants, 118 were awarded, and Morphett facilities received \$9,625 from this program. It should be pointed out that, of those 118 applications, 113 projects were for both genders, three for female-only and two for males. A lot of these community clubs have small footprints, and most of the square metreage of their surface is dedicated to playing grounds, and then they have their facilities. They are making the best use of the grant to make sure that both males and females can use the facilities.

I was lucky enough to hand out a grant to one of the clubs in my electorate in Plympton, and it was used for their change rooms. It has made a marked difference. They have both male and

female sport operating from the club, so it was really well received. Just small amounts can make a huge difference to these clubs. I was also fortunate to provide grant cheques to the Sacred Heart Old Collegians Football Club and the Glenelg Cricket Club for training equipment. On each occasion, they were very thankful and spoke to me at length about how this would help both young and old. A lot of these clubs have junior and senior sport, so it is a good program that is appreciated by the community.

We also received the Auditor-General's Report. The Auditor-General was asked to appear before the committee. When we were talking about 2017-18, they did have the Auditor-General come along, and a report was tabled on 17 October 2017. I was not present for that, obviously, but it was similar in the 2018-19 year, when we did the same. I look forward to reporting on that when we table our committee's report next year.

In the time I have remaining, it is worth touching upon the fact that we are undertaking two hearings at the moment, one into investment attraction and the other into migration. I point out that these were made priorities. As I said at the start of this contribution, the role of the committee is to look into matters in relation to the state's finances and economic development, and these hearings are doing that. We were hosted by the City of Salisbury and the Rural City of Murray Bridge, where we heard from local businesses about what they are doing and what can be done by the state. I look forward to reporting on those hearings and our 2018-19 annual report that we will bring back to this parliament.

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (12:14): I also rise to comment on the annual report 2017-18 of the Economic and Finance Committee. I had the privilege of joining this committee at the end of July/early August because of a request to solve a problem with the member for Narungga's diary that had a clash. I feel very privileged to have joined this committee and to work with the member for Waite, the member for Morphett, the member for Colton, the member for Ramsay, the member for Wright and the member for Lee. I joined this committee after the period this report covers, but am very pleased to be part of the committee and have enjoyed my role very much so far.

Some of the highlights from my time on the committee have been the hearings into investment attraction and our two visits. I was really pleased to see the four Liberal members of the committee attend both those hearings. Unfortunately, the only Labor member of the committee to attend was the member for Ramsay, who came to her own electorate at Salisbury to attend the hearings. I was really pleased that my fellow colleagues see the importance of going out into the regions and outer suburbs to hear evidence.

It was good evidence that we heard at those meetings. We heard about the work that is being done in the Salisbury area, in particular. Certainly, I have some personal interest. La Casa Del Formaggio is looking to take their dairy business into a larger facility out there. During my previous roles in the dairy industry, I have watched the growth of that business, and many of my fellow dairy farmers around the Mount Compass area supply milk to that business. It is an important, growing business in South Australia and to hear their thoughts has been very important in our deliberations.

I also very much enjoyed the trip to Murray Bridge in the area of the member for Hammond. I thank him for taking the time to come to the hearings to present and also to be there while all the others presented during the sessions. We heard from the mayors of that region, from both the Rural City of Murray Bridge and the Mid Murray Council. It was really good to hear their thoughts and the importance of the particularly large businesses that operate in the region. We had the privilege of several of those businesses coming in to speak to us. I have certainly had contact with some of these businesses at times.

Thomas Foods, for example, has certainly been a company I have had dealings with in my business. Unfortunately, they are unavailable to me at the moment as a company I can sell my cattle to because of the tragic fire that occurred there. We must make sure that we do all we can to get the factory rebuild going in the right direction as quickly as possible to get that back up and operating for the rural sector not just around Murray Bridge but for all South Australia. The other businesses we talked to were Big River Pork and Beston Pure Foods, both great businesses operating in the Murray Bridge region.

Certainly, Beston has done a fantastic job of recommissioning two dairy factories, one at Jervois and one at Murray Bridge, and I was very pleased that I was able to be part of the tour with the committee through the Beston factory at Murray Bridge. I have been through that factory several times previously, and they have certainly got it up and running well. They have done an amazing job to get it back functioning as well as it is from the state it was left in by the previous owners. With that, I conclude my remarks by expressing my thanks for the opportunity to make comment on this. I commend the report.

Mr DULUK (Waite) (12:20): In summation, I thank the members for Ramsay and Narungga, the member for Lee for his always entertaining contributions and the members for Colton, Elizabeth, Morphett and Finniss for their contributions today.

Mr Cowdrey: And the member for Wright.

Mr DULUK: I will thank the member for Wright next year when he speaks on the 2018-19 report. It is a very good committee and a very important committee of parliament. It undertakes not only a lot of statutory functions but also inquiries. The inquiry we are completing in regard to investment attraction is very important because it is helpful for any organisation—and government is no different—to have a chance to review past practice and look at best practice, and that is certainly what the committee has been doing. Of course, the current migration inquiry we are undertaking is also very important at this point in time. With those words, I once again thank the committee. I wish all committee members and staff a very merry Christmas.

Motion carried.

Bills

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from 4 December 2018.)

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (12:21): I rise today to speak in relation to the South Australian Employment Tribunal (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2018. It is another one of these miscellaneous, tidy-up bills that are subject to the action agenda for real change or something.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

Mr PICTON: Yes, but this is the sort of stuff you have been waiting 16 years in opposition, Deputy Premier, to bring in.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

Mr PICTON: That's right, and we are waiting for some action agenda for real change, and we do not have it. What we have is this tidy-up of a decision that was made by the High Court. This change absolutely needs to occur. We support that change, but it does go to show that this is a government devoid of any agenda whatsoever.

I rise today to indicate that Labor will support this bill and that I will be the lead speaker. You will be glad to know that I will not be using my unlimited time on this miscellaneous piece of legislation. It is worth noting that the opposition is supporting the version of this bill that was amended in the other place, as distinct from the version that was initially introduced by the Treasurer in the other place. This is an important point and one I will expand on later.

The purpose of the bill is to address a potential constitutional concern. This arose from a recent High Court decision in the matter of *Burns v Corbett* in 2018. The court in that decision held that, under the Australian constitution and the commonwealth Judiciary Act 1903, only a Chapter III Court could deal with a dispute that involved federal diversity, and the SA Employment Tribunal, as with a number of tribunals in the state, was not regarded as a Chapter III Court.

We also saw that in relation to the operation of SACAT, and Labor supported the passage of a bill to resolve the problem of having one of the participants in the proceedings from interstate,

where it is of an administrative nature. The bill before us addresses a similar matter, the *Burns v Corbett* High Court decision and what it means for the decisions of the South Australian Employment Tribunal. More specifically, courts of the state are prevented from exercising federal judicial power in relation to matters, including disputes involving the commonwealth, disputes involving other states and disputes involving residents of different states.

This bill seeks to remedy the federal diversity issue, and Labor supports this component of the bill. As I alluded to earlier, a portion of the original bill was defeated in the Legislative Council. That part of the bill is in relation to the reinsertion of a maximum amount of compensation of \$20,000 that can be awarded by an industrial magistrate.

I am advised that this measure formed part of the scheme previously until it was transferred to the industrial magistrate jurisdiction to hear. However, the bill allows the \$20,000 limit to be exceeded by an award of compensation by referring a matter to a judge of the South Australian Employment Court rather than being heard by an industrial magistrate. This component of the bill was an unnecessary amendment. It would have only caused complexities and extended proceedings and waiting times for those who were seeking justice. That is why the opposition opposed this component of the bill in the other place. There should be no cap.

The judges of the South Australian Employment Tribunal are more than competent and able to exercise the discretion wisely, as they have done so to date. We have not seen what evil that provision sought to remedy, or what has been the outcry with the \$20,000 limit being removed. As I said, we did not support that portion of the bill in the other place. Of course that does not appear before us now, and we hope that it is not sought to be reinstated by the Attorney when we get to the committee stage. The lack of that provision means that we have no hesitation in supporting the bill in its current form. With those few words, I again indicate the opposition's support for this bill.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (12:25): I rise to speak in support of the bill. I have listened to the contribution of the member for Kaurana, and I would just indicate that this is a subject matter that requires legislation in order to remedy a legal matter that was the subject of a decision of the High Court earlier this year. If there were a way to deal with it otherwise, then we would, but it needs to be legislated to overcome a problem of jurisdiction that has been identified by the High Court. So on we go and legislate in response to it, as we should.

The relevant decision is that of *Burns v Corbett*, which was handed down on 18 April this year, and may be found and read at [2018] HCA 15, and concerns the question of the exercise of federal judicial power. In that case, the matter that was before the court was a matter of a number of complaints that were made to the Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales. It was a procedure that was then referred to the administrative decisions tribunal of New South Wales and a complaint that was referred to the Civil and Administrative Tribunal of New South Wales.

The subject matter that came before the High Court related to the exercise of jurisdiction by interstate tribunals. It has had the effect of bringing into focus the extent of jurisdiction of tribunals across Australia, including tribunals in South Australia. As we know, to the extent that the decision in *Burns v Corbett* has affected the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, that matter has been the subject of legislation earlier in this year, namely, the Statutes Amendment (SACAT Federal Diversity Jurisdiction) Bill 2018.

Insofar as it then relates to the subject matter of this bill, it concerns the effect on the jurisdiction and proper authority of the South Australian Employment Tribunal. I will turn in a moment to how this bill specifically deals with the way that those matters will be treated in the South Australian Employment Tribunal context. Just before I do, I refer to the proceedings that were ultimately before the High Court in *Burns v Corbett*. They are described in paragraphs 6 through 14 of the High Court's decision.

I will not otherwise rehearse the High Court's decision, but suffice to say that it determined that in that case the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) did not have jurisdiction to decide a proceeding between a resident of New South Wales, a resident of Queensland and a resident of Victoria. In paragraphs 24 to 26 of that decision, the High Court summarises the relevant constitutional structure within which that decision is necessitated. It is that I wish to reflect on for a moment.

As honourable members would be aware, the 1901 Commonwealth Constitution on Federation provided in section 71 that state courts would continue to exist and have jurisdiction to the extent that jurisdiction is conferred upon them by the commonwealth. Those courts are otherwise known as Chapter III Courts, section 71 being part of chapter III of the constitution. The commonwealth went ahead to legislate in that regard and the Judiciary Act relevantly provides, by section 39, for the conferral of federal jurisdiction upon state courts. So we have a constitutional structure that requires the conferral of federal jurisdiction upon state courts by that process.

Unlike in other countries around the world, that was then exercised so as to provide that federal jurisdiction to state courts, and that is the structure we have operated under ever since. However, the conferral of federal jurisdiction—the subject of the Judiciary Act—has limits. As the High Court has set out in *Burns v Corbett*, section 39 of the Judiciary Act excludes the jurisdiction of the state courts where the High Court has original jurisdiction, or where original jurisdiction can be conferred on it, and then invests state courts with that jurisdiction, subject to certain conditions and restrictions. At paragraph 26:

The effect of these provisions of the Judiciary Act is that the exercise by a State court of adjudicative authority in respect of any of the matters listed in ss 75 and 76 of the Constitution, including matters between residents of different States, is an exercise of federal jurisdiction.

The problem arises from the scope of the conferral of federal jurisdiction that is the subject of the Judiciary Act.

Before I proceed, I note that, insofar as this relates to the effect on the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, it has been the subject of an article by Eliza Burgin of Anthony Mason Chambers that was published in the Law Society of South Australia's *The Bulletin* in October 2018. The article provides a useful summary, particularly in terms of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's response to the decision.

The SACAT is in a different situation from the South Australian Employment Tribunal because SACAT does not sit alongside its own specialist court. The treatment of jurisdiction in the SACAT case is somewhat different from what is now legislated and the subject of this bill. The result of the *Burns v Corbett* decision, insofar as it affects the South Australian Employment Tribunal as provided for in the bill, is to establish a process for matters that would involve the exercise of federal diversity jurisdiction to be referred from the tribunal to the South Australian Employment Court. That is the subject of clause 4 of the bill, which would insert new section 6AB in the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014.

It will therefore expressly provide that where the matter would otherwise fall within the jurisdiction of the tribunal but involves the exercise of federal diversity jurisdiction, or the determination of the matter would be within the jurisdiction of the tribunal but for the fact that the exercise of the jurisdiction would involve the exercise of federal diversity jurisdiction, then the jurisdiction must be exercised by the tribunal sitting as the South Australian Employment Court. There is the stipulation and the referral.

The bill then provides for the process for a hearing before the tribunal to be referred to the South Australian Employment Court, and such a proceeding is described and defined as a 'diversity proceeding'. The bill further provides two important steps in relation to that referral and the exercise of jurisdiction. Firstly, the South Australian Employment Court, when receiving a diversity proceeding, may not be constituted by supplementary panel members. It also provides for proceedings of the court that would otherwise have involved supplementary panel members to be constituted and completed by the court in the absence of such panel members.

The further aspect of that referral process, in relation to jurisdiction, permits the South Australian Employment Court so constituted to consider the matter and, if it is satisfied that the matter does not, in fact, involve the exercise of a federal diversity jurisdiction, then to remit it back to the tribunal as originally constituted and to make any orders as may be necessary to facilitate the determination of the proceedings. So the bill provides a process for referral from the tribunal to the court, but it does not, by doing so, create a straitjacket for the court in circumstances where the tribunal would in fact properly have jurisdiction. The court remains able, through that process, to remit

the matter to the tribunal where it forms a view that the tribunal does properly have jurisdiction to go ahead and hear and determine the matter.

The bill also contains savings measures in relation to orders that are made by the tribunal and the recovery of any amount that is specified in the purported monetary order so that it may be recovered in the appropriate court, and a penalty provision in the event that someone were to contravene that purported order of the tribunal. So, there is a savings provision with appropriate penalty in relation to any contravention.

In dealing with the jurisdictional issue that has arisen as the result of the decision in *Burns v Corbett*, the government has dealt, firstly, with the circumstances faced by the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and it has done so earlier this year in a way that fits the circumstances of that tribunal. In proceeding to deal with very much the same jurisdictional problem insofar as it affects the South Australian Employment Tribunal, it has dealt with it by way of referral to a court invested with federal jurisdiction that happens, conveniently, to be within the structure of the Employment Court so as to ensure, in line with the process of conferral of jurisdiction in accordance with the commonwealth's Judiciary Act and the constitution, that such matters are dealt with by a court invested with that jurisdiction pursuant to section 39 of the act.

The remedy is a practical one. It is not creating any fresh issue other than to ensure that matters that come before the tribunal and that happen to involve parties resident in different states representing the *Burns v Corbett* issue can be dealt with, and those who find themselves coming before the tribunal can do so, and continue to do so, with confidence. I commend the bill to the house.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:45): I rise to support the South Australian Employment Tribunal (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2018. I acknowledge that we are in this position with this legislation because of a constitutional issue raised in the High Court decision of *Burns v Corbett* [2018] HCA 15.

The constitutional issue is that the *Burns v Corbett* decision concerned the exercise of the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal's (NCAT) jurisdiction under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1988 (NSW), which is the equivalent of South Australia's Equal Opportunity Act 1984. The decision applies to prevent bodies that are not courts of the state, within the meaning of section 77 of the Commonwealth Constitution, from exercising federal judicial power in relation to one of the subject matters under sections 75 and 76 of the Commonwealth Constitution, which relevantly include disputes in which the commonwealth or a commonwealth agency is a party, disputes involving a state or state agency and a resident of another state, and disputes involving residents of different states.

The Statutes Amendment (SACAT Federal Diversity Jurisdiction) Bill 2018 has been enacted to address the *Burns v Corbett* issue in relation to the jurisdiction of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT), and the approach taken in relation to SACAT was to confer jurisdiction on the Magistrates Court. In relation to the South Australian Employment Tribunal, the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014 (the SAET Act) establishes the South Australian Employment Tribunal. Importantly, the characteristics of the South Australian Employment Tribunal are different from those of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

There are two parts to the South Australian Employment Tribunal: the tribunal and the tribunal in court session, otherwise known as the South Australian Employment Court. Whilst the South Australian Employment Court is likely to be a court of the state that can determine disputes involving the exercise of federal jurisdiction, the Crown Solicitor's Office has advised that legislative amendment is suggested to ensure that jurisdiction to determine such matters is directly vested in the South Australian Employment Court.

There has been a question raised about how many proceedings are affected, and that number has not been arrived at. As I have indicated, it is unclear how many South Australian Employment Tribunal proceedings may be affected by the *Burns v Corbett* decision. There is currently one case before the South Australian Employment Tribunal brought under the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, *McDonald v South Australia*, where argument has been adjourned pending consideration of the issue.

The McDonald case involves a resident of Victoria, who is the complainant, who contends that the Parole Board has unlawfully discriminated against him. This amendment will remove any doubt as to the South Australian Employment Court's jurisdiction to hear proceedings involving federal diversity jurisdiction and will prevent the Burns v Corbett issue arising in subsequent proceedings.

What is happening with this legislation and with the introduction of this bill to this place is that the bill inserts a new section 6AB into the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act, which has the effect of directly vesting federal diversity jurisdiction into the South Australian Employment Court. The bill also addresses a consequential issue that has arisen in relation to supplementary panel members (SPM). These are people with special industry or subject matter expertise who may sit on tribunal matters as supplementary members.

The Equal Opportunity Act 1984, the Education Act 1972, the Technical and Further Education Act 1975, the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, the Public Sector Act 2009, and the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 allow the President of the South Australian Employment Tribunal to elect to constitute the tribunal with a member and one or two supplementary panel members (non-judicial members). However, the South Australian Employment Court can only be constituted of judicial members (see section 19(1)(a) of the SAET Act); therefore, an inconsistency is created between section 19 of the SAET Act and the six acts.

As per the current section 4(1) of the SAET Act, other legislation—for example, the six acts—has priority over anything inconsistent with the SAET Act. Therefore, the bill contains a provision which makes it clear that SPMs cannot be members of the SAET, sitting as the South Australian Employment Court, in proceedings involving federal diversity jurisdiction. This is legislation to clean up any confusion over who has jurisdiction.

Being involved in politics as I have been before I was a member, but also as a member of parliament in my 13th year, you hear these conspiracy theories that some people pursue about what is constitutional and what is not. From what I understand, there is a federal challenge that dates back to 2007 in regard to proceedings in the federal parliament, and there would be other procedures on the go as well. But it is essential that we do the right thing with this legislation, as we are, and tidy this up so that we do not have court time being filled up.

This is the relevant legislation to do that, and it is highly appropriate. It will make it clear to all parties involved that we can get on with the job and in due course have an act in place that supports what we are trying to attend to here today. With those few words, I support the legislation and commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

Resolutions

RETIREMENT VILLAGES

Consideration of message No. 65 from the Legislative Council.

(Continued from 5 December 2018.)

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (12:54): I move:

That this house—

- (a) agrees with part 1 of the resolution of the Legislative Council contained in message 65 for the appointment of a joint committee on the valuation policies of the Valuer-General;
- (b) concurs with the proposal for the committee to be authorised to disclose or publish as it thinks fit any evidence or documents being reported to the parliament; and
- (c) concurs with the proposal to enable strangers to be admitted when the committee is examining witnesses, unless the committee otherwise resolves, but that they be excluded when the committee is deliberating.

Motion carried.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I move:

That this house be represented on the on the committee by three members, of whom two shall form the quorum of assembly members necessary to be present at all sittings of the committee and that the members to represent the House of Assembly on the committee be Mr Duluk, the Hon. S.C. Mullighan and Mr Patterson.

Motion carried.

Bills

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (12:56): I thank speakers who have made a contribution to this debate, in particular the opposition representative for their indication of support for the passage of the bill. There are a couple of things I would like to place on the record. Firstly, the Law Society of South Australia, in particular its president, Mr Tim Mellor, provided some significant advice about this matter. I place it on the record because, although we are not following it, it is a body of work that will need to be done.

His suggestion, on behalf of the Law Society, was that, rather than deal with this way of managing the issue, we should rewrite the legislation in respect of the body of work done by the tribunal, in particular to re-establish the state Employment Court. Obviously, this would require considerable redrafting of the SAET Act and an extensive institutional reorganisation of SAET.

I have commented in this house before about the need to properly recognise the fact that we have a tribunal that has a court function and a tribunal function. It has had aggregate responsibilities transferred to it. It is populated by District Court judges, who are called deputy presidents. In the sense of being a structure, it is a mess, and we need to clean it up. As Attorney-General, I can indicate that we are looking at that.

I am mindful of the fact that the parliament created the South Australian Employment Tribunal via the former attorney-general, and he modelled it to be an exact replica of the South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. He said at the time that it was done with the intention of ultimately amalgamating this jurisdiction across to what was to become the state administrative tribunal, and that did not happen. It was agreed that it stay separate. I think there were some good reasons for it to remain separate.

This is what happens when processes are undertaken and we end up with complications that then need remedying, such as when the High Court comes along and says there is a problem dealing with federal jurisdiction matters. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 12.59 to 14.01.

The SPEAKER: On indulgence, I call the Premier.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:01): Earlier today, the member for Cheltenham announced that he would be retiring from the South Australian parliament, and I would just like to place on record a few thoughts on behalf of the government.

The member for Cheltenham first came into this place in the election that was held in 2002. He served in so many roles right throughout his time and made an extraordinarily valuable contribution to this parliament. Unlike many people, he went straight into a frontbench role in Mike Rann's cabinet. In his first appointment, he was made the minister for government enterprise, urban development, planning and administrative services. Subsequent to that appointment, he literally has filled just about every single portfolio going.

His variety of portfolios included gambling, families and communities, housing, ageing, disability, Aboriginal affairs and reconciliation, environment and conservation, early childhood development, education, science and the information economy, state development, treasurer, the public sector, the arts, finance, investment and trade, small business, defence and space industries, health industries and veterans' affairs. Of course, we all know that in October 2011 the member for Cheltenham became the 45th Premier of South Australia, serving in the role for 6½ years until the election held in March this year.

Can I say that on a personal level I have always got along extraordinarily well with the member for Cheltenham. We share many interests; people think that this is really only Port Adelaide, where we share great love for the Port Adelaide Football Club, but there are many other things that the member for Cheltenham and I share, including interests within public policy.

I particularly want to commend him for his great interest in the past in key areas, such as Indigenous affairs and reconciliation, which can be very problematic and tough areas of public policy. We had plenty of discussions offline about that portfolio, and I really appreciate his genuine interest in that area. Of course, he has moved the dial in terms of critical areas of public policy, such as early childhood development, and we had lots of discussions about his interests in different and innovative methodologies in education. I know that it was a portfolio he absolutely loved.

I do not know what lies in front of the member for Cheltenham. He is a very young man, so I am sure that whatever that is he has a long career ahead of him. I genuinely hope that it is a fantastic next career for you, sir. I wish you, Mel, Lucy, Alice and your extended family all the very best for the future. We faced off against each other at two elections in 2014 and 2018—so it is one all. I wish you all the very best for whatever lies ahead.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition, on indulgence.

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:04): I thank the parliament for its indulgence. Today does mark a very significant day for the great Australian Labor Party in this state, and it also marks a very significant day for our parliament. This is the state, as the member for Cheltenham referred to earlier, that produced the first-ever Labor government anywhere in the world. Since then, of course, the Rann and Weatherill governments have been the longest serving continuous Labor government we have ever seen in this state.

If timing is everything in politics, Jay Weatherill is truly the Don Bradman of this parliament. Over his 16½ years in this place, he almost had an average of 99.94 per cent in time on the front bench. It is an extraordinary record. As the premier articulated, it is not likely to be one ever matched in terms of time on the front bench, and it is probably quicker to name the portfolios he has not held rather than the ones he has. That was of course achieved through a number of ways. People might point to a degree of luck, and people might point to a degree of political skill, but what we know in this house is that it is actually so much more than that. It is also a testament to the way in which the member for Cheltenham has always carried himself as an individual and as a person.

Jay's record of service is a product of his commitment to civility and decency. More than anything else, there is something about the member for Cheltenham that makes him so incredibly rare. In politics, particularly in roles of leadership, it is highly unusual to see someone have a high degree of self-belief while still retaining such a high degree of humility. Yet, in the member for Cheltenham, those are exactly the characteristics we see coming together.

It is also that combination of humility and steely resolve that made the member for Cheltenham absolutely the right choice to lead our party after premier Rann decided to retire back in 2011. Although, in that instance, I can say with some authority that it was Mike and Jay together who chose the timing, in many ways it was really the time that chose Jay because, quickly after assuming the premiership, the challenges for our state started to come rather thick and fast.

I think the member for Cheltenham's commitment to civility and his mild manner can sometimes result in a misunderstanding of his willingness to fight. That was put to the test early in his premiership in the fight for the River Murray, when the premier at the time decided to stand up, look right in the eye the challenge of the upstream states taking our water from our river and decide to fight. More than that, he did not choose just to fight: he also chose to win.

That conscious decision to choose to win is something that went on to characterise the member for Cheltenham's time in the premiership altogether. Later into his time as premier, he was faced with other significant challenges, probably the most significant of which was the economic struggle coming our way. Faced with the decision to send the submarine work to Japan, and faced with the decision to close Holden, our premier chose to stand up and fight for our state and fight for jobs.

Jay and Tom (member for West Torrens) are probably two of the most persuasive people I have met in my entire life. That certainly came to the fore in late 2015 when the premier asked me to put up my hand to run for state parliament. I remember distinctly at the time that a confidant of mine, a good friend and someone I rely on for advice, said, 'What are you thinking? Holden is closing and the state is facing double-digit unemployment. It would be the worst possible time to go into state politics.' Despite that, somehow the premier and the member for West Torrens persuaded me to do it.

I will never forget that first cabinet meeting, which was around the same time and which I was lucky enough to be in, thinking to myself, 'Maybe I'll get into cabinet and get access to Treasury documents or something that would show that, yes, this threat of double-digit employment is coming our way and it's inevitable.' Instead, what I saw was the member for Cheltenham showing that he had not just extraordinary political skill but also a genuine commitment to high-quality public policy.

Then, all at once in cabinet—I will never forget my first cabinet meeting—the premier made it crystal clear that our focus would be to choose to win on behalf of the state and to fight for jobs and that he had a direction and a determination about how he would do it. It was a combination of resolve and public policy nous, but also understanding of the intersection with politics, that made the premier an incredible leader. The premier has not just made himself a great leader for our state but also a leader that our party felt incredibly proud to call our leader.

His legacy is a profound one. More than anything else, I thought my final reflection would be on a little story about that issue of choosing to win. I remember it was during the course of the 2014 election campaign. It was pretty rough and ready, and it was always going to be a tough election for Labor to win, as we were seeking a fourth term in office. Jay has incredible self-belief. He picked up the phone one day and we were having a chat while I was still secretary of the union. I remember chatting to the premier and talking about his plan to win, and we started talking about possibilities that might emerge post the election and the idea of a minority parliament was contemplated, although we were pursuing a majority, of course.

We started canvassing various options, various possibilities, and I will never forget the premier saying to me on the phone that he thought there might be a chance of someone joining our team in a way that was not predictable. I thought, 'What's he talking about? Crossbenchers? The member for Fisher? The member for Frome? What's he getting to?' He said, 'No, no. There's something else that might happen.' I said, 'What are you talking about?' Eventually he relented and said to me, 'I think maybe someone from the other side would be a chance of coming across.' I remember thinking, 'His self-belief has taken us to the complete twilight zone. Our premier is now officially in denial mode. What is he thinking? There couldn't possibly be anyone from the Liberal Party who would cross the floor to support our Labor government.'

Little did we know that it was not just pure self-belief; it was a combination of determination and formidable foresight that we saw in a political leader that, of course, would indeed come to be true. The former premier, the member for Cheltenham, is someone who is also going out with something that rarely occurs in politics generally. It is a tough business. It is one of the hardest businesses around, and I think that often results in people leaving in acrimony and sometimes with a sense of dissatisfaction or distaste but we know that is not happening here for the member for Cheltenham. But more than that, not everyone gets to leave with an extraordinary degree of genuine adoration, and we have that in spades for you, Jay.

You have been a great leader, you have been a great servant to our state and we wish you all the very best in the future.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

*Parliamentary Procedure***VISITORS**

The SPEAKER: I welcome to the parliament today members of the Marion Croquet Club, who are guests of the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing, as well as Cedar College year 6 students, who are guests of the member for Enfield, and volunteers and committee members of the Unley Greek Pensioner group, who meet weekly at the Goodwood Community Centre and are guests of the Minister for Industry and Skills.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I also call to order the member for Hammond and the Minister for Industry and Skills.

*Petitions***SERVICE SA MODBURY**

Ms BEDFORD (Florey): Presented a petition signed by 100 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.

MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

Ms BEDFORD (Florey): Presented a petition signed by 249 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to use commonwealth Black Spot Program funding to install traffic lights at the intersection of Research Road and Main North Road, Pooraka.

SERVICE SA MITCHAM

Mr DULUK (Waite): Presented a petition signed by 774 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the government to reconsider the closure of the Service SA Mitcham Branch, as it provides a service with a very high level of attendance and its closure would have a significant and detrimental impact on the community.

*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—

Alexandrina Council Annual Report 2017-18

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Annual Report 2017-18

Karoonda East Murray, District Council of Annual Report 2017-18

Unley, City of Annual Report 2017-18

By the Premier (Hon. S.S. Marshall)—

Employment Tribunal, South Australian—Annual Report 2017-18

Remuneration Tribunal—

No. 10 of 2018—2018 Review of Electorate Allowances for Members of the Parliament of South Australia Report

No. 10 of 2018—Electorate Allowances for Members of the Parliament of South Australia Determination

No. 11 of 2018—2018 Review of the Common Allowance for Members of the Parliament of South Australia Report

- No. 11 of 2018—Common Allowance for Members of the Parliament of South Australia Determination
- No. 12 of 2018—2018 Review of Accommodation and Meal Allowances for Ministers of the Crown and Officers and Members of Parliament Report
- No. 12 of 2018—Accommodation and Meal Allowances for Ministers of the Crown and Officers and Members of Parliament Determination

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

Rules made under the following Acts—
District Court—Civil—Supplementary—Amendment No. 8

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

Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007, Report on the Operation of the—Report November 2018

Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007, Report on the Review of the—Report November 2018

Ministerial Statement

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION INQUIRY

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:16): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: In November 2012, the former state government asked former Supreme Court justice the Hon. Bruce DeBelle AO QC to conduct an independent inquiry into the handling of the response to the indecent assault of a child by an out-of-school-hours care staff member at a western suburbs school. The inquiry was subsequently converted into a royal commission.

On 1 July 2013, the former government released the Independent Education Inquiry Final Report, better known as the DeBelle report, containing 43 recommendations. That report remains publicly available on the Department for Education website. Certain evidence received by Mr DeBelle was ordered by him to remain confidential. The final two recommendations of the DeBelle report were that the non-confidential evidence from the inquiry, comprising witness statements and exhibits, ought to be made publicly available following the finalisation of all criminal proceedings against the perpetrator of the indecent assault, Mark Harvey. Those criminal proceedings were finalised in August 2014.

The final two recommendations are the only recommendations from the DeBelle report which have not been implemented—that is, the witness statements and exhibits being published. The former government accepted all the recommendations of the final report and committed to tabling the non-confidential transcripts and exhibits in parliament, subject to their consideration by the Crown Solicitor's Office as to whether any further redaction of them was necessary. Redactions have been made primarily to remove:

- content which may reveal the identity of a victim of a sexual offence;
- content which may be defamatory;
- content which is otherwise of a sensitive or personal nature that could, if released, cause distress or anxiety to a person who has not consented to that release; and
- content subject to legal professional privilege.

Given the volume and nature of materials involved, the redaction process took some time and was only completed earlier this year. This government considers it appropriate, in the interests of transparency, to now implement the remaining recommendations of the DeBelle report. I hereby table the non-confidential and redacted transcripts and exhibits from the Independent Education Inquiry.

The transcripts and exhibits will be publicly available upon request to the Clerk of the House of Assembly.

I note that all reasonable efforts have been made to provide advance notice of the proposed tabling of these materials to each of the witnesses whose transcript is being made available and to the families of the victims of Mark Harvey. I also wish to assure all members that the government is not proposing to make available, via tabling in parliament or otherwise, any material which Commissioner Debelle ordered to remain confidential.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:19): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Today, I am pleased to advise the house of the release of the review of the South Australian Certificate of Education. The independent review was led by Wendy Johnson, the highly regarded principal of Glenunga International High School, and was informed by extensive consultation and received numerous submissions, including more than 1,500 survey responses. The review, which fulfils an election commitment of the Marshall Liberal government, is a crucial step to ensuring that we maintain an outstanding and highly regarded SACE certificate that is the envy of other jurisdictions.

The SACE is currently undertaken by around 63,000 students in South Australia, the Northern Territory, Malaysia, Vietnam, Vanuatu and China. The review makes 16 substantial recommendations. Key recommendations include removing the compulsory 10-credit research project from stage 2 and replacing it with a redesigned 10-credit research project at stage 1 of the SACE, with options for a specialised research project for students wishing to focus on vocational, service or entrepreneurial pathways. An optional 20-credit version of the research project would also be available in stage 2 as a stand-alone subject.

With 70 points at stage 2 currently required for SACE attainment but 90 required by SATAC to receive an ATAR for tertiary admission, an implication of this recommendation is that many students would be likely to undertake five stage 2 subjects in order to receive an ATAR for university entrance, in line with other states and territories. Early discussions with the SACE Board have suggested that this change would be feasible for SACE stage 1 students in 2021, with the potential for voluntary early-adopter schools making the move in 2020, pending consideration of transition arrangements.

Other notable recommendations include developing industry-led framework subjects in the curriculum, such as cybersecurity and healthy ageing and improvements relating to the recognition of vocational education and training. I note that recommendation 9 of the review, which seeks to remove all VET certificate III subjects from counting towards a student's accreditation for the ATAR, is not consistent with government policy and will not be supported.

Discussions with the SACE Board have indicated that alternative remedies may be preferable to deal with the concerns raised in the review. The Marshall Liberal government has made a commitment to South Australians to strengthen vocational pathways for students, and certificate III courses are an important and valuable inclusion for many students.

In relation to the balance of recommendations, the SACE Board has indicated that they would like a further period of time to give them their full consideration and provide further advice to the government. I am sure that others may seek to provide further advice to the government as well, and we will offer a full response to the recommendations next year. In the meantime, we will continue to work closely with the SACE Board to ensure continuous improvement every year, as is always the board's goal. Already planned enhancements, such as the transition to online examination formats, will continue.

I wish to pay particular tribute to Wendy Johnson for conducting this review. She undertook a mountain of work, providing thorough consultation opportunities, and has written a detailed and well-researched report for the government and the SACE Board to consider. I am very pleased to

release this review today, which will be available this afternoon via the education department's website.

Parliamentary Committees

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:23): I bring up the eighth report of the committee, entitled Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty Summit Trail Restoration Works Project.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Mr CREGAN: I bring up the ninth report of the committee, entitled Avenues College Windsor Gardens Campus Redevelopment Project.

Report received and ordered to be published.

Question Time

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:24): My question is to the Premier. What role did John Olsen play in the Stadium Management Authority securing a \$42 million loan for the proposed hotel development?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:25): Both SACA and SANFL have representatives on the Stadium Management Authority board. The Stadium Management Authority representatives of both SACA and SANFL came to visit me. They were accompanied by Andrew Daniels, the Chief Executive of the Stadium Management Authority. They advocated for the proposal. As I have repeatedly said, it is not a proposal that the government or the Liberal Party has put forward: this is a proposal that was put forward by the SMA for the reasons we have outlined in the parliament and in our public statements.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:25): My question is to the Premier. When did he first become aware of the proposal to build a hotel at the Adelaide Oval?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:25): At that meeting. I don't have the date with me. It was several months ago. They originally came and asked me whether I would make a significant grant for this project. I answered no. They went away and then they came back with subsequent discussions. But their first bid to me—the meeting was at the request of the chair of the Stadium Management Authority, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce—was for the government to provide a grant of \$42 million for this project and we answered in the negative.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:26): When did the Premier first meet with John Olsen regarding the Stadium Management Authority's request for financial assistance for the proposed hotel development? With your leave, sir, and that of the house, I will explain.

Leave granted.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Last week in question time the Premier advised the house that he had met on several occasions with Mr Olsen and Mr Scarce over several months regarding the proposed hotel.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:27): I can't see the distinction between the last two questions, so I can only repeat that there was a request for a meeting several months ago. I can find out the exact date.

Mr Malinauskas: When?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It wouldn't be difficult. I don't have it off the top of my head. The request was for a \$42 million payment to be made to the Stadium Management Authority and we said that we wouldn't be making that payment.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition is called to order. The member for Lee and then the member for Finniss.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:27): Was it the Premier or another minister—

The Hon. J.A.W. Gardner: The question is to the Premier.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN: My question is to the Premier; thank you to the member for Morialta. Was it the Premier or another minister who was primarily involved in discussing or negotiating the loan agreement for the proposed hotel development?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:28): I think, as I said, there was an initial request. There were then some subsequent requests, and that was ultimately a decision that was made by cabinet.

ELECTION COMMITMENTS

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (14:28): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier please update the house on what action the government is taking to create more jobs, lower costs and deliver better services for South Australians?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:28): What an excellent question. I want to thank the member for Finniss for that question. What an outstanding start he has made to his parliamentary career. I'm sure it's going to be a fantastic career in this place.

We have worked very hard since the very day we were elected by the people of South Australia to create more jobs, lower costs and provide better services for the people of South Australia. I will enjoy this opportunity to outline some of the progress we have made to date. Of course, there is much more work to be done.

In terms of creating more jobs in South Australia, we want to do everything we can to create more jobs and, in particular, keep young people here in South Australia. That's why we made a decision in our very first budget to fulfil our election commitment to lower payroll tax on small business in this state. So, from 1 January next year, any business that has a payroll of up to \$1½ million won't pay a cent—will not pay a cent—in terms of payroll tax. We are doing that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —because we believe in small business in this state. When we announced this in the lead-up to the election—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —we had those opposite saying, 'This will just be putting money into the pockets of small business in South Australia and the business owners in South Australia and will do nothing whatsoever to create jobs.' As it turned out, they are now jumping on board, and we enjoy their support for this important measure.

We have also worked very hard to create an opportunity for more than 20,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships in South Australia because on this side of the parliament we believe in providing our next generation with the skills they will need to contribute fully to the great opportunities in this state. We know this is—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —an opportunity that will come with a significant price tag—in fact, in excess of \$200 million—but I want to congratulate the Minister for Industry and Skills on his leadership in this area and on the way he negotiated with the federal government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —to get a significant amount of money coming from Canberra at the same time. When we were talking to people in the lead-up to the election, plenty of them told us that the cost of living in this state had gone out of control under the previous government. That's why one of the first things we did on coming into government—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —was to slash people's emergency services levy bills. It was a shameful day when the member for West Torrens, the former treasurer of this state, wiped out that enormous benefit people had from the remission of the emergency services levy. We have put \$360 million back into our economy in South Australia over our first budget, the first four years of our budget, because we believe in growing the size of our economy. I would also like to congratulate the Minister for Energy and Mining on his advocacy to make sure that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —people in South Australia have access to storage to complement the incredible amount of solar power we have in South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —that's providing real relief to households struggling with the highest energy costs in the world under the previous government. Of course, we are working hard to fix up Labor's mess in terms of health in South Australia. We put more than \$800 million—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —worth of money back into—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —the health budget in South Australia. We have addressed their vicious cuts to services at Modbury Hospital. In particular, I would like to thank—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —the member for Newland, the member for King and the member for Florey for their advocacy to return services to Modbury Hospital, and we are already putting services back in place at the Repat hospital. We'll always stand up for South Australia—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: We've employed that opportunity for the first nine months and there's plenty more to come.

The SPEAKER: Before I call the member for Lee, I call to order the following members: the member for Playford; the member for Reynell, who is also warned; the members for Hurtle Vale and Light; the member for Elizabeth, who is also warned. The member for West Torrens was immaculately behaved for the first five minutes but has since changed his behaviour and he is called to order. The members for Enfield, Kaurna and King and the member for Morphett are called to order, and the member for Morphett is also warned. Member for Lee.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:33): My question is to the Premier. Was it in one of the meetings with John Olsen that he was first advised of the proposal to build a hotel at Adelaide Oval?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:33): It is really difficult to add anything further to the previous three answers I have provided. An appointment was made—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —by the SMA. The chair of the SMA—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —is Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce. He came to a meeting and they put forward a proposal, a proposal which involved the construction of a hotel within the boundaries of the Adelaide Oval. They asked for money. We rejected it.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:33): Did the Premier ensure there was a probity adviser during his discussions with John Olsen regarding the proposed hotel at Adelaide Oval?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:34): As I keep saying, the member likes to characterise this as a meeting with a single person. There has never been a meeting with a single person. There were meetings with the chair, who was representing SACA on the SMA Board because they take it in turns, a representative of the SANFL, and the chief executive of the SMA. Yes, I did have somebody in the room for that meeting and for all of my meetings, and that person was my chief of staff.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:34): A supplementary: how did the Premier ensure he did not breach section 3.1 of the Ministerial Code of Conduct regarding conflicts of interest?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:34): It's difficult to understand why anyone thinks there's a conflict of interest. I rejected the request.

The SPEAKER: The member for Davenport. I'll come back to my left.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition will cease interjecting. The member for Davenport has the call.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Mr MURRAY (Davenport) (14:35): My question is to the Minister for Industry and Skills.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I'm trying to hear this question, members on my left and right.

Mr MURRAY: Can the minister update the house on how the state government continues—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Sorry, member for Davenport. Go again, thank you.

Mr MURRAY: Start again? My question is to the Minister for Industry and Skills. Can the minister update the house on how the state government continues to support local research and entrepreneurs?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Industry and Skills) (14:35): Thank you very much, sir.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: I know you can't wait, members on my left, but please.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: I thank the member for Davenport for the question. I know he is a successful entrepreneur himself.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is warned.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: He is very interested in research and entrepreneurship here in South Australia and a strong advocate for his community. The Department for Industry and Skills will be coordinating proposals to support applications for the commonwealth government's Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence 2020 program. This is the first time that the South Australian government has initiated a formal call for this funding. Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence are respected concentrations of research excellence.

These centres of excellence create significant partnerships and share resources between universities, publicly funded research organisations, governments and businesses in Australia and overseas. Increased financial effort from each state and territory provides leverage to obtain more commonwealth funding. The Marshall Liberal government is allocating a total of \$1.5 million over three years from the Research, Commercialisation and Startup Fund to support the centre of excellence applications. This will be complemented by the commonwealth funding, which typically is in the order of between \$1 million and \$5 million per calendar year for up to seven years.

Applicants will need to meet the criteria and outline things such as the proposed benefits to South Australia, development of research themes and suitability of research leaders, expected outcomes and funding support, alignment with South Australia's vision to grow the economy and deliver key services to families and businesses, and the potential for the centre of excellence to foster and build critical mass and key research and development capabilities in South Australia. The parliament will—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —manage the selection process with the selection panel including the Chief Scientist of South Australia, Professor Caroline McMillen. The \$28 million Research, Commercialisation and Startup Fund has been created to support South Australian businesses to collaborate with researchers and universities to improve industrial situations, commercialisation, new research, and new products and services to attract research infrastructure and investment into the state and encourage the establishment and growth of start-ups and businesses in South Australia.

Guidelines for the fund are due to be released by the end of the year. This is an exciting use of state government money being invested to generate more opportunities for investment coming from other sources in South Australia so that we can expand those opportunities for commercialisation of research and start-up opportunities in South Australia.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:38): My question is to the Premier. Did the government ever receive advice from Treasury or SAFA recommending against providing a loan to the Stadium Management Authority for the proposed hotel?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:38): This was a matter which was considered by cabinet. We received advice—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: This was a matter which was considered by cabinet. I'm not sure how—

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is called to order.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —the former government made their decisions. There was plenty of advice provided over Gillman, let me tell you. When they didn't like it, they got rid of them. We are running a cabinet government in South Australia at the moment. Cabinet made this decision. They received advice from many sources, as you would expect cabinet to, and we formed our opinion. We made a decision, and we believe this is the right decision for the people of South Australia.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Playford is warned, as is the member for Hammond, and I call to order the member for Morphett, again. Member for Lee.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:39): My question is to the Premier. How does the \$42 million loan to the Stadium Management Authority meet the Premier's commitment to 'not pick winners'?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:39): Well, again, we have gone over this quite a bit, and I'm more than happy to go over it again in our last question time for the year.

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is on the edge today.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It's a proposal which is very different from the winner picking—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: That's right; the new president of the Liberal Party—that's different.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is warned again.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —like the previous government did. Often, they weren't winners that they picked, but there you go. The reality is the Adelaide Oval—

Mr Boyer interjecting:

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —is an asset which is owned by the people of South Australia. This was not a private organisation building their own asset base; in fact, the improvements that are made to the Adelaide Oval will become the property of the people of South Australia. This is a very simple equation. I'm really not quite sure why the member for Lee, who puts himself up as the financial spokesperson for those opposite, can't understand it.

WILD DOGS

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:40): My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Can the minister update the house about the state government's strategy to support farmers in the challenges posed by wild dogs?

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (14:41): I thank the member for Flinders for his question. He knows better than most in this house the impact of wild dogs, particularly on our livestock industry here in South Australia. Livestock producers—

Mr Hughes: Good to see you're recycling this.

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

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —for a number of years have expressed concern about the impact of wild dogs, particularly—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan: I thought Pengilly was gone. Why are we talking about dogs?

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

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —on an industry so important to South Australia's economy. Accordingly—

Dr Close interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The deputy leader is called to order.

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —we are hearing about the significant lamb and sheep losses in a number of areas, particularly in the member for Flinders' electorate. We need to be clear: this is not an issue that has arisen overnight. It hasn't been here since we have been elected into government; it's an issue that has been ongoing for a number of years. In the 2016-17 year, the report indicated that about 10,000 sheep were taken by wild dogs.

The equation in today's prices is about \$2 million. For those who would understand, it means that it keeps pastoralists, livestock owners, awake at night knowing that wild dogs are out there taking their livestock, yet there was very little done. What we saw in the course of 16 years was a small percentage, less than 5 per cent, of the fence replaced. Sadly, in the five years of replacement, it is now being replaced again because it was inadequate—unbudgeted, too short. Why is it that those opposite over there would continue to begrudge the need for the livestock industry—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: —to be supported? What I can say is that the Marshall government, on this side, have done more in eight months than what the opposites did in 16 years—shame! What we're saying is that we are working very closely with Livestock SA, the Wild Dog Advisory Group and the Dog Fence Board here in South Australia to make sure that we work a way forward in dealing with wild dogs. And make no mistake: wild dogs are heading south. We are dealing with not only wild dogs breeding up but we are also dealing with a dog fence that is ageing. Some of that fence is over 100 years old.

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: The member for Light might joke, but when he's got wild dogs in his electorate he won't be laughing.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

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

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

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE: The dog fence is a large piece of infrastructure. It's a 5,400-kilometre long fence. Here in South Australia, it is 2,150 kilometres long, so, yes, it does need funding and, yes, it does need continual maintenance. What we are saying on this side of the house, as a responsible government, is that we are putting measures in place. We have enacted seven wild dog trappers. We have put the most comprehensive baiting program in the state's history in place— an aerial and land baiting program worth \$1.2 million. That put out 25,000 baits, with almost 14 tonnes of kangaroo meat, dealing with the comprehensive breeding up of wild dogs over a number of years.

This government will act. We will continue to work with the advisory groups. We will continue to work with the boards, pastoralists and representatives within the livestock industry to make sure that we look after a \$5.5 billion industry that is under siege as we speak. This government will continue to work with industry, as I have said. Importantly, we will also work with pastoralists so that we know that we can improve their lives and their livestock, making sure that we grow our economy

and our herd and flock numbers to drive our economy and making sure that the red meat industry is one of the absolute principal industries of South Australia's economy.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:45): My question is to the Premier. What is the total construction cost of the proposed hotel development at Adelaide Oval?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:45): I don't have those details with me. This is a project of the SMA.

Mr Malinauskas: So you just hand over the money without knowing all the costs?

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition is warned—

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: —as is the Deputy Premier.

Mr Malinauskas: You would think you would know. Before you lend someone some money, you would think you'd know the basics.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, please! Member for Lee.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:45): My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier seen a business case and financial model for the proposed hotel development at Adelaide Oval?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:45): As I have repeatedly said, this was a matter which the cabinet considered in detail. We are absolutely sure that we arrived at the right position. Again, I just remind this house that this was not a grant. This was not handing over money. In fact, the taxpayers of South Australia will make a margin on the deal which we are providing. It is completely and utterly different from anything that the former government would have contemplated. They loved shuffling taxpayer dollars out the door, and that is of course why we ended up with the highest taxes in critical areas that were holding back the economy.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has the call.

Mr Malinauskas: You are increasing debt by \$3 billion.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Ask a question about that. I would love to answer it.

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Newland. I will come back to the member for Lee.

Mr Malinauskas: Can we come and have a look at the books? Debt is up by \$3 billion.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Opposition will cease interjecting.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Ask a question about it.

The SPEAKER: Premier, please!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Newland, be seated for one moment. The member for Wright is warned, as is the member for Light.

SCHOOLS, LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Dr HARVEY (Newland) (14:46): My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister update the house on the government's delivery of its election commitment for Innovative Language Program Grants?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:46): I thank the member for the question. I thank him for his interest in education.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: I hear the Leader of the Opposition calling out TAFE. I can't wait to get a question on TAFE from the opposition. I have been waiting all year. Ask me a question today.

Mr Duluk interjecting:

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

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Ask me a question about TAFE, I dare you. I dare you to ask me a single question today about TAFE. I'm very pleased to get—

The SPEAKER: Minister, there is a point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: the minister began immediately by debating his own question.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. The point of order is a rational one. Minister, could you please bring it back to the substance of the question, thank you.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The member for Newland asks an important—

Mr Brown: No wonder they call him Mad Dog.

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford can leave for half an hour under 137A, thank you.

The honourable member for Playford having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: The member for Newland asks a very important question about education, as is his wont, because he is very interested in ensuring that our students in South Australia get the best possible future and the best possible education. Part of our project before the election—part of our commitments before the election—was in relation to languages, as the member for Newland points out, and this is something that I know both sides of the house support: the importance of ensuring that our schools are well equipped to deliver STEM learning through appropriate infrastructure and professional development and that the opportunity to have excellent language studies is not lost.

We have seen a decline over the years in the number of secondary students undertaking language studies at stage 2 of the SACE. There are many things that have impacted upon that and we are looking at a broad range of things to address it. That is, of course, just one measure and part of it is of course a function. The number of year 12 students undertaking languages is a function of many things. One of them is that, when students undertake language studies in their earlier years, we must ensure that they get the best possible outcomes and that they have the best possible interactions and experiences in their early language studies.

We are doing work in holiday care in this space with the School of Languages. We are doing work in our primary schools and our secondary schools. Today, I am very pleased to provide the house with some information about some of the innovative work that is being done in the primary school space to support innovative programs in languages. Indeed, we have an innovative language education program, and program grants for five schools worth up to \$50,000 each will support them to trial innovative approaches in proving the effectiveness, the quality and the sustainability of languages learning in the primary years.

To qualify as innovative, the proposed projects had to creatively apply new knowledge, technologies, practices, pedagogies or structures to improve language education. They put forward their ideas to an expert panel, mostly of departmental staff, with the inclusion of the senior lecturer in languages at Flinders University as well, who assessed these pitches and put forward the five projects. We are delighted with the innovative thinking that was shown by our primary schools and, as reported by the panel, their desire to implement new knowledge and practices in language education.

I am pleased to advise that the successful schools are Leigh Creek Area School, Sandy Creek Primary School, Athelstone primary school, Goodwood Primary School and Seacliff Primary School. The Leigh Creek Area School will employ culturally responsive pedagogies and collaborate

with community on country to build, strengthen and learn Adnyamathanha, the local Aboriginal language. The Sandy Creek Primary School will create a weekly multimedia broadcast station with their students and their Japanese sister school to increase daily use of Japanese in the school. The Athelstone primary school will explore the potential of augmented and virtual reality to provide connected and experiential language learning by providing immersive experiences in Italian within a virtual platform.

The Goodwood Primary School will produce a digital resource library to bring the Mandarin language into the mainstream classroom by linking it to other language learning areas in the curriculum. The Seacliff Primary School will work with parents and students to develop community-guided content and language-integrated learning programs in the mainstream classroom and across learning areas, such as for Japanese and science. These are excellent projects, and I look forward to seeing the work that is being done by these schools. Where there is successful implementation, we will see the learnings from them being shared across the entire system.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:51): My question is to the Premier. How many additional full-time equivalent jobs is the Stadium Management Authority required to create and maintain as a condition of the \$42 million loan?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:51): The SMA has made an estimate of the number of additional jobs that will be created from this project. I don't want to mislead the house, so I will find out that number and provide it to the house. Can I also say, though, that one of the key arguments that the SMA was giving to us is that they already have a lot of fixed costs in terms of equipment and some of their security staff that will be better utilised with a more fulsome offer at the stadium, 365 days per year—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —but I will find out that detail. I do have the dates of those meetings, though, and I am happy to update the house now. The first meeting was held on 18 June, which was a meeting with the people I outlined previously. The second meeting was held just with the chairman of the SMA, and that was held on 4 October.

The SPEAKER: The member for Kaurana is warned. The member for Mawson said something about beer prices; he is also warned. Member for Lee.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:53): I have a supplementary question. Does the loan arrangement include a penalty provision for not creating and maintaining the requisite number of jobs?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:53): I have just made it very clear that I will provide details regarding the jobs, but this is a very different arrangement from what the previous government did—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —in particular the way they determined where they would put their money. It was very instructive to hear our Treasurer's tabling of the budget this year when he went through some of the costs to the taxpayers per job for the grants that were provided by the previous government. We have a very different situation with this loan—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan: Did we give one to the president of our political party?

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —because there is no cost per job. There is actually, if you like, a contribution per job. I am happy to explain that in more detail, but, as the opposition's Treasury spokesperson, I am sure you will be able to get a briefing. It's not that complicated to understand.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:54): My question is to the Premier. Who will be responsible for any potential construction cost increases for the boutique hotel?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:54): I have already outlined repeatedly to the house what our level of involvement is in this. We don't carry any liability regarding the upgrade to that facility. That is a project of SMA. What I am advised is that they will be using the same architect, Cox architects, which did the work on the Adelaide Oval expansion undertaken by the previous government. They are using the same—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —project managers, Mott MacDonald, that the previous government did. I have seen a whole pile of spurious information put out by various people that somehow this is going to be some giant tower that is going to obscure the general architecture of the sails of the stands. This is not correct. The SMA went to great lengths to use the same project managers and architects. This development will be sympathetic, and any potential overrun in the costs will not be the responsibility of the South Australian taxpayers.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Child Protection is called to order, and the member for Karna is warned for a second time. The member for Kavel.

VOLUNTEERS

Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:55): My question is to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Can the minister inform the house how the Department for Correctional Services is recognising the contribution of their volunteers this year?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:55): Thank you very much—

Ms Hildyard: Not with doughnuts!

The SPEAKER: The member for Reynell is called to order for a second and final time. I thought that would come.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —and I thank the member for the question. I do note that, whilst those on the other side laugh about volunteers, we—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —value our volunteers on this side of the house.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: They are over there making jokes about volunteers, and I don't think it's appropriate, especially a day after International Volunteer Day. What I will note also—

Mr Boyer interjecting:

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

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —is that the member for Kavel himself is a very, very good volunteer in his local community. He was the sports trainer with the Mount Barker Roos. In the new job, he has become so busy they have had to demote him to drinks runner now, I am told. He now is the drinks runner, but on every occasion he still gets out and supports his local footy club. He also supports Hungry No More in his local community, feeding the people in Mount Barker and working with that meal service; it is a great service as well. He is also a Lions club member, and we know

what Lions do in our local communities. I commend the member for Kavel, and all the members on this side for the great work they do volunteering in their local community.

During the week, as we know, we had International Volunteer Day. I am lucky that across my portfolios I have absolutely wonderful volunteers. I get to meet them and thank them for the great work they do on behalf of our state. They are truly valued. As we know, volunteers put out bushfires, they patrol our beaches, they deliver meals to the elderly, they run our sporting clubs, they work in schools, hospitals and libraries and, of course, they also work in our prisons.

As we approach the end of the year, it is an important time to recognise our volunteers as well, and I am sure that many members on both sides of this house will be getting out and meeting with volunteers in their community and also thanking them for the wonderful work they do in their local area. I am sure there are many others, as I have mentioned in this place, who deserve recognition for the volunteering they do.

Tomorrow, the department of corrections will recognise their volunteers and present a number of significant service awards. During the 2017-18 financial year, the Department for Correctional Services' Volunteer Unit provided an astounding 14,500 hours of work. The Volunteer Unit provides valuable services, including driving offenders to medical appointments, rehabilitation programs and assisting in the transportation of prisoners' families for prison visits. Volunteers have been providing support and assistance—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —to prisoners, offenders and staff for over 40 years. The Correctional Services' Volunteer Unit began in 1973, and there are now approximately 150 volunteers working across our prisons and in Community Corrections. The figure is up around 10 volunteers on last year's number, and it is fantastic to see such an important group of people expanding.

The Volunteer Unit is full of people from all walks of life—parents, retired doctors and teachers, criminology and psychology students, as well as volunteers who have had family go through the system and who see volunteering as a way to make a difference. I would like to thank Kerry Wordley and the Volunteer Unit for their important work in coordinating the volunteers during the year. I mentioned earlier that tomorrow's ceremony will also involve the presentation of a number of service awards.

Recognised tomorrow will be two volunteers with five years of service, six volunteers will be recognised for 10 years' service, and one volunteer has notched up a formidable 15 years as a volunteer within our correctional system. I will not name them because I do not want to spoil the surprise, but I thank them so much in advance. I think everyone in this house would recognise that those people have given great service back to the corrections organisation.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and congratulate all our volunteers, who do such a fantastic job in what can be a challenging and often demanding environment. I have met so many of them along the way and I look forward to meeting so many more. It really is so rewarding to get out in our communities and talk to, meet and shake the hands of the volunteers who give so much back to South Australia.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (14:59): My question is to the Premier. Who will be responsible if the proposed hotel incurs any losses or runs into financial difficulty?

The SPEAKER: It is hypothetical that the hotel will incur losses; however, the Premier has risen to his feet and he will take the question.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:00): I am simply not responsible to the house for the proposal that the SMA has put forward. I understand that the parliament has established—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —an inquiry and I suggest you save up all these questions for the SMA and ask them when they appear before your inquiry.

Ms Hildyard interjecting:

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

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:00): My question is again to the Premier. Has the Stadium Management Authority guaranteed to the government that financial returns to the SACA and the AFL clubs will not be reduced if the hotel incurs losses?

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

The SPEAKER: Is that point of order is for a hypothetical?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Correct.

The SPEAKER: I respectfully uphold the point of order, but I tell you what: I will give the member for Lee another question, if he wishes.

Mr Teague interjecting:

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

FOOTY EXPRESS

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:00): Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question is to the Premier. Did the Premier secure an agreement with the Stadium Management Authority to continue free Footy Express public transport services while negotiating a \$42 million loan arrangement?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (15:01): I thank the member for Lee for the question. Can I say that the two parts of that question that the member was trying to link together simply aren't. We are in negotiations with the Stadium Management Authority about how we make sure we implement Labor's policy of full cost recovery for public transport for all concerts and sporting events where over 5,000 patrons are expected to attend. We continue to implement Labor's policy, and we are in direct negotiations with the Stadium Management Authority at the moment—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: If the member for West Torrens utters those words again or anything like it when the minister is speaking, he will be leaving today.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —and for those who are watching online or those who are watching via the Facebook link, Mr Speaker—

The SPEAKER: Indeed.

The Hon. S.S. Marshall: There were 17 earlier today—mostly in my office and some in yours.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: That's it. I think our mothers might be watching. Can I say this quite clearly—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Yes, totally unacceptable, I agree; I will get to him.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —because there have been those who have sought to muddy the waters: Footy Express services, in the form that they currently exist, will continue next year. People will be able to show their ticket and get on for free, having already paid for the cost of that service as part of their ticket, and will be able to get to AFL games next year in the same way they do now. That will continue, as was always supposed to be the case.

The interesting thing is that, again, the former government was moving towards a trajectory of full cost recovery over a staged year-on-year period. We are essentially seeking to continue that same work. Those negotiations are underway, and I look forward to them being completed in due course and for this very important service to continue into the future.

ADELAIDE OVAL HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (15:03): My question is to the Premier. Was the Stadium Management Authority rejected for a commercial loan to facilitate the hotel development by a financial institution before approaching the government?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:03): Well, I don't have that detail; again, that would be a good question to ask at the inquiry. I think all the questions regarding that should be directed to the SMA. I have made our position very clear; I am happy to reiterate it again—that is, we were requested to make a grant. They probably had pretty good cause to ask for a grant. They had been operating under the previous government for a long period of time and grants were handed out left, right and centre, so they probably thought, 'This is great. We're going to ask for \$42 million.'

But it is a new government and we are acting in the best interests of the taxpayers. We applaud the SMA looking at ways to continually diversify their revenue. We think this is important because they can't have their hand out to the taxpayer all the time for upgrades and they can't continue to increase costs for patrons. What they need to do is look for ways to diversify their revenue, and that's precisely what they have been doing. What we see with the SMA is an organisation that has invested in augmenting what they were probably originally envisaging to do at the Oval. I think they have done a good job of diversifying that revenue, and we are the beneficiaries of that.

The SMA make a contribution each year into a sinking fund, which allows for them to continuously upgrade the facilities at that site. This is the responsible way of going. In other jurisdictions in other parts of the world, you might have a stadium and, over time, the fabric of that stadium diminishes and then at some point the taxpayers have to stick their hand in their pocket for a very large sum of money. I actually think this is a good model; it's the model of the previous government, so I'm not sure why they are asking questions and querying it.

The reality is that we believe that this was the right level of support from the taxpayers but, again, not a grant. It's not imposing upon the Parklands. The SMA pays \$2.8 million into a sinking fund each year. They make another contribution to grassroots sport. They make distributions to the SANFL and to SACA and therefore to clubs right throughout South Australia. The taxpayers of South Australia will actually be making a margin on the loan that we negotiated with them.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:06): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Is the minister aware of any cases of meningococcal among young people in residential or commercial care in recent months?

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:06): I am sure that the member is aware that we do not discuss individual cases, particularly pertaining to children in our care.

Members interjecting:

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

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:07): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Can the minister reveal how many cases of meningococcal there have been among young people in residential or commercial care since she took up the role of minister?

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:07): I will take advice as to whether that is appropriate to provide to the house.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:07): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. What actions have the minister or the department taken in response to cases of meningococcal in residential and commercial care?

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:07): It's a hypothetical question.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: What? You rule on that.

The SPEAKER: Yes, I will be the judge on that. I believe the minister has answered the question. Is that the answer to the question? Responded? That's the answer?

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: So there hasn't been a meningococcal case; is that what you're saying?

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens can leave for half an hour, for constant interjections, under 137A, and the Minister for Industry will be joining him if he continues this way.

The honourable member for West Torrens having withdrawn from the chamber:

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:08): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Is the minister aware of a media release issued by SA Health on 2 November that a 15-year-old girl had been admitted to hospital in a critical condition with meningococcal disease?

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:08): I'm aware of media releases regarding, I believe, three children who were diagnosed with meningococcal and I won't be discussing any further details.

RECREATIONAL FISHERS

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:09): My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. Can the minister update the house on how the state government is fulfilling an election commitment to reform the recreational fishing sector?

The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:09): Yes, I certainly can. I thank the member for Colton for his very important question. I'm sure he graces the Henley jetty occasionally to catch a fish, just like I did as a young fella living down at Henley Beach.

It is important that this government uphold an election commitment and recognise the communication that has been missing between the 277,000 recreational fishers and government over a long period of time. That election commitment will mean that we are about to establish the minister's recreational fishing advisory council. The South Australian rec fishers will have the chance to get involved with the creation of the minister's rec fishing advisory council.

This is a first of its kind in Australia. It is the first opportunity that recreational fishers have had to vote and it's also the first time that they have been able to be nominated by a fishing foe to be part of that advisory council. It's an outstanding exercise that is about to be undertaken. This afternoon, I announced that on Monday 17 December nominations open for the advisory council. They close on 11 February 2019.

Voting for candidates is from 18 February 2019 until 18 March 2019 and I have already had very positive feedback both on social media as well as my office being contacted by those rec fishers. So now is the chance for every rec fisher in the state to be involved, get amongst it and make sure they have their voice heard. For too long, we have had a government that picked winners, have had their advice from a small group of people who have not truly represented the majority of rec fishers here in South Australia.

As I said, whether you take a boat, whether you fish off the beach or the jetty, as I am sure the member for Colton has, or throw a line into the mighty Murray, it's an opportunity and I encourage

every fisher to consider putting their hand up, making sure that the five positions available for the council are filled by those people who feel passionately about the thing that they love to do, and that is to catch fish. We want to diversify the voices to provide feedback and advice to the government on those rec fishing issues.

The council will consist of eight members: one member from each of the three main representative bodies—RecFish SA, Fishing SA and the South Australian Fishing Alliance—and there will be five individuals directly elected by the South Australian recreational fishing community. As I said, this is a first of its kind in the country and it's an outstanding ability for the rec fishers now to stand up and be heard, to have a truly representative voice.

The minister's recreation fishing advisory council will provide that feedback. It will give the rec fishing sector the understanding and the ability to develop issues and opportunities on those big picture policy initiatives. To nominate, they can vote at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/fishing. As a government and as a minister, I have and will continue to listen to the 277,000 rec fishers here in South Australia. They have been taken for granted for too long. They now have the opportunity to have a truly representative voice to government so that we can make policy decisions and policy announcements that truly represent the need, the will and the want of our rec fishers here in South Australia.

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

WALLAROO MINING PROPOSAL

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:13): No, I haven't been patiently waiting, sir, but I have been waiting. My question is to the Minister for Mining. Has an independent site survey been conducted at the proposed site covering the mining lease application by Triad Transport Pty Ltd, Wick Mining Proposal MC4426 at Wallaroo? Will the land need to be rezoned and how much public consultation has taken place around the application? Was it truly adequate to measure the impact on flora and fauna and the interests of adjacent residential properties?

The SPEAKER: A fair bit in that question. The Minister for Energy and Mining.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:13): Given that the member waited but not so patiently, I will make sure that I get a very, very thorough answer. If the member would like to submit any other questions to that fairly extensive list of questions about that project, I would be very pleased to get answers for her. Let me just say in short that the types of assessment that the member asked about in regard to the specific project are the types of assessment that in general would be done about any project.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:14): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. Have any concerns been raised with the minister or her department about her department's response to instances of meningococcal suffered by children and young people in residential or commercial care?

The SPEAKER: Minister for Child Protection—or Minister for Energy and Mining.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (15:14): Thank you, Mr Speaker. As the—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Leader, please.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: As the minister—

Mr Duluk interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Waite said something about Oakden. He is warned.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: As the minister in this house representing the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in the other place, I think it is quite appropriate that I try to share some valuable information with the house on this. Let me—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee is warned for a second time.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, leader!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: It is extraordinary that those opposite would think that meningococcal is a child protection issue only and nothing to do with health. It is quite extraordinary.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Leader, please.

An honourable member: Throw him out.

The SPEAKER: I might. He doesn't like it when I do.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: I suppose the first thing we need to look at in regard to meningococcal is the fact that after 16 years in government the former Labor government left South Australia as the only state in the nation that did not have a meningococcal vaccination program. We went to the election with a very clear commitment to address that.

Mr Bell interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Mount Gambier is called to order.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: And the member for Frome.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Mr Speaker, that very—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, leader!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —clear commitment—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader is on two warnings.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: That very clear commitment—

The Hon. S.S. Marshall interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Premier is called to order.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —which we made as a decision ourselves— some of them were announced and some of them were not—be very clear, the Minister for Health and Wellbeing—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Don't you want to know? The Minister for Health and Wellbeing did not listen to the calls of those opposite but just said, 'Do it now and do it for all children.' He took genuine, serious advice, and he took advice from clinicians, as he does on these medical issues. He actually announced a program starting on 1 October—

The SPEAKER: There is a point of order. Minister, be seated for one moment, please.

Dr CLOSE: The point of order is relevance, given that the question was about non-health facilities management, not a history of meningococcal in South Australia.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. I have allowed the minister some preamble, but I ask him to come back to the substance of the question.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Thank you.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: In October, the minister implemented a policy to give vaccinations for children from six weeks and up, and also a commitment—

The Hon. S.C. Mullighan interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Lee can leave for eight minutes under 137A.

The honourable member for Lee having withdrawn from the chamber:

An honourable member: He didn't even see the year out.

The SPEAKER: Order! Eight minutes.

Mr Patterson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Morphett can join him for eight minutes.

The honourable member for Morphett having withdrawn from the chamber:

The SPEAKER: The minister has the call. I would like to ask another question—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Yes, I am trying to deal with this. If members on my left and right continue to interject, it is hard to do. Minister.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: After announcing in October this year a vaccination policy for children from six weeks to 12 months old, in 2019 there will be a policy for teenage children in the 16 to 17—

Mr PICTON: Point of order: relevance and debate. There was a specific question—

The SPEAKER: That would be 98, yes.

Mr PICTON: —about the management of cases in the child protection portfolio—

The SPEAKER: Yes, I have the point of order.

Mr PICTON: —and whether concerns have been raised with the minister.

The SPEAKER: Is the minister wrapping up his answer?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: Sir, this is very relevant to the management of meningococcal.

The SPEAKER: Please wrap up your answer.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: It is very relevant to the management—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: —of children with meningococcal.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Please!

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The Minister for Health and Wellbeing—

The Hon. T.J. Whetstone interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development is not assisting.

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN: The Minister for Health and Wellbeing is going about this issue in an incredibly responsible, well-advised way. The benefits of this vaccination program, while those opposite don't seem to care, will be for all children. Those in state care and those not in state care will all benefit from the policies of this government to support children and try to prevent them from contracting meningococcal.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:19): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. What action did the minister or her department take to ensure the ongoing safety of young people, staff and anyone else in contact with young people in state care who are suffering meningococcal?

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:19): That's a very broad question. Of course, I have sought—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: Bearing in mind there have been 16 years of a Labor government that we know has monumentally failed in our child protection system, coming into this department—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: —there have been many things that have needed addressing. We know one of the issues that was raised constantly with foster carers was the lack of a Blue Book, the lack of their vaccinations for children, children coming into care. The former government didn't have a policy around standardising their Medicare cards, their Blue Books of vaccinations. We have children that we don't know all their backgrounds, so vaccinations are very important.

Dr CLOSE: Point of order, sir: relevance.

The SPEAKER: A point of order on the point of order?

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

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Sorry, I can't hear the Minister for Education because of the member for Hurtle Vale and the Deputy Premier.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order, sir: the member for Badcoe asked a question about the actions taken by the minister and her department—

The SPEAKER: What's the point of order?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: That is exactly what she's doing, and that was a bogus point of order.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. This is chewing up the clock. I have the point of order; I have the question. I have allowed the minister some preamble but I would expect her to keep to the substance of the question pretty quickly. Thank you, minister.

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: Of course, the health and wellbeing of my staff and children under my guardianship are incredibly important to me, and as such I have sought to meet with as many staff and as many children, despite being attacked for it. Apparently, I'm not supposed to meet children under my care.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: As I have explained, under the former Labor government, the Blue Books and the Medicare cards were not always available or sought for children.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is warned.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. R. SANDERSON: We are fixing this for children coming into our care, but the children already in care, the information is as a result of the former government. We are fixing that and I have had briefings on the vaccination programs for our children. As we know, under the Labor government there was no vaccination program for meningococcal. The meningococcal program for the vaccination B is coming into effect on 1 February for teenagers next year. I have met with my department and all our teenagers who are eligible will certainly be participating in that program.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (15:22): My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. When did the 15-year-old girl in state care, who is now in hospital, first display symptoms in care, and how long was it before she was admitted to hospital?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order, sir: the member has introduced alleged facts relating to an alleged case in direct contravention of—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! What is the point of order?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —standing order 97, and as the member for Cheltenham—

The SPEAKER: So you are alleging argument?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: —advised us earlier today, we should have civility in public discourse. His colleagues should listen to him.

The SPEAKER: This is now bogus. That latter part of the point of order was bogus.

Mr PICTON: Point of order, sir.

The SPEAKER: Is there a point of order on the point of order?

Mr PICTON: In the previous question, that was agreed facts by the minister. She said that she had seen that media release.

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

The SPEAKER: Minister for Education, I'm going to allow the question. There are less than two minutes left. Minister, you have the call. Could you please repeat the question, member for Badcoe, for the minister's benefit?

Ms STINSON: My question is to the Minister for Child Protection. When did the 15-year-old girl in state care, who is now in hospital, first display symptoms in care, and how long was it before she was admitted to hospital?

The SPEAKER: I'm allowing that question, minister. Minister, you have the call.

The Hon. R. SANDERSON (Adelaide—Minister for Child Protection) (15:23): I think I've made it perfectly clear. I will not be discussing children in state care. It's completely inappropriate and it's actually against the act. It's illegal and it's a \$10,000 fine.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORT HALL OF FAME

Ms LUETHEN (King) (15:24): My question is to the Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Can the minister update the house about the recent inductees into the South Australian Sport Hall of Fame?

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:24): I thank the member very much for that question, knowing she's a sporting star in her own right. It was a great night. I will declare that I did receive hospitality, just in case the member for Reynell is interested. I know that she's very interested whenever we go somewhere and there is a lunch or a dinner. This was a great night. I was very proud to be there representing the Premier as a number of South Australian superstars were inducted into the sporting hall of fame. One of them, a beloved person—

Ms HILDYARD: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Minister, there's a point of order.

Ms HILDYARD: Point of order: repetition. We had exactly the same—

An honourable member: What number?

Ms HILDYARD: 128. We had—

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

The SPEAKER: Point of order on the point of order.

Ms HILDYARD: Can I finish my point of order?

Members interjecting:

Ms HILDYARD: Can I finish my point of order? Can I finish?

The SPEAKER: Member for Reynell, please be seated.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my right, be quiet! Member for Reynell, I have your point of order. Minister, point of order on the point of order.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: There's two points of order, sir. Firstly, the member for Reynell continued interjecting for 30 seconds after your ruling and, secondly, it is remarkable that the shadow minister for sport doesn't know the difference between two separate events.

The SPEAKER: That is a bogus point of order. Minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: Thank you, Mr Speaker; I do appreciate that. And I will clarify: they were two different events, so the shadow minister has got it extremely wrong. What we are recognising here is some of our Sport Hall of Fame inductees. Anna Meares was the first one. Even the former premier, as he departs, would concede that Anna Meares is one of the great South Australian athletes. We do claim her, of course, since moving here. She is definitely one of our own, and what a superstar she is. She has two Olympic gold medals. She is an 11-time world champion and the first Australian athlete to win individual medals at four consecutive Olympic Games. Think about that for a second, Mr Speaker.

As great as she was on the track, we know and remember the nasty cycling accident she had, the very severe cycling accident she had. To be frank and honest, she was lucky to survive, and she actually made it back onto the track and back to the Olympic Games, which is absolutely phenomenal. Not only that, but if you are lucky enough to have ever met Anna Meares or spend a couple of seconds with her or just talk to her, you would know she's just genuinely an outstanding person, too. I commend her for being recognised.

The other person to be inducted was Grant Schubert, a Riverland hockey player and a superstar of the world hockey scene. Of course, he was the World Hockey Young Player of the Year in 2003. He also played a key role in the Australian men's hockey team in delivering the nation's first Olympic gold in competition at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, so an outstanding achievement. A wonderful story was told on the night. In Loxton, where he is from, there is Grant Schubert Drive. Apparently, it was named in his honour—quite obviously. The sign went up, but it didn't last a couple of weeks before it came down. His mum got very, very snaky, but some people suggest it's sitting in his very own pool room. If you are ever up in Loxton, go and have a look at Grant Schubert Drive.

John (Jack) Cahill was inducted into the sporting hall of fame. He was a Port Adelaide legend and superstar. He coached at Collingwood as well, but as a player and coach, there are not too many better than Jack Cahill. He had countless premierships and is an absolute legend of South Australian sport.

Members interjecting:

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: There is heckling from the other side, but we do need to recognise these people because they do great things in our sporting world. One thing I will say about John Cahill is that I remember him as a kid—and these things are very impactful—giving me a couple of minutes of his time. He was so genuinely interested, or so I thought, as he made me feel that way, which I think is the secret of these wonderful sporting people. He gave me some time, and it sat with me until now. I am 47 years of age, so he must have done that when I was about 10. I thank him for it because he made me feel six feet tall and bulletproof. That's the sort of guy he was. He would spend time giving time back to people. He is a lovely gentleman. His sporting feats are phenomenal.

Wendy Schaeffer, an equestrian rider and Olympic gold medallist, a great supporter of our 3 Day Event in South Australia, is another phenomenal athlete deserving of being in our SA Sport Hall of Fame. Anthony Clarke, a name not many people know, a Paralympian, is a wonderful athlete and a gold medallist as well. He competed at a number of Paralympic games.

He told a fantastic story—he is such a wonderful character—that, when he won his gold medal, he beat a Chinese giant in taekwondo. I think that is his sport; it's a martial arts sport. He beat this Chinese giant and he felt really bad for the Chinese fellow because the Chinese fellow would have received \$100,000, or the equivalent, from the Chinese government had he won, but he beat him. He thought the Chinese guy wouldn't talk to him ever again or that they wouldn't be friends anymore. The Chinese guy beat him the next time and invited him straight up to his room to have a drink, and they had a great friendship. Johnny Letts, the famous jockey and two-time Melbourne Cup winner, was recognised as well. He is a great fellow and a guy who gives back and still looks after the academy these days.

I am running out of time, but I must mention the SA women's lacrosse team—an outstanding team. They won 11 straight national titles between 1985 and 1995. Jenny Williams served as captain, co-captain and captain coach in 10 of the 11 nationals. She was a mainstay of the team, alongside Cathy Flett, who played in all the titles—

The SPEAKER: Thank you, minister.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: —and was the captain in 1993.

Mr Picton interjecting:

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: I can't believe I'm getting wrapped up by the member for Kaurna not wanting to hear about women's sport.

The SPEAKER: Time—

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD: These ladies were outstanding. They had a wonderful night. It was a great event and a pleasure to be there.

The SPEAKER: —has expired.

Grievance Debate

STATE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:30): Over the last nine months, we have seen a government slowly falling apart. We have seen disunity—

The Hon. C.L. Wingard interjecting:

Mr ODENWALDER: The Minister for Police laughs. You are laughing too early, minister. You are laughing too early—there will be plenty of time.

We have disunity, we have seen confusion, we have seen broken promises and we have seen the loss of common sense in the interests of an out of touch metropolitan leadership. There are

now clear fault lines in this government. This was all evident in opposition and more and more evident over the months since the election, but it has only taken a bit of pressure for the cracks to really open up and show the deep divide between the country Liberals and the city Liberals. This is painfully apparent now.

This manifested itself most spectacularly, of course, over the last two weeks, first of all over the Statutes Amendment (Mineral Resources) Bill. We have had the extraordinary spectacle, and I think unprecedented in modern times, of four country MPs crossing the floor to support the Leader of the Opposition in a motion to defer a government bill until next year to allow some consultation, which should have taken place in the first place. It is unprecedented. This was not born of political expediency but from a genuine view that the government's own constituents and the MPs elected to represent them were simply being ignored—

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER: Point of order: the grievance debate allows wide scope, but I do not think it allows the member to reflect on a vote of the house.

The SPEAKER: If the member has reflected on a vote of the house, please do not do so. I will be listening carefully, thank you.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is unprecedented and not born of some dark political expediency. These MPs and their constituents felt they were being ignored. They were being ignored.

On top of this extraordinary breakdown in party unity, the Minister for Emergency Services comes in here last Wednesday and pours fuel on the fire. With no consultation with his backbench, and with no support from the farmers they claim to represent, he introduces a bill that seemed almost designed to alienate his country MPs and further exacerbate the difference between country Liberals and city Liberals. Very quickly, of course, we saw the country Liberals revolt again and the whole bill has been sent off to a select committee. But while these two examples—

The Hon. T.J. Whetstone: Ever had a fire burn up to your house?

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes. While these two examples have simply exposed these deep divisions for all of us to see, these divisions have been bubbling away for a long time. The split between the country Liberals and the city Liberals is nowhere more evident than in the city leadership's attitude towards police services in the country. Before the state election, it was reported in *The Border Watch*, which is a fine publication, although I understand that this is not the view of the member for MacKillop, that a Liberal government would reinstate the police officer at a one-person station at Kalangadoo.

Following the election of the member for MacKillop to this place, that commitment simply evaporated. The Liberals made similar pledges to their city constituents. They promised to reopen extended police station hours at Norwood, Henley Beach and Glenelg. Despite the opposition of the police, who made these decisions in the first place, the city Liberals moved heaven and earth to make these promises come true. If it is good enough for—

The Hon. A. Piccolo: Not for the country.

Mr ODENWALDER: Exactly, member for Light: if it is good enough for the city, why is it not good enough for the country? Since the election, the police minister has run away from the government's commitments at a million miles an hour. I hope that the member for MacKillop, newly emboldened, knowing that his people are right behind him, will now stand up to the police minister and the Premier and the other city Liberals and make them keep their promises to the South-East.

It is a similar story in the Riverland. The member for Chaffey may know something about this. Renmark residents have long complained about the local police station's irregular opening hours. Last year, before the election, the member for Chaffey told this house that Renmark deserves a police service, that it deserves a front-line police service in a police station for their safety.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr ODENWALDER: All of a sudden, once again, the police minister visits, and it is an operational issue: 'Nothing we can do about it. It's an operational issue—nothing we can do about it.' Tell that to the mayor.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr ODENWALDER: The cracks are showing.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Minister for Police, leader and Minister for Primary Industries!

Members interjecting:

Mr ODENWALDER: No, the city Liberals are in charge, but they are no longer in control. They are in charge, but they are not in control. The member for MacKillop is going to go home over the summer, and the member for Chaffey is going to go home, and he is going to be told by his constituents to smarten up, to take on the city Liberals and to take the party back.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for King has the call.

KING ELECTORATE SCHOOLS

Ms LUETHEN (King) (15:35): I rise today to speak about a number of very special school award recipients across the schools in the seat of King. Recently, I was given the privileged opportunity to present a number of awards to students, graduates and volunteers at school ceremonies across the King electorate. Moreover, I was blessed with the opportunity to present a new award to students on behalf of the King electorate. The new award I have introduced, gratefully in partnership with our local school communities, celebrates students demonstrating kindness.

Affection, gentleness, warmth, concern, empathy and care are words that are associated with kindness. While some might think that kindness connotes someone who is naive or weak, many more agree with me that being kind often requires courage and strength. Extending kindness to others, and even to ourselves, risks judgement, rejection or going against the prevailing winds, so I have chosen to recognise and encourage kindness in King.

Last month, I attended the Golden Grove High School year 12 graduation and had the pleasure of announcing student Alfie Malcolm as the very first winner of the kindness award. The loud clapping and cheering indicated that Alfie was the perfect recipient of the award and perfectly encapsulated everything I was endeavouring to recognise.

I then attended the graduation at the Tyndale Christian School in Salisbury East, where I presented the respect and integrity award to year 12 student Ashleigh Vasey. I was told that Ashleigh never speaks a bad word about others and is always encouraging her peers to do their best. She is said to always demonstrate kindness to others. It was fantastic to present this award to Ashleigh and also to speak to her about her journey and her plans for the future. On the night, I was also given the pleasure of recognising the outstanding effort of Doreen Watkins, one of the school's dedicated volunteers, who has been giving for many years.

Additionally, volunteers from the Greenwith Primary School parents group and the school's Breakfast Club were also thanked at an event for the volunteers of both the Greenwith Primary School and its neighbour, Our Lady of Hope School. It was so exciting to hand out volunteer awards to Colleen Faggotter from Our Lady of Hope, the members of the Greenwith Primary School parents and carers group and the school's Breakfast Club. Greenwith Primary School feeds breakfast to over a hundred students every Friday.

Earlier this week, I also had the opportunity to visit Pedare Christian College in Golden Grove and to recognise another fantastic student, Brittney Hills, who has regularly showed her kindness to other people throughout the year. Once again, many of Brittney's peers were excited for her, and it was heartwarming to see the incredible impact she has had on other students in her school.

Finally, last night I visited Gleeson College to present another kindness award to a gracious young student at the school's presentation night. Year 9 student Bailey Arnold was another worthy winner, and he showed that, no matter what age you are, a little kindness goes a long way. Bailey embraced the college's value of service to others, pride in success and compassion. These values made Bailey a worthy winner.

I am truly honoured to be able to stand next to these wonderful young people and celebrate and positively reinforce all they do for their peers and our school community. I look forward to seeing all the students and volunteers thrive going forward, and I am especially excited to present more worthy winners of this award in the next few years. These students and volunteers are a fantastic reflection of the quality of principals at our schools, the executive teams, the parents who volunteer and the young people living in King.

The Marshall government has invested a record amount of money in education, and I look forward to seeing schools in the King community benefit in the future from this investment. There are many other students and volunteers who put in so much for their school, and I encourage these people to continue doing what they are doing because it does not go unnoticed. While you are all winners in my book, I am so glad to be able to play a small role in celebrating those who have gone above and beyond what is expected and required of them.

In closing, I just want to remind everyone that the Golden Grove Lions have Christmas cakes at The Grove SA, so please grab one and contribute to your community at the same time.

STRATHMONT POOL

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (15:40): I am truly disappointed to stand here today with the closure by the government of the Strathmont swimming pool only weeks away. When it was first brought to my attention a number of months ago, I met with the minister and then with the department in the presence of the minister's adviser. I have spoken in this place about it, I have asked questions in budget estimates, and I have not been satisfied with the answers that I have been provided with, and neither have the families who use the Strathmont swimming pool.

I see the member for King sitting over there and, interestingly, I have received a letter from a resident of the member for King's electorate who has raised concerns with me about the pool saying that she wrote to her. I have to say that, given the response provided, it appears as though the possibility is that her grandchildren will not be continuing with swimming lessons. The reality is that I have not heard from any user group—not one user group—that is happy with the closure of the Strathmont swimming pool. They are disappointed, they are angry, and some of them, to some extent, have been silenced, and that is disappointing, too.

The government at this stage will not commit to a \$300,000 investment in the Strathmont pool and has decided that January is the deadline date. We have 1,500 people, mostly children, hundreds with one or more disabilities, who will be displaced as a result of the bulldozing of the Strathmont pool. I fear that the minister has been given a script and she is not straying from her script, and it is one that has not been adequately researched. I think it is fair to say that the responses, both in this place and in the other place, we received during question time yesterday were not clear. They were inadequate and, in fact, to some extent, they led us along a path that is not one that the residents have had clearly expressed to them.

There is an engineering report. Is there an engineering report? Has the minister said that there was an engineering report? What we do have is the minister saying that all users—education department schools, Autism SA, SwimSafe Swim School, the Tea Tree Gully Learners Swim School—have been provided with alternative pools to go to. Well, I think it is a technicality here, because perhaps it is what the government is not saying that we need to look at.

How many of the current users who access the Strathmont swimming pool for therapy, water therapy and swimming lessons will continue to have swimming lessons next year? How many of their weekly swimming lessons next year will be cut? How many South Australian education department special needs students will miss out on weekly lessons as a result of the closure of the Strathmont swimming pool, firstly, because of the cost associated with additional travel and, secondly, because of the associated cost of paying for the use of the allocated pool?

I am aware, through having been contacted by another parent, that at least at one school the number of swimming lessons in 2019 for a class of children with special needs has been halved. This is because of the increased cost to the parents, many of whom would not be able to afford to send their kids to the usual lessons.

Is there a plan by the government to perhaps charge a minimal amount in 2019 and then increase it on an ongoing basis each year? It is interesting that the minister noted that \$300,000 will be required to ensure operation of the swimming pool beyond the next 12 months but also said that they will not extend the continuation of the pool. We are talking about 12 months. That is still another six months to go, and we are going into the summer swimming season.

Swimming lessons are absolutely crucial to these young kids and yet, right in the middle of summer, the government is going to close the pool. I call on the government to reconsider their decision to close the Strathmont pool and research what needs to be looked into to see that the reality is that \$300,000 is not an enormous amount to see the continuation of Strathmont swimming pool into the future.

Time expired.

MOUNT GAMBIER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (15:46): I would like to take this opportunity to speak about a special event that occurs in my electorate around this time each year, the Mount Gambier Community Christmas Day Lunch. It is an all-in effort by local volunteers, businesses and organisations, who put on a special event for those who do not have their own Christmas celebrations to attend.

The lunch, now running for nearly 10 years, is a celebration of community spirit at its best. All the 150 people who come to the lunch each year have differing circumstances. They might be elderly or have no family close by; they may be homeless, travelling through the region, or just lonely and in need of some company. Organisers pull out all the stops to give people a day to remember. Local businesses donate kilos of produce and goods to serve up. Florists and stylists donate decorations and table linen. Organisers waive their costs, and bus companies donate their services. Each year, the event is supported and kept running by the local community.

Behind the scenes are around 100 volunteers working to make the event a success, including Liz Rymill, who is coordinating the event for the second year this year. Everyone does their bit, no matter what their background or title. You might find a local top chef in the kitchen—Kirby Shearing has generously donated his time again this year—or a city councillor doing the dishes. The event plays out like a big Australian family Christmas. There are shared tables and plenty of laughter. Afterwards, volunteers play a game of backyard cricket outside for the kids and big kids, and guests go home with a take-home meal for the next day and a gift bag. As for the volunteers, they go home with the knowledge that they have made someone else's day a little brighter.

Liz says the event cuts through the commercialisation of the day and demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas. She says, 'It's an event you'd be proud to be at and proud to be part of.' There are so many stories from the event's history that will make you smile. One year, an elderly lady heard a radio program about the lunch and donated \$6,000, enough to keep the event running for the next three years.

A few years ago, about 150 people were inside city hall, about to sit down for lunch, and volunteers were doing a final scout around the city streets to see if anyone needed a last-minute invitation. One of them came across an elderly lady sitting on her mobility scooter in a laneway. Confessing she had nowhere else to go, he offered her an invitation to join everyone at city hall. She sat down, ate lunch, happily chatted with her fellow table guests and left with a gift, some homemade biscuits and a big smile on her face. Before she left, the woman showed volunteers a two-day-old sausage roll in her basket—the Christmas lunch she was planning on having, sitting alone in a Mount Gambier alley.

Sometimes, volunteers hear about potential guests through the country grapevine. Last year, Liz heard about a gentleman who was going to be home alone at Christmas and sent a taxi to Millicent to pick him up and bring him to the lunch. After the lunch, the gentleman came up to Liz and said it was the best Christmas he had ever had. I hear he will be back this year.

Stories like these really sum up what the event is all about: it is about people giving back to make someone else's day special. Mount Gambier is a generous and giving community. Last weekend, 400 bike riders joined in this year's Limestone Coast toy run, collecting toys to give to families in need.

The City of Mount Gambier runs the Mayor's Community Christmas Appeal, with Mayor Lynette Martin, our new mayor, at the helm. This also encourages the community to give donations of toys and goods, which are distributed to local residents. Our local Kmart and Target stores run wishing tree appeals and the Foodbank hub located in Mount Gambier is currently running the 'Share what you CAN' Christmas food drive.

Not everyone can afford to give donations of money or goods, but we can all give our time. I encourage everyone to take the time to consider what they can give back to their community this Christmas. The ultimate gift is giving back.

MAYO BY-ELECTION

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:50): Earlier this week, outstanding ABC journalist Patricia Karvelas was thrown out of the press gallery in the House of Representatives because she was baring arms. She was wearing a half-sleeve, which I think is the technical term. This then led to some interesting reading of the House of Representatives dress code. The House of Representatives dress code states that men must wear a jacket and tie at all times, but if the air conditioning has broken down you can remove your jacket. The only exception for not wearing a tie is if you are wearing a tailored safari suit.

It has been a while since anyone has worn a safari suit in here—I think we have to look back to Jack Wright and Don Dunstan. I point out that those rules do not apply in South Australia's House of Assembly, but when you have one of these bad boys in your wardrobe—a 100 per cent rayon safari suit from Peter Shearer circa 1974—any excuse will do. I am a bit disappointed that people cannot see the flares; they are absolute rippers.

On this wonderful final day of sitting for 2018, I just want to thank the people in the seat of Mawson for all their support and for the great year we have had in the electorate. Most recently, awards were picked up by businesses on Kangaroo Island and McLaren Vale at the South Australian Tourism Awards. It was an outstanding result for so many wonderful businesses, including cellar doors, accommodation and visitor centres.

Recently, representatives of the 10 Great Wine Capitals, including Porto, Bordeaux and the Napa Valley, attended the Great Wine Capitals event held in South Australia. Of the seven Best of Wine Tourism Award winners in Australia, four went to people in McLaren Vale. Inkwel Wines won the award for Accommodation. Inkwel is a wonderful new boutique hotel owned and operated by Dudley Brown and Irina Santiago-Brown. Coincidentally, the last time I wore this outfit was at their wedding around four or five years ago. The wedding was in March and therefore in the middle of vintage, and they said, 'Just come in your vintage gear.' While everyone else turned up in their workwear, I turned up in a bit of vintage from the 1970s. Well done to Dudley and Irina.

Coriole Vineyards picked up the Art and Culture award for the magnificent work they do in bringing arts events to their awesome cellar door and winery in McLaren Vale. I opened Gemtree Wine's fantastic sustainable wine tour a few years ago. It involved pouring cow manure—which was not that fresh because it had gone cold—into a cow horn, which I then placed into a small vault. That was one of the more unusual opening ceremonies I have been involved in. Melissa and Mike Brown are amazing McLaren Vale residents. Well done to them for winning the award for Sustainable Wine Tourism Practices in Australia.

The d'Arenberg Cube won the Australian award for Architecture and Landscape, and went on to win the international award for Architecture and Landscape as well. I know we keep hearing from the government that they are not here to pick winners, but when we were in government, we helped a lot of McLaren Vale wineries with small grants of \$25,000 to help establish or upgrade their cellar doors.

In the case of d'Arenberg, we gave them a \$2 million grant to go with their \$15 million commitment to build what is an amazing addition to not only McLaren Vale but the entire wine

industry in South Australia. The d'Arenberg Cube is a huge drawcard. Talking to people at cellar doors, to hotel operators, to B&B operators in McLaren Vale, everyone has seen a massive increase in the number of visitors to our region in the past 12 months since the then premier, the member for Cheltenham, and I joined with d'Arry and Chester Osborn and the team to open the d'Arenberg Cube.

It has been a really big year with so many awards across so many parts of the wonderful electorate of Mawson. I would like to wish everyone from McLaren Vale down through Aldinga, Myponga, Yankalilla, Second Valley, Cape Jervis and across to Kangaroo Island a very merry Christmas and all the very best for a prosperous and healthy 2019.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I call the next member, I might make reference to the member for Mawson's sartorial splendour and the member for Enfield's envy at what the member for Mawson was wearing. The 24th edition of *Erskine May*, page 451, states:

It remains the custom for gentlemen Members to wear jackets and ties, but the Speaker has not enforced the practice in all circumstances.

So it seems that today you got away with it, member for Mawson. The member for Heysen has the call.

The Hon. J.R. RAU: Just on a matter of clarification, I used to have one of those for special occasions and somebody took it, but it was not the same colour, so I know it was not him.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: As they say, member for Enfield, what goes around, comes around in the world of fashion. The member for Heysen has the call.

TOUR DOWN UNDER

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:56): Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. The Tour Down Under will be back in January. It is an event that we all look forward to so much and it will be run, as it always is, very substantially through the beautiful Heysen hills. I am just thrilled at the prospect. The women's Tour Down Under will run from 10 to 13 January, and members will do well to remember that it is a 2.1 grade event, one level below women's world tour status. That will be followed immediately by the men's event, which, as members will know, was first held here in 1999. It is now the biggest cycling race in the Southern Hemisphere and a top-level world event nowadays, as is well known.

The UCI World Tour professional cycling circuit is one of great prestige. It has brought to South Australia many former Tour de France winners, including Oscar Pereiro, Andy Schleck, Alberto Contador, Carlos Sastre and, of course, all our well-known Australian legendary riders, including Simon Gerrans, a recent winner; Stuart O'Grady; Robbie McEwen; Cadel Evans; and Allan Davis, to name a few.

I could not be more proud because, apart from the men's event finishing on the famous Old Willunga Hill climb at the end of stage 6, through the men's and women's tour there will be several stages in which parts of the Adelaide Hills, particularly Heysen, will feature prominently. Stirling will host the tour stage finish in the women's stage 3, and the tour for both men and women will cover much of the beautiful Heysen hills.

I want to draw attention to two of the stages in particular. Firstly, men's stage 4 will pass through Stirling, Aldgate and Hahndorf and will have two sprints at Echunga. It will be a truly spectacular stage and one to remember, and I encourage anyone who will be around and about in the Hills during that period to come up and make a day of it.

Of course there are wonderful attractions, apart from the cycling, that should not be missed, including seeing the new butterfly sanctuary at Cleland Wildlife Park and visiting Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary at Mylor, where David and Narelle are doing some fantastic work. There is the SteamRanger Heritage Railway, that will travel from Mount Barker through the Hills to Strathalbyn, Goolwa and down to Victor Harbor; strawberry picking at Beerenberg Farm; and stopping in for a coffee at any one of the large number of wonderful spots throughout the Hills, including Red Cacao at Stirling or maybe the Meadows Bakery and Tearooms. To finish the day, I would encourage people to go to the Crafers Hotel, which was awarded the best pub in Australia this year.

In particular I want to mention stage 5, which this year, on the Saturday stage, will finish at Strathalbyn. The Strathalbyn Tour Down Under committee has been working very hard with the

objective of becoming the Santos Best Dressed Town, to win that prize. We know that Peter Wadewitz and all at Peats Soil have been supporting that Best Dressed Town Competition over the last many years. They have put my corflutes to good use; the red and white banners will be out there being re-used. I will be riding this stage, so when the stage is described as having leg-burning climbs and coastal views, I hope that people will think of me on the bike and maybe come down to greet me at Strath at the end of the day.

Parliamentary Committees

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS)
AMENDMENT BILL**

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (16:01): I move:

That standing order 339 be and remain so far suspended as to enable the select committee on the bill to authorise the disclosure or publication, as it sees fit, of any evidence presented to the committee prior to such evidence being reported to the house.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Dr Harvey): An absolute majority is required and, as an absolute majority of members is not present, ring the bells.

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

Motion carried.

Bills

ROAD TRAFFIC (EVIDENTIARY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council agreed to the bill without any amendment.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (16:05): I was saying that the Law Society had identified an alternative way to remedy the defect that would prevail if we have interjurisdictional matters, and that was essentially to have a wholesale rewrite of the act. That is something we are looking at because of the matters I had raised prior to the luncheon adjournment. In any event, may I place on the record the government's appreciation of the dedicated service of Mr Tim Mellor during this year, for his presidency of the Law Society and the advice that he has provided to the government as president, particularly to the advancement of legislation, reform and matters that are significant to the legal profession in its operation. We value that advice.

Similarly, as Attorney-General, I value the advice of other legal institutions and, whilst today I do not wish to hold up the house in detailing their contributions, I note that Mr Mellor's term of presidency will expire at the end of this year and that there will be a new president appointed. For that reason, I particularly thank him for his service and the Law Society generally in ensuring that we, here in the parliament, have a wide spectrum of views and considered recommendations that the government values. I think it is fair to say that members of the opposition would join me in recognising the valuable advice that they give.

May I also briefly respond to commentary that the lead speaker for the opposition made to the effect that the government was dealing with this miscellaneous piece of legislation and that it was consistent with the government not having enough business to do. I would like to remind the house, particularly for the benefit of new members, that the business of this house as a parliament is to ensure that the three arms—the executive, the parliament and the judiciary—all continue to have their important role in our democracy. That includes that in the event of the High Court, in this case, striking down the validity of being able to advance the determinations in dispute when it is interjurisdictional, then we as a parliament need to act.

We as a government have a responsibility to bring these matters to the attention of the parliament with the sufficient expertise of the resources of the Attorney-General's Department—in

this case, parliamentary counsel, Legislative Services, the Crown Solicitor's Office—who all work together to ensure that we are able as a government to bring to the parliament not only the information about the deficiency that that now leaves us in the operational workings of the judiciary in these disputes but also arm them with the statutory means by which it can be remedied, that is, present a bill to the parliament that will resolve that problem. That is part of the business of government. I take that role responsibly, and I think it needs to be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

The *Burns v Corbett* decision of the High Court was handed down on 18 April this year. The officers of the Attorney-General's Department have worked as diligently as possible to ensure that, firstly, SACAT was given sufficient amendments to its act to enable the resources of the Magistrates Court to be utilised to deal with their matters. Once there was an identified assessment about whether that would reflect any deficiency in SAET, then the government approved it and brought to the parliament this bill to remedy it. Far from being just some miscellaneous, tacked on reason for filling up the legislative time, it is an important part of business and we take it very seriously.

Finally, can I also mention that the bill before the house does not contain a clause that was defeated in the Legislative Council that would have reinstated a \$20,000 cap on compensation that could be awarded by magistrates of the South Australian Employment Tribunal against a person convicted of an offence. That clause was intended to correct legislation inadvertently removing the cap that commenced on 1 July 2017, when the jurisdiction over employment-related offences was transferred from the Magistrates Court to the South Australian Employment Tribunal. The defeated clause would have reinstated that cap as it applies to the tribunal's magistrates but would have allowed larger awards of compensation to be made by the tribunal's judges in deserving cases.

The consequence of the clause being defeated is that there is a continued potential for inequitable outcomes in the award of the compensation between jurisdictions, as the magistrates of the Magistrates Court remain subject to a \$20,000 cap. The entitlement to compensation of a victim or a surviving family member, when the accused is convicted, would continue to depend on whether the offence was a general criminal offence and tried by a magistrate in the Magistrates Court or an employment-related offence and tried by a magistrate in the South Australian Employment Tribunal.

Despite the concerns expressed by the opposition and crossbench members in the Legislative Council—and I do not make any reflection in respect of the vote of the Legislative Council because they have obviously voted down the \$20,000 cap—the government will not insist on the defeated clause. I would like to make this point and make it clear to the parliament that I am advised that the president of the tribunal—that is, Judge Steven Dolphin—was consulted and was of the view that, given the relatively small number of affected cases, the proposed change was unlikely to create any additional burden for the tribunal or extend the time for hearing cases.

I do not understand fully why the Legislative Council opposition and crossbenchers would act in this way. If they had consulted the president, they may have dealt with it differently. In any event, we are not here to insist on the defeated clause. It is disappointing that the parliament does not take the opportunity to reverse a change that was made accidentally and without proper consultation or consideration of the full implications of the effect of the changes; nevertheless, that is the position they have taken.

The government considers that a person's entitlement to compensation when an offence is tried by a magistrate should be the same whether the magistrates sits in the Magistrates Court or the South Australian Employment Tribunal. Be that as it may, the sky is not going to fall in relation to that. What is important here is that we have a new mechanism under the bill which will enable interjurisdictional matters to still be heard and properly dealt with. This bill remedies that. I thank members for their contribution and ask that it be moved through its final passages. I understand there is no request for committee.

Bill read a second time.

Third Reading

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (16:15): I move:

That this bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

Dr CLOSE (Port Adelaide—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (16:15): I seek indulgence to make some remarks on the retirement of the member for Cheltenham.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: On indulgence, you have the call.

Dr CLOSE: I found it a bit difficult to contemplate talking about the member for Cheltenham leaving parliament. I have known for a few days that it would happen today. I have known for a long time that the premier would leave one day, yet I found it difficult to marshal my thoughts to talk about his departure. Having known him for the best part of 25 years as a friend, but more so for those 25 years having experienced his political leadership within the Labor Party and the faction to which we both belong and then his leadership of the state, it is difficult for me to contemplate a political environment in which the member for Cheltenham is not, in some way, a major feature.

Since the election, he has been very demure in many ways on the backbench and yet ever present to offer advice when sought, offer feedback when sought and help each one of us who is interested in his opinion to become better at this profession of politics, which must surely be one of the most difficult professions in which to perform to universal support and acclaim.

In reflecting on the member for Cheltenham and his time in the two governments that he was part of—the single Labor government—he has achieved so much in so many different portfolios, as was mentioned earlier. As my leader said earlier, it is much easier and shorter to list the portfolios which he was not involved in than to list those in which he was, but I would like to select two ministerial portfolios he held and the experience of his premiership to honour and note today.

He was one of my predecessors in the portfolio of education, and I think he was the clearest voice for the importance of early childhood that this state may have seen within government. He more clearly understood and saw the importance of the early years in an educational context than I think any other education leader before or since. He recognised that, if early childhood was truly to be seen as the beginning of education and not as child care or babysitting, it needed to be prioritised within the education department and, more than that, it needed serious funding.

The initiative that started with him of children's centres, where community childcare centres, playgroups, occasional care, allied health and preschools could all be brought together in a single location with the appointment of someone who would be connected to the community and be able to bring in the community to make that institution stronger, was something that the then minister for education, the member for Cheltenham, gave this state. We have since built some 47 of them. I suspect that there will be more in the future because every child benefits from a high-quality experience of early childhood education at home and in a setting that is more formally educational.

The children who particularly benefit are those who are disadvantaged in their family backgrounds and/or have disabilities that may emerge when they are a young person that need to be recognised by people who are qualified to do something to support the development of the child in a way that helps them to start school healthy and strong.

The premier was also the environment minister. As such, he was one of the ministers for whom I worked when I was in the environment department. He was involved in a number of different issues, but the one that I most associate with him—although he was not unique as a minister in having a part to play—is the issue of marine parks. He came in after having had Gail Gago, who was from the other place, be a very strong leader in developing the legislative framework for marine parks. Before that was John Hill, and before that Iain Evans in the Liberal government had had the same ideas and views that there should be marine parks.

The member for Cheltenham inherited the marine parks project at a particularly delicate time. We heard him speak earlier about his very sincere views on the importance of democracy, not simply in electing people to this chamber and then letting them go but also in listening to what people have to say and doing them the honour and the courtesy of explaining clearly the consequences of the decisions that are being made. While the member for Cheltenham was the minister for the

environment, the consultation process that was undertaken around marine parks was second to none. From my experience as a public servant at the time, it was a mark of the value that the member for Cheltenham had for the voice of the people—a considered voice and an informed voice.

Then, of course, he became premier. In my opinion, he was an extraordinary premier. There are so many areas in which he took an interest. Once I joined cabinet, I was also able to see his extraordinary depth in so many issues, yet he had incredible breadth to cover all our issues. He will always be remembered for energy policy. He is an absolute national and world leader in understanding the importance of renewable energy and that we are going through a significant transformation that has to happen and that is not negotiable or avoidable—that we must increasingly decarbonise our economy, which means increasingly decarbonising our energy system.

When attacked politically, when faced with the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the storm that knocked over those pylons, he doubled-down. He did not look for a way out. He did not look for a populist or simplistic way of approaching or appeasing people who were upset. He knew that there was a principle that needed to be prosecuted, and in so doing he again did the service to the South Australian people of knowing that they would understand if things were accurately explained.

Of course, the role that the premier of the time had in our economic policy was particularly crucial. We saw, as has been canvassed many times in this chamber today, an extraordinary sequence of economic pressures and economic challenges befalling this state. The closure of Holden was a particularly painful one because it was so avoidable. It was chosen by the federal government of the day. I will never forget the treasurer, Joe Hockey, taunting the company that has been the employer of generations of South Australians—taunting and challenging them to leave, and they left.

What did we do in response? The global financial crisis still had a lasting impact, and there was the closure of Holden. Olympic Dam was no longer on the table for expansion, and we had a federal government that thought that maybe submarines should be built off the shelf in Japan, rather than being built by South Australian workers. Again, what we saw was the member for Cheltenham's dedication to the service of this state, and his preparedness to stand up and explain exactly why we needed to fight.

It would not have mattered if it had been a Labor or a conservative Coalition government in Canberra, all the member for Cheltenham wanted to do was to preserve as many jobs in this state and to have the strongest possible economic security for generations to come. His mantra was always that jobs came first. They were the top priority. I think that the reasonable economic circumstances in which we find ourselves, certainly on the indicator of unemployment, are due in no small part to the strength of his conviction and his capacity and skill to prosecute a fight.

Let me turn briefly to the member for Cheltenham as a human being. Many people have talked today about his extraordinary combination of decency and toughness, his combination of politeness, yet the capacity to be as steely as any politician any of us have met. It is a remarkable combination, and it is why he has been so successful. To be intelligent and decent and tough is not easy. He has maintained a personality that people are engaged by, that people like, yet was strong enough to lead this state in difficult economic times and to have the unfailing support of every member of the caucus.

Never once did the member for Cheltenham, as he has said, have to look over his shoulder, and he was right not to. Every one of us was behind him, supporting him and grateful for his leadership. I was recently at an event in the member for Cheltenham's electorate, as was the premier. We were opening the St Clair Recreation Centre. The education department had previously put some money in, so I was fortunate to be invited for that reason. It was astounding, because after a while, and it was almost tiresome, whenever the member for Cheltenham's name was mentioned there was this great roar from the crowd—screaming, clapping. I loved it, but I was a little jealous that it was my neighbouring electorate that was showing such huge love for their local member.

That, I think, is representative of so many people in South Australia. No politician is without their detractors, no politician can escape some criticism in the course of public life, but I am so thrilled that my friend, the former premier and the member for Cheltenham, is able to leave politics well

respected, well liked and with a genuine and well-earned sense of satisfaction that he has given all he can give to South Australia and that South Australia is the better for his choosing to do that.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee) (16:27): I place on record my appreciation for what the member for Cheltenham has contributed during his time in this place and also to the state of South Australia.

By any measure his career achievements are extraordinary. As a local MP he is well loved, he is trusted and he is approachable to his constituents. As one of the three members of parliament who share roughly the same constituency of the north-western suburbs, I think it is the measure of the member for Cheltenham that his local publican has his mobile number. He knows he can call it for advice, for assistance or even for a beer, and it shows that he is the sort of person who, despite being a member of parliament and a minister for 16 years and a premier for many years as well, can still have that intimate relationship with his constituents.

His parliamentary colleagues on both sides of the chamber, I believe, know him to be thoughtful, fair-minded and far more interested in the issue at hand than the politics of the moment or the theatrics of the moment. When he became premier, he deliberately sought to set a tone of respect in the debates that would occur in here, and particularly so during perhaps the most vehemently argued and theatrical of times in this place—during question time. During his time as premier, he largely succeeded in doing so.

His caucus colleagues would know him in the early days of his time in caucus as considered, respectful and consultative. Likewise, the stakeholders, the interest groups and the agencies with whom he dealt or for whom he was responsible would view him in the same way. In cabinet, as a colleague to other ministers he was collegial, measured and always willing to take on a task or issue for the greater good of either the cabinet or the state.

I came to know the member for Cheltenham mostly in his role as premier. I worked for him for some time in the premier's office when he took on the additional role of treasurer of the state. That is, in itself, another example of the sort of dedication and commitment the member for Cheltenham had to making sure that the then government of the day would put in whatever resources and do whatever it took to try to improve that particular area of government administration.

As was mentioned earlier in this place, I think it was the worst possible time to take on the role of treasurer. While the global financial crisis is now regarded as having begun in September 2008, South Australia's economy continued to enjoy a period of growth and strength right up to and including 2010. It was only after that time that economic conditions in South Australia started to follow the trend that had already been experienced by the Eastern States, in particular, and experience lower growth and significantly contracting state finances.

As a premier and as a treasurer—and I can say this as somebody who has worked reasonably closely with a couple of state premiers—it was remarkable to see how the member for Cheltenham approached this unenviable task in the most calm and unflappable manner I have seen from any politician undertaking any role. It did not matter what the challenge of the day was, and it did not matter how intense or difficult the media or even the parliament were being. The same calm, approachable demeanour could be relied on from the member for Cheltenham day in and day out.

You also have to remember the other major issue that was swirling around the government, particularly in 2013 and in the lead-up to the 2014 state election, and it is ironic that it should have been the case—that is, the issue of child protection. The member for Cheltenham took it upon himself to convince the government back then, as minister for families and communities, to uncover the full extent of child abuse that had occurred in state institutions for decades and decades.

In doing that, not only did the state have exposed to it the dreadful underbelly of the treatment of people who were in state care, but for the first time we also lifted the community's gaze so they could recognise this sort of behaviour in the community. For the first time, people could recognise, understand and report when they saw this sort of dreadful behaviour happening. It is ironic that, as the minister who took on the terrible task of educating the community about this, uncovering the extent of the abuse and trying to put in place measures to stop it from happening again, as premier he would be at the very pointy end of the political issues that came about as a result.

Even in the middle of that maelstrom leading up to the 2014 election, as we have heard from other members, including the Leader of the Opposition, there was that indefatigable commitment to delivering on the government's agenda to improving what we could across government and, in the context of the 2014 election, treading the path that was available to the Labor Party to be re-elected. I am sure there were times when, out of all of us, whether already in caucus or seeking to be in caucus, the member for Cheltenham was the only one who had any confidence that we could form government after the 2014 election.

It was not until after the election that I came to understand how the member for Cheltenham could have adopted and maintained that mindset through that most difficult year, 2013, leading up to the 2014 election. Firstly, he was blessed with terrific staff—and I do not mean me; I am principally referring to his chief of staff, Simon Blewett, and his principal media adviser, Bronwyn Hurrell, as well as many other advisers. I will not say they were equally unflappable, because no-one is as unflappable as the member for Cheltenham, but they were equally committed to working in a calm and collegial manner to make sure we did all that we could.

After the 2014 election, I came to learn about his unfaltering commitment to succeed. This commitment has been reflected on by the member for Port Adelaide and by the Leader of the Opposition (member for Croydon). When you distil it, it is remarkable to think it is possible, as a member of parliament, as a politician and as a political leader, to start with one very clear decision from the outset: to choose to succeed. All your other decisions and influences can be framed through that perspective.

I had never heard anyone else articulate it quite like that, but when you assess the record of the member for Cheltenham in the leadership positions he occupied as minister, premier or even as local member, you can readily understand how he was regularly able to deliver beyond anyone's wildest expectations. I think that is a remarkable legacy of political leadership to leave for us all, regardless of our political persuasions.

On a personal note, the member for Cheltenham was extremely generous to me, not just in giving me opportunities to work for him but also in giving me opportunities after the 2014 election. Sometimes those opportunities were difficult, but they often knocked me into shape, which I found extremely beneficial. It is very rare to find a leader who can place such faith and confidence in another politician without necessarily looking over their shoulder. The member for Cheltenham did not just do that for me; he did that for basically all the cabinet.

These are remarkable traits for a member of parliament to possess. I can honestly say that it has been one of the greatest privileges of my career to serve alongside the member for Cheltenham. We will miss him greatly but understand that he will no doubt go on to more enjoyable and slightly more relaxing pursuits in the future and spend a lot more well-deserved time with his family.

The Hon. J.R. RAU (Enfield) (16:38): I thought on this occasion I would break the rule I have tried to enforce upon myself in this parliament, which is to be mute, to say a few brief words about my colleague the member for Cheltenham. One way or another, the member for Cheltenham's life and mine have bumped into each other for many years.

When he was a young man, I saw him as a person who could possibly play at Wimbledon. He was a very avid and successful tennis player. At that stage, he was the young man you would see at the Simmons' house occupying the grass tennis court and inviting all to come forth to see how they would go—they were usually cleaned up. He was obviously an active member of the Labor Party from an early age, as was I.

He was also a student at Henley High School, which is the alma mater to a number of us in this room. The member for Chaffey is another terrific product of this fine institution, as was indeed the former member for Colton, I think the former member for Mitchell and if I am not mistaken another—

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. J.R. RAU: He was a former member for Bright, yes.

Mr Duluk: The school has a lot to answer for.

The Hon. J.R. RAU: It does.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Enfield, I am reluctant to do this, but I am going to have to interrupt you mid-flow, I understand that. We can come back to you, but we need to deal with a message from the Legislative Council—

The Hon. J.R. RAU: Yes, of course. I was just getting to the good bit anyway.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: —and go into committee. Bear with us. We have a message.

Bills

ELECTORAL (PRISONER VOTING) AMENDMENT BILL

Final Stages

The Legislative Council insisted on its amendment to which the House of Assembly had disagreed.

Consideration in committee.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I move:

That the disagreement to the amendment of the Legislative Council be insisted upon.

Motion carried.

Conference

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (16:41): I move:

That a message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that a conference be granted to this house in respect of a certain amendment from the Legislative Council in the bill and that the Legislative Council be informed that, in the event of a conference being agreed to, this house will be represented by five managers and that Mr Boyer, Mr Brown, Mr Cregan, Mr Teague and the mover be the managers of the conference on the part of the House of Assembly.

Motion carried.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

The Hon. J.R. RAU (Enfield) (16:42): I was talking about the place that educated the member for Chaffey and others whom I have mentioned. Did I get to the former member for Bright, who incidentally, I think, defeated his former schoolteacher from Henley High School to win the seat? Mr Derek Robertson. Anyway, that is a trip down memory lane we do not need to take. That is the context.

I also recall that the member for Cheltenham was obviously very keen on politics, and in fact he and I happened to be sitting in the chamber of the Old Parliament House in Canberra on the day that the 1984 election was called. It might have been 1987, actually. He was there visiting. Anyway, we were both sitting in the body of the parliament in that magnificent old building, which unfortunately is not used anymore for that purpose. It was quite an exciting event.

I want to say a few things about the member for Cheltenham's political career. Obviously, we entered this place on the same day and for nearly 20 minutes we sat almost next to each other. After that, our paths diverged somewhat. Courtesy of the member for West Torrens, I was introduced to the compactus in the basement of the library, which I basically mined for eight years. Meanwhile, the member for Cheltenham went on to many great achievements and was part of, obviously, the very successful Rann government.

As luck would have it, I was asked to leave the compactus at the beginning of 2010 and became a member of the cabinet, initially under Mike Rann and subsequently under the member for Cheltenham. I have to speak a little about that period in cabinet. I have great respect for both those men. Mike was a very different individual from the member for Cheltenham, but each of them had their own particular strengths.

I have to say that during all my time serving with the member for Cheltenham he has led an energetic government. He has always embraced a very collegial approach to the way in which the business of cabinet, and indeed the business of government, was conducted, and he had the great ability of being able to work out the strengths and weaknesses of the people with whom he was working and try to make sure that he brought out the bits that were the best bits those people had to contribute. That is a skill not everyone has.

In my case, I think, he realised that the best thing to do with me was to give me lots of work to do and let me get on with it. I have to say that he basically did that, which suited me just fine. Occasionally, it may have become annoying for him, and I certainly know that it annoyed a number of his staff. I will not mention them all here, but some of them know who I am talking about. The important thing was that most of the time, unless I started to get a little bit too edgy, I was able to rely on his continuing support for those projects—and, to be honest, some of those things were very, very hard.

The one that springs to mind is the reform of the WorkCover system. For a Labor government to be able to deal with the problems of the WorkCover system, and be able to reform it, successfully and in a way that makes everybody better off, is no small task. That is not just because of the complexity of getting the balances right and all that stuff; it is negotiating the internal complexities of these very, very sensitive matters within the Australian Labor Party. We did see, a few years before, an attempt made to do some rectification work there, and it became very unhappy.

It is absolutely true to say that but for the member for Cheltenham supporting those reforms they would not have been possible, and it has been demonstrated over time now that those reforms have remarkably changed that particular scheme for the better for everybody, actually. That is an example of where putting the head of cabinet's authority on the line to do difficult things produces a great outcome, but it requires that commitment, and that was forthcoming.

The member for Cheltenham always had a theme and a plan. I recall him saying, on many occasions to many of us, that it was better to have an average plan and stick to it than have a whole bunch of other plans and keep chopping and changing them all the time. He was certainly a person who would set his compass bearings at the beginning of a term and work to a plan. I think the record will show he did that very successfully.

He was a good chair of cabinet—not somebody who needed to hear his own voice all the time but somebody who was happy to listen to other voices—and in the many years I was in that room there was a range of different voices. All the same, he remained very calm and prepared to listen. I can scarcely recall a moment when he raised his voice in that environment. He is a clear thinker, and he is calm in a crisis. I know others have said this but, to me, the most emblematic instance of this was as we just commenced the 2014 election campaign.

A retiring member announced to a breathless media that he had picked his successor. This resulted in some concern. I received a phone call from the member for Cheltenham that morning, and we had a bit of a chat about how things might be going. I will not reveal the exact details of that, but I think we were both *ad idem*, as we say, that this was not going to be helpful if it were allowed to continue. He intimated to me the general way in which he would be approaching it. I remember that drive into work that morning, listening to the radio and thinking, 'My goodness, this is interesting.'

That was a point in time when the pressure on the member for Cheltenham must have been immense: the middle of an election campaign, and immediately it looks like from day one there is a derailment occurring on your side of the carriageway, not on the other side. But he went straight through it. It was a one-day story and we moved on. Of course, at the end of that, there was a very successful outcome as far as we were all concerned.

In conclusion, the member for Cheltenham has a great deal to look back on with pride from his period as a member of this place and as a very active and important participant in government. I am sure, as others have said, that in due course he will find other ways to apply his talents. But in the meantime, I think he is about to engage in a well-deserved rest and I wish him all the very best.

Mr BOYER (Wright) (16:50): It is an honour to have on indulgence this opportunity to place on record my thanks to the member for Cheltenham as a member of this place. Indeed, I am indebted

to him in no small way for the fact that I am here at all. I would like to make a small contribution on behalf of all his staff, and I note the member for Lee has already mentioned it in his capacity as a former staffer to the member for Cheltenham, but I would like to add my remarks on behalf of those many staff who served the member for Cheltenham during his very long parliamentary career with distinction and pride.

We all know the member for Cheltenham's reputation for being quietly spoken, and before I moved to work in his office, the premier's office, I wondered if the public persona might be different from what I would see behind the scenes, which as many people in this place would know is so often the case in public life. I must say that when I saw that he was indeed the same softly spoken, considered kind of person behind the scenes as he was in front of the cameras it filled me with a huge sense of hope for the future of public discourse in South Australia—that we could have a premier and a leader who did not always have to be fire and brimstone but could in fact be quietly spoken and considered. As the member for Enfield said earlier, he was someone who could sit in a room and lead a group of women and men and not always be the person speaking but let other voices be louder in those meetings.

I know I echo the sentiments of many staff who came before me when I say that working for him was a privilege because your opinion was actually valued. I think it is a very rare thing in politics, but even rarer for a parliamentarian of some 13 years' standing with 13 years' ministerial experience and three years as a premier by the time I went to work in his office, to still so readily seek the counsel of others, particularly staff.

When I joined the premier's office, that is how it was and that is how it remained, and it was a genuine team environment. It was inspiring to see the member for Cheltenham practise in his office the participatory democracy that he longed for in our broader democracy and we made a lot of collective decision-making. For this reason, I think it was a place where people wanted to work. It was a place where I feel high-quality staff desired to be, which paid dividends for us more broadly as a government.

The other strongly held belief that the member for Cheltenham adhered to in his own office was encouraging staff to prioritise time with their families whenever they could. In the years leading up to the 2018 election, there was an astonishingly high number of staff with young children working in the office of the premier. I think the member for Cheltenham, who we know is a father with young kids himself, greatly enjoyed this. It energised him to hear stories from his own staff of their experiences in the children's centres that he championed, and in primary schools and high schools where we were building the STEM labs that he had fought for. That sense of change in early childhood development education was palpable and he could see his own staff living those changes and the benefits.

He spoke to us on many occasions at events we had and, as he said in his own remarks today, he felt quite flat between 2014 and 2018 and it was hard for him to find the gusto to keep going, which is something I do not find hard to imagine at all in such a demanding job. Indeed, it was the many new staff and fresh faces in his office that inspired him to push on, and we are all very grateful that he did.

I for one firmly believe that time will show his legacy to be the spotlight that he shone on early childhood development but, more specifically, early childhood education and a focus on investing in the early years of a child's life. I certainly hope that I am in this place long enough to do everything I can to make sure that very important legacy endures.

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (16:55): I rise to honour, to give and place on record my deepest thanks to our former premier, the member for Cheltenham. In doing so, I pay tribute to a friend of 26 or 27 years, a supporter, a wise and kind adviser, a remarkable, compassionate and visionary leader, a thoroughly decent person who understands the true meaning of progress and what it takes to achieve it, a person who lives and breathes the values of our Labor Party, a man who has made our communities, our state and the fabric of our democracy better, fairer, more inclusive and stronger.

My friend Ilka Walkley and I first met the member for Cheltenham when he was working as a lawyer at Duncan Hannon. I think he might have been slightly amused, or perhaps utterly shocked, by our taste in music, our ridiculous dancing, our choice of venues and some of our antics. But he

saw us, he understood us and he knew that we had a burning desire to make our state a better place. He helped us get active and involved in the causes that we were passionate about in our party. At that time, he was deeply focused on people getting a fair go, on making sure that workers were treated fairly and that, through their unions, they had a genuine voice that was heard.

He was and remains deeply passionate about making sure that the most vulnerable South Australians are supported and empowered to live their best possible lives and that the most marginalised are recognised and included. At that time, and now, the member for Cheltenham had a firm belief he actively promoted that, no matter your starting point, no matter where you came from, you had the right to a voice, you had the right to represent your community and you had a place in politics and wherever else you wanted to be.

I learned much from the member for Cheltenham at that time about how you could play a role and about valuing your voice and taking it forward. I learned that speaking simple and quiet truth with honesty, dignity, intellect and respect was often the most persuasive and powerful of negotiating tools. He and others helped me to navigate the structures of our political system and how to get things done, how to put issues on the map and how to bring attention to them.

At that time, 26 or 27 years or so ago, he made me believe that my raw, unbridled and fervent sense of compassion and passion for fairness and equity had a place in our party, that my voice could be heard, that I belonged in our political world and that those values are always the most important things you can bring to the table, to the public discourse of our state.

I watched him set up his own law firm and bring his values to life in every aspect of that firm. I know many, many people who benefited from his wise counsel, from his fine values and from his willingness to fight for them, often quite ferociously. At that time, the member for Cheltenham was, and still is, earnest, compassionate, steadfast and clever beyond belief. He was and is deeply hopeful about the future of our state to the point that he was sometimes told he wore rose-coloured glasses, that he could not see all the negatives looming.

However, to me, this positivity, this hopefulness, this vision, this unshakeable belief in South Australians and South Australia was exactly what our Labor Movement, our parliament and our state needed, and it is what drew so many to the Labor cause. It is what helped us form sometimes the most unusual of alliances to get things done. It is what inspired many to stand up for our state and work together to achieve progress on social, economic and environmental fronts. It is why his remarkable leadership marked a truly transformative period in our state's journey.

It was the member for Cheltenham's leadership that meant we led the world in embracing renewable energy, fought tooth and nail for jobs for our state and created the jobs and industries of our future. It was the member for Cheltenham's leadership that saw us prioritise unprecedented funding for education and social inclusion and saw us think differently about what we could do collectively as a community to improve the lives of our youngest South Australians. It was the member for Cheltenham's leadership that meant we collectively welcomed, took on and met the challenges presented to us in the form of some of the most complex social issues, and it was his leadership that gave everyone a voice on them.

Thank you, Jay, for your belief in the capacity of our state and the place it should take on the world stage and your willingness to fight to put it there. Thank you for your belief in South Australians and for your work to include them in our state's conversation to genuinely ensure that they participate in every aspect of community life and in our decision-making. Thank you for making what sometimes seemed impossible possible and for bringing to life a vision for our state that will be remembered remarkably well and rightly celebrated and that has changed people's lives and the direction of our state for the better.

On a personal note, Jay, thank you for getting me and thank you for your kindness. Your small acts of reaching out made a significant impact on me. They lifted me up, often at just the right moment. Thank you for the privilege you gave me of being a minister in our Labor government and for the way in which you enabled me and every minister to lead. Thank you for getting one of the most important things about leadership—and that is that the best leaders engender leadership in others.

Thank you for our friendship. Thank you for everything, my friend. May you, Mel, your beautiful daughters and your broader family enjoy every moment together. May you have the opportunity to be present and to savour every moment ahead.

Mr HUGHES (Giles) (17:01): I also rise to say a few words and put on the record my deep appreciation for the member for Cheltenham and the massive contribution he has made over so many years to our state in all the ministerial roles he has held, eventually culminating in becoming the premier of our great state.

Unlike some here, I do not have a long history with the member for Cheltenham, but the history that we do share has left a real mark on me. The first time I met him in a sustained way was when he was the minister for environment and came up to Whyalla. I was not on the political scene in any formal way at the time, apart from being a councillor on the Whyalla city council but, along with Lyn Breuer, I had the privilege of showing him around the Port Lowly peninsula.

The following morning there was a breakfast for some of the people who worked for his department or who were associated with the department. It was on that occasion that I got a sense of a real leader, someone who was highly intelligent and insightful and someone who talked about the need to involve members of our communities more fully in the decisions that ultimately affect us. He was incredibly genuine and engaging.

As time went on and I came into this place, I got a greater sense of the worth of the man. Even though those of us here would have liked to see him deliver a victory speech in March 2018, that was not to be, but the speech he did give showed the measure of the man. The sense of grace he expressed in that speech was incredibly touching. For a leader to have the humility, in some senses a steely humility, that the member for Cheltenham had is also incredibly admirable.

To be up-front, I did not expect that we would win government in 2014. I thought I would be a backbencher in opposition. Winning is always a collective effort, but the leadership that the member for Cheltenham provided in the lead-up to the election and during it was extraordinary. His calmness has been mentioned, and it is a massive attribute. He combined that calmness with a real tenacity.

Along came 2014, and not long afterwards my community of Whyalla faced an existential crisis. In the lead-up to administration, 1,000 direct jobs were lost in the community of Whyalla, and then we went into administration. It was a genuine crisis, and it became abundantly apparent that the then premier had our community's back. It was obvious that they would do what was needed in order to sustain the future of Whyalla. I have to say that, although it involved all the cabinet ministers, the partnership between the then premier and the member for West Torrens in that effort was something to behold.

As the local member facing that incredibly challenging time, I knew that the member for Cheltenham was there to back us all the way, ably assisted by the member for West Torrens. When it came to regional communities, we already had a sense of that through the work that was done with the member for Frome to secure Nyrstar. We knew that if an underwriting facility were not provided by the state government for that particular enterprise, it would be all over. It would be all over for that particular enterprise at Port Pirie, and it would have had a devastating impact on our community.

Not only did they come to the rescue in Port Pirie but they were there to assist the people of Whyalla in their hour of real need. So I would like to put on the record the deep appreciation that the people of Whyalla had for the then premier and for the state Labor government for providing that leadership at a state level, despite the fact that there were more people employed by Arrium interstate than in Whyalla itself. Real leadership was provided at that time, and I will never forget that.

I cannot imagine what it is like to be a premier and to experience the sustained pressure that one would be under. It is even more difficult when you have a young family. I do not know what the future holds for the member for Cheltenham, but whatever he turns his mind to he will do a fantastic job. However, there is more opportunity now to spend time with his young family, and those of us who have grown-up kids know that that time goes quickly. Jay, I wish you all the best for the future.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (17:08): I rise today to say a big thankyou not only personally and professionally to the member for Cheltenham but also on behalf of the constituents

of Mawson and the wider community in South Australia. We owe you a great debt of gratitude for the amazing job you did over your ministerial career and also as premier of this state.

It was a huge honour to serve in the cabinet alongside the member for Cheltenham when he was premier. I like the fact that, when he took over, he said that everyone had to park their ego at the door when they walked into the cabinet room. It was one of the most collaborative groups of people I have ever worked with. We could have a joke together but, gee, we worked hard together, and that was because of the leadership of the member for Cheltenham.

When Holden closed and other adversity hit, we started every cabinet meeting looking at the unemployment figures, and not just the ABS data but every bit of data that we could get from within government agencies and also outside of them. We knew every job that was going to come with whatever projects that were coming on board. We knew every job that was going to be lost through the demise of Holden and related companies.

While we had Rob Lucas and others on the other side predicting double-digit unemployment for South Australia, we had a premier who said, 'That is totally unacceptable. It is not going to happen on my watch, and collectively we are going to work to make sure that as many jobs as possible can not only be saved in South Australia but be created as well.' The member for Cheltenham is the bloke you do not want to be on the wrong side of in any sort of argument, and I think that was proven time and time again. When people said that something could not happen, the member for Cheltenham made it happen.

We had Tony Abbott, who was going to be happy for the submarines to be built in Japan. He suggested in a meeting with the member for Cheltenham, who was the then premier, that South Australia should be accepting of some crumbs that may fall off the table, that we should be satisfied with that. Jay came away from that meeting and said, 'No, I am not going to be satisfied with that. The people of South Australia are not going to be satisfied with that, and we are going to fight to make sure that those submarines are built right here in South Australia.'

He fought for our regions. As a minister who had responsibility for agriculture, food, fisheries, forests and other portfolios, such as tourism, that our regions are so dependent on, we had the Liberals of the day saying that they were going to accept a certain deal for the River Murray. Again, the member for Cheltenham said, 'That's unacceptable.' He went out and got \$240 million for the Riverland and Murraylands in South Australia.

We pumped that money into the regions to make sure that not only could we preserve the water in the Murray but also make businesses more efficient and more profitable. Whyalla and Port Pirie were looking at bleak, bleak futures. We do not have to make any of this up. This was a horror story in the making. The premier of the day, the member for Cheltenham, took it on himself to make sure that he was in those cities and those regions as often as he could be and that he had all his relevant ministers out there as well doing whatever could be done to save those places.

I want to thank Mel and Lucy and Alice for giving up their husband and their dad for so much of those years when he was our premier. He spent a lot of time down in the electorate of Mawson. Sometimes he dragged his family along, and we would be out and about at various functions. They were just so totally accepting of what his role was in South Australia and the importance of his job, and so for that, Mel, Lucy and Alice, I say thank you again not only personally but also on behalf of the people of Mawson and the wider community in South Australia.

I want to say thanks from the Myponga Bowling Club. I know that Annie dropped a bowl on your toe and your toenail went black, but you still came up with that \$180,000 so that they could have an artificial green. I want to thank you on behalf of the Myponga Residents Association for the \$60,000 you gave them so that they could have a playground for the first time. I want to say thank you on behalf of the people of Kingscote, who for more than 20 years had fought to have a skatepark in that town. You found the money and made sure that the \$30,000 they raised over 20 years could go to a skatepark that we officially opened in September this year.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: There is a very memorable photo of the premier and a whole bunch of kids standing around, and I must have jumped a little bit early because I am there, with my

arms up in the air, and I look like the only bloke in Kingscote that day who was happy about that funding. However, everyone was happy and they are still very happy, Jay. We talk about the big multimillion dollar things that we do in South Australia and that we do as governments, and premiers and ministers will do those things over the course of their time in the job, but it is so often those little projects that mean such a lot to communities.

The Fund My Neighbourhood idea, which was the brainchild of the member for Cheltenham, really struck a chord with local communities. It was a democratic decision on what projects would get funded. Around the state, we had towns versus towns, we had suburbs versus suburbs and we had street versus streets, but in Penneshaw we had mother versus daughter, putting up two proposals.

That is how good this project identifier was in getting things that the communities actually wanted, and I think it was a sad day when the new government got rid of that. It is really interesting to see them out there cutting the ribbons on all these things that we provided the money for. Not only have they cut the funding but they are cutting the ribbons as well. It is about priorities and I think community priorities were always at the centre of everything that the member for Cheltenham did in his time as a minister and in his time as premier.

I also want to say thanks from a young fellow named James Townsend. James was 12 years old when Elon Musk came to Adelaide last year. He has ambitions to be a rocket scientist and absolutely adores Elon Musk. Elon Musk is a hard guy to pin down. There was so much security around him, but the member for Cheltenham took it upon himself to make sure that James could be in the room and meet Elon Musk that day. That had a profound effect on that young man, and there were so many others during his time as premier of South Australia whom he touched and for whom he did amazing things on both the small scale and the grand scale. On behalf of all of those people and on behalf of the people of Mawson and myself, I say thank you to the member for Cheltenham.

Mr BROWN (Playford) (17:16): I rise to also express my appreciation of the hard work and service of the member for Cheltenham over the years. Those of us who have spent some time around politics as so-called backroom operators always think we know how it is supposed to be done and how you are supposed to deal with voters and the public, but it really hit home for me that you do not really appreciate what it is like until your name is on the ballot paper and you are actually out there on the hustings yourself, trying to get elected.

As a freshly minted candidate, I was very appreciative of the advice and guidance given to me by the member for Cheltenham when he was premier. During the campaign itself, you get a lot of advice from people. A lot of people tell you how you are going and all that sort of stuff. You think you are doing well until people say to you, 'Actually, you're in big, big trouble,' and, 'You know they are coming to get you,' and that sort of stuff. I fully admit that I was very stressed during the campaign.

One day, the member for Cheltenham, the then premier, came to visit the electorate of Playford, and he and I went and visited Parafield Gardens R-7 School together. I have to tell you that I felt so relaxed. This man was so passionate about the education of children in our state and so passionate about what was happening in the north that everyone could respond to it and immediately see what was going on.

In my campaign, I tried to express to the people of Playford my commitment and my passion for not only employment outcomes but also general outcomes for the people of the northern suburbs. I did my best to try to convince them of that, and maybe I succeeded, maybe I did not, or maybe I have more work to do, but one thing they were definitely all sure of, I am sure, was the commitment and the passion that the member for Cheltenham had for the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Whether it was dealing with Holden's closure and the possible dramatic impact on employment in the north, whether it was working hard to create new defence jobs at Mawson Lakes and in other parts of my electorate, whether it was assisting Para Hills High School to get its long sought after money for a performing arts space, or whether it was assisting Parafield Gardens High School to get money for a community hall they had fought for years to achieve, the member for Cheltenham came up in spades for the northern suburbs. He has delivered over time, time and time again, for the north. I thank him on behalf of not only my electorate but also myself for his guidance, for his leadership and for delivering for the people of the northern suburbs.

Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (17:19): I have not known the member for Cheltenham for as long or as closely as many others in this house, but I have had the perspective of knowing him from different viewpoints. I first came to know Jay in his position as a media talent, or a talking head, in my news stories each evening. As a journalist, I first interviewed him as the minister for early childhood development and then environment minister—or maybe it was the other way around—among a wide range of other portfolios he has held.

Maybe unlike others in this house, I have hurled some pretty hard questions at him at times, and maybe raised my voice in the press pack to try to elicit a response or reaction. Sometimes I have also been outraged at the lack of response or types of responses I got in those press conferences and interviews. Sometimes I got what I was after and sometimes not, but I always admired his calmness under pressure, his incredible political acumen and strategy and his well-chosen words.

I have always found him to be courteous and informative, and it seemed to me that he would strive to inform the reporters of the facts of a situation—even if they were the facts as he saw them—and his views on matters, especially if those matters were complex or difficult. I always appreciated him taking the extra time to let me know about a situation and provide me with more context.

I always enjoyed a good guessing game with the other political reporters. Sometimes we would be in the press conference room with little idea about why we had been called in. I remember one particular occasion when the mood was heightened and there was a bit of energy and electricity in the air. No-one knew why we were there. I noticed a twinkle in Jay's eye as he strode into the room and, a mere moment later, was followed by Mr Martin Hamilton-Smith. That was a particularly memorable press conference and there was palpable shock in the room. Of course, certain experienced reporters clamoured to claim that they had known all along, and they knew this was going to happen—maybe not.

By far, the favourite story I have done with the member for Cheltenham was the Christmas story before the 2014 election. At that time, I was working for Network 10, and we had decided to do a series of stories on how the leaders were spending Christmas. Indeed, I did one with the member for Dunstan (then leader of the opposition) as well. It was a total joy to spend half a day with Jay and his family—Mel, Alice and Lucy. Not only was I treated to wrapping up socks and jocks for the Hutt St Centre but the girls also sang me a wonderful song about socks and jocks. I must say that it was rather an extensive tune and went on for some time.

I looked across and saw Jay beam at his beautiful daughters. He was so proud of the way they sang beautifully and also the way they spoke very articulately, at quite a young age, about helping other people who are less fortunate than us at Christmas. I could really see that he was very proud of his lovely daughters and what they are contributing to the world.

I was then treated to a slice of Christmas cake whipped from the Weatherill family fridge. As I wolfed it down rather unglamorously, starving as I was, Jay explained his friendship with Frank Blevins, who of course served as deputy premier, and revealed that I was eating one of Frank's famous Christmas cakes and the very last one he had made for the member for Cheltenham before he passed away in 2013. I felt very honoured to have a slice of that cake, and I have remembered that since. It was a special day, and it was also the first time I had an insight into the member for Cheltenham as a father and a human, not just as a politician who was standing in front of the camera.

I then got to know the member for Cheltenham very well from the day he announced my candidacy for preselection. Jay, I just want to tell you how incredibly grateful I am for every time you walked Castle Plaza with me, every time you visited a school with me and every time you knocked on a door in the boiling heat with me; I really appreciate it. Thank you for listening to the ideas that I was putting forward for my electorate. There were many of them and I appreciate you giving me the time of day. I want to particularly mention Goodwood Oval and the redevelopment of the grandstand. The plans have been drawn up—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: We didn't have much choice there, did we?

Ms STINSON: No, you didn't have much choice. I endlessly badgered you into that one. I really appreciate you and your wise counsel on how to go about things and how to get things done. Obviously, I take those lessons with me.

Going on to election day, mine was the very first electorate that you visited, the very first booths. Of course, I was pretty nervous, but the overwhelmingly warm reception that you had at that Black Forest booth and your encouraging words to me buoyed me for the day. Although it obviously, ultimately, was a day of sadness for our party, you set a really positive tone for me and my volunteers and you gave us the great joy of being able to relax on that day and enjoy the momentous occasion of being elected. I really thank you for that. It was incredibly motivating to have you by my side and to know that you and the party believed in me.

I would also like to thank you for another little pearl of wisdom that has stuck with me. After a few journalists got stuck into me, as they do, for falsely claiming that I had only scored preselection because of my gender, I asked you how you managed to handle those criticisms. I think I said to you, 'This must all be water off a duck's back now.' There must have been so many things said where you thought, 'Gee, that's not right,' or, 'That's not accurate,' or, 'That's not what happened.' I remember you telling me that it does not get easier; you do not just not feel the pain of someone saying something that is wrong about you. You told me that you do learn how to take it on, absorb it, process it and get on with doing what is important and forge forward and do what you are really there for. I really appreciate that. That has been very helpful to me as well.

I would also like to comment on the member for Cheltenham's policy contributions. There are, of course, so many and so many of my colleagues have already mentioned them, but I would like to point out two that are of particular importance to me. Firstly, I think the work that the member for Cheltenham did in his role advocating for children is quite remarkable and has really stood the test of time. He really raised the level of consciousness in our community about the importance of the first five years of a child's life.

Even for me at that time as a journalist, it was not probably something that I had given much thought to, but I heard Jay speak about this again and again in many different forums and it really sank in. It really makes sense to all of us now that we need to invest in those first five years of a child's life because of the huge transformative value that investing in a child at that age can have, not just for that child but for our society as a whole. People in my community still remark to me about Jay's work in the early childhood space and about the first five years, in particular. Sometimes these messages take a while to get through, but you definitely got that message through and people really talk about it and it has really influenced policy in this state.

Secondly, I want to thank you for your position on renewable energy, for pushing through some of the criticism because you just knew it was the right thing to do and the right thing to be advocating. Young people, but people from all walks of life as well, mention that to me all the time as something that really resonated with them, particularly at the last election. I think it is one of the key challenges of this generation and you have been a leader in that for quite some time. I appreciate that greatly.

You have left this state in a better place than you found it and you continue to be an inspiration to new players like me. I thank you very, very much and I wish you the very best in whatever you choose to do next.

Bills

ELECTORAL (PRISONER VOTING) AMENDMENT BILL

Conference

The Legislative Council agreed to grant a conference as requested by the House of Assembly. The Legislative Council named the hour of 4.30pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018 to receive the managers on behalf of the House of Assembly at the Plaza Room on the first floor of the Legislative Council.

Resolutions

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BILL

Consideration of message No. 63 from the Legislative Council.

(Continued from 4 December 2018.)

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (17:29): I move:

That this house—

- (a) agrees with part 1 of the resolution of the Legislative Council contained in message No. 63 for the appointment of a joint committee on the Social Workers Registration Bill 2018,
- (b) concurs with the proposal for the committee to be authorised to disclose or publish, as it thinks fit, any evidence or documents being reported to the parliament, and
- (c) concurs with the proposal to enable strangers to be admitted when the committee is examining witnesses unless the committee otherwise resolves, but that they be excluded when the committee is deliberating.

Motion carried.

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

That this house be represented on the committee by three members, of whom two shall form a quorum of House of Assembly members necessary to be present at all sittings of the committee, and that the members to represent the House of Assembly on the joint committee be the members for Hurtle Vale, Adelaide and Heysen.

Motion carried.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

Mr GEE (Taylor) (17:30): I also rise to make a few brief comments in thanking the member for Cheltenham, the Hon. Jay Weatherill. I have known Jay Weatherill for over 25 years, and it is a deep regret that I have not been able to get to know him a lot better than I do.

However, I did come to know Jay a lot better during the fight to save Holden's. It was during the More than Cars campaign that I really gained an insight into Jay's ability to have empathy with workers; not just use these things for a political statement or for the benefit of the state but to actually care about the people he was campaigning on behalf of. His insight, commitment and support really established the relationship I have always felt I had with Jay.

Before Jay became premier, we had the Mitsubishi closure. That was one of the most awful things for anybody who was involved with that. It was like death by a thousand cuts: going from two shifts in a plant to one shift to three days to three hours a day to making 10 cars a day on three days a week, alternate days. It was just relentless. At the time, the workers themselves were really learning what was happening through the media. That is the nature of our media here, that these things just become sensationalised.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

Mr GEE: Yes. When we had the Holden closure decision—and I have listened so many times in this place to all the different views we have here, most them very inaccurate—hardly anybody here knew the real complexity of that decision. People do not understand that we were coming out of the financial crisis and we really had not moved forward. The Aussie dollar was at \$US1.10 and a way out of it was to export, but we could not export.

With Toyota, 75 to 80 per cent production was export, yet they were losing money on every single car, and Ford had been denied their small car and they had nowhere to go; they had only their local Falcon. At Holden's we had a situation where Detroit was demanding \$40 million in local cuts here on the shop floor. We had a situation where the federal government wanted to cut \$500 million out of the industry. It was just blow after blow after blow. You have to think about the workers, too, after Mitsubishi, and how they felt under this enormous pressure, sitting in their houses every day watching what was going to happen to them on the media.

They came to know Jay as someone who was sitting in the lounge with them, watching it together. They came to know Jay as someone they could trust. I do not think they had ever had that in a politician before. One of the things that was really good—because for workers and their families it was such a worrying time—was that Jay was not only able to pull together that campaign but he was also able to provide government support to help us achieve the \$40 million in savings that we

needed from the shop floor. We were able to get that. Detroit was also demanding that workers take wage cuts.

As to the contribution from the workers themselves, there was commitment there, and all through that we saw Jay standing shoulder to shoulder with those workers. I am not going to take up any more time, other than to say thank you to Jay. Thank you on behalf of myself and my union and all the union's members. In terms of all the workers in the manufacturing and supply chain, they knew that you were there for them, and I thank you for that.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay) (17:35): I rise today to add my words and thanks to the member for Cheltenham. When I was elected to be the member for Ramsay at a by-election in 2012, it was with a very new premier by my side. Having taken the leadership only four months before, it was seen as a significant test of his leadership. It was the best ever street corner meeting I had when you came along to Pine Lakes at Parafield Gardens. Many people were fascinated to see the new premier. We had nearly 50 people there on that day. I am sad to say that I have not drawn such a crowd since. It was delightful to have you there.

The member for Port Adelaide and I were elected on the same day in 2012, and we were both elevated to the ministry at the same time in 2014. I thank the member for Cheltenham for his support and confidence in me to be part of his cabinet and his caucus. While I thank him for his support, what will stay with me is his vision to attract and create new industries with a global outlook. To have companies like Technicolor, Tesla, Sonnen and Boeing in South Australia is significant. Through a time of economic transition in our state, it was necessary to reimagine the future.

When I knocked on those doors in my electorate, whether it be Paralowie or Salisbury, it was that question about the future that I was asked by many of my constituents. What are going to be the jobs for my children? What will be the jobs for my grandchildren? I represent an area where manufacturing was a very high employer of people. They knew what the opportunities were, and obviously the highlight was to work for Holden. It was an ability to have that status recognised in the community. It has always been a concern for people about that, so when we talked about the future we brought South Australians with us to reassure them that there was a place and an opportunity for everyone.

When a person retires and they give a speech, one of the things you reflect on is: what will be the individual's legacy? When I went to write my notes, I realised that there were many areas where we can thank you for your leadership. I want to touch on a few that are particularly important to me. First of all, I will touch on renewable energy. Just today you said that this is not the only thing that we lead the nation in, but we lead the world, and I am very proud of that and to go ahead with that.

The areas that we share a common interest in are about the support for our children and their education. When I think about the changes we made, a highlight is the Building Better Schools money. They were the best conversations I ever had in my electorate when I could tell Settlers Farm R-7 that we were going to support their development, to Parafield High as well and Paralowie that they were going to be supported.

That, along with the STEM education money, made sure that we were supporting our children for the future. We talk a lot about STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths—but to make this real, we had to make this investment. We had to make an investment in the classrooms and the technology so that people could not only hear about it but they could learn it and live it and understand that these were the transferrable skills that they needed to have the jobs of the future.

I also want to touch on the child-parent centres because one opened in Parafield Gardens. They are a one-stop shop, from birth to the start of school, where parents can come and find support. I saw the Parafield Gardens child-parent centre develop over time. The work of the past CAFHS nurses is now replaced by having a counsellor to talk about different issues, to have your child weighed, to talk about issues, to talk to about engagement, and playgroups were held there. More importantly, the people of my electorate who went there felt that it was a location of support for them. They felt safe there, and they felt that they could ask questions that perhaps they would not feel confident to ask before. How do I read to my child? How do I engage with them? How do we support their learning?

Other areas include the Future Jobs Fund, which is based on job creation and investment attraction. This is what we needed to do in this time of economic change. The other highlight for me is SAHMRI—medical health and research—because these are the jobs that will change our future. The research that we do in South Australia will change things in the world. I also want to talk about GigCity because we know that it is the highway of the future and that having internet access for everyone is really important. That will be our legacy.

I want to end at a time of severe challenge for us in South Australia. I recall the member for Cheltenham's calmness, deep understanding and communication with South Australians on the morning of the Sampson Flat bushfire on 3 January. I was the acting minister for emergency services at that time and had spoken with Jay very early that morning.

Overnight, what had started as a small, isolated bushfire turned into one of the most destructive fires in the Adelaide Hills in more than 30 years. I was only 10 when Ash Wednesday happened, but I remember it. That label was given to the fire at that time. I followed it hour by hour that night, listening to ABC radio, and it was only a change of wind at 2am that saved us from mass destruction, as the ash was flowing on Greenwith.

The member for Cheltenham became the face of that fire in South Australia, nationally and internationally. Its close proximity to the city captured significant attention. As some may recall, it continued for seven days. There was a really special moment—and I am sure you will remember it—when you were up there by the fire and the rain started. We were a little bit worried that you might get struck by lightning, but I noticed Chris Burford was handing you the umbrella, so we were a bit worried he might go first, but what a day, when that broke.

As minister for communities and social inclusion, we instigated our relief and recovery plan to support those impacted. It was the long-term support of the then premier that enabled me to engage with the impacted community as it dealt with shock and loss and started the process of recovery. In that fire, 26 houses were lost. You were calm in that crisis. When we went out in this new wave of media, I think every three hours to talk to people, you were a source of truth. You were a source of truth and a source of calmness. This is not diminishing any of our emergency services volunteers or professional services, but at that time the engagement was very connected to your leadership, and I thank you for that.

I will conclude my remarks by saying thank you to the member for Cheltenham for always standing up for South Australia. Thank you for bringing all South Australians with us during this time of change. Thank you for creating a significant part of being in a global, livable city. More importantly, thank you for being a thinker, a leader and a listener.

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (17:45): I rise, on indulgence, to make a few remarks in relation to the member for Cheltenham. As I was listening to all these great speeches about how great the member for Cheltenham is, it struck me that not many members of parliament get to have the experience of sitting there and listening. They are usually about six feet under the ground when this happens, so it is a pretty unique experience for Jay to have the ability to hear all these great things about him. I am sure, Jay, that we will also do it if you pass on in 60 or 70 years. It might be a new crop of speech givers at the time, though. A couple of people might be here. The member for Hartley might still be here perhaps.

I want to make a few comments in regard to your contribution to this state. One of the things that strikes me about your contribution is that you, as premier, always fought for South Australia. You always stood up for South Australia, particularly when you were premier.

We had so many outside threats to our state, whether it was potentially losing the submarine contract, the loss of Holden and what that was going to mean for our economy, the fight for the River Murray and protecting our state's share of water and the environment's share of water, what we saw in Whyalla and Port Pirie in saving these major parts of our industry in South Australia, or what we saw in terms of the threat to our funding and the sustainability of state governments generally in terms of health and education funding. We will particularly remember forever your standing up for renewables and clean energy. I think that will be remembered for a long time not just here but around the world as well.

You also stood up when there were fights that were not to be easily won. You put out ideas and thoughts, whether it was on tax reform and changing the federation or, famously, on the nuclear fuel cycle, as well as areas where you saw an opportunity for the state. Even if there was not a clear path for that to be delivered, you stood up and represented our state. I think no-one has better epitomised the quote from Teddy Roosevelt that you should speak softly and carry a big stick than Jay Weatherill.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Kaurna, my sincere apologies, but we need the Premier to read a response to the last message, so I will interrupt for a moment and come back to you.

Bills

ELECTORAL (PRISONER VOTING) AMENDMENT BILL

Conference

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (17:48): In respect of message No. 68 from the Legislative Council, I move:

That a message be sent to the Legislative Council agreeing to the time and place appointed by the council.

Motion carried.

Members

WEATHERILL, HON. J.W., RETIREMENT

Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (17:48): I was just saying that no-one has better epitomised the quote from Teddy Roosevelt that you should speak softly and carry a big stick than Jay Weatherill. So many people over the years have underestimated him because he is somebody who speaks softly and they have taken that to mean that he might act softly. I think those of us who have got to know him know that no-one is tougher. You do not want to mess with Jay Weatherill, and a few people have found that out to their detriment over the years.

The first time I got to know Jay was when I was working as a chief of staff in the Rann government in the health portfolio. Jay had the families and communities portfolio at the time and quite often there would be an intersection with those two portfolios. I also think Jay acted for my minister a few times as well.

Every time we dealt with Jay, he was inquisitive, well-researched and legally minded in wanting to know the facts and the details about everything, but he was also very caring towards the people who were under his care. There were some very tricky cases that we dealt with during that time, and I was struck by how much he genuinely cared about the outcomes in those cases.

I then had the privilege of being elected to this parliament. For the first two years, I was replacing John Rau's position down in the proverbial compactus in the library, but then I got the opportunity to be appointed as a parliamentary secretary to the then treasurer, the member for West Torrens. I got to do a number of projects you designated to me over that time. It was a delight to have elements of government work to work on. I was obviously privileged when you recommended my appointment as the police and emergency services minister.

I was really struck during my time as assistant minister, and then minister, by your vision and your energy. There have been some comments—in fact, from you, I think—about how your energy was particularly waning during that period. I never noticed that, and I do not think anybody in the cabinet noticed that. Your energy seemed to be fully present at all times. The area in which that was most highlighted was in dealing with the state energy plan. That was a tremendous crisis facing our state, particularly when we had the situation where power companies were willing to turn off electricity to our state so that they could make more money.

That demanded a response to ensure that we had sovereign control over our energy in South Australia. In delivering that plan in a very short period of time, and in going through a very complex set of arrangements where any number of things could have triggered a negative result, you showed what leadership is all about, and I think the state will be better for that for years to come.

Jay has had so many different portfolios that it is hard to name them all. It struck me that, pretty much from 2004 through to the end, you had responsibility for early childhood policy in South Australia, first as families and communities minister, then as early childhood minister and then as premier. It is something you have always taken a great interest in, and we have seen the benefits of that in our state in the improvement of services for children under five, whether that be through children's centres, upgrades to our schools or fighting for the Gonski deal that you signed with the then prime minister, Julia Gillard.

There were also changes to the curriculum through the Reggio programs, the STEM programs and the Building Better Schools program. I am lucky enough that, in my electorate, the STEM project at Seaford Secondary College is about to open at the start of school next year. I think that there will be great credit given to you and your legacy in all the openings of those projects.

In conclusion, I do not want this to be the last we hear of Jay Weatherill. You are still very young, and I hope that we see a lot more of your contribution to this state, this country and this world. Potentially, a future Shorten government might see the wisdom of using you for various projects. However, whatever capacity you take on in your next tasks, I hope we continue to see more of you. I know you will continue to work hard to make the world a better place. Thank you very much, Jay.

Sitting extended beyond 18:00 on motion of Hon. S.S. Marshall.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (17:53): I was not always a fan of the member for Cheltenham. I was the convenor of the right of the Labor Party—a sceptic—and Jay Weatherill was the darling of the left. The reason I was not a fan of the member for Cheltenham is that my worst fears were recognised, namely, that he was the best of our generation. He was without a doubt the very best we had, and I was really, really annoyed by that. He is smart and articulate and he actually cares about people—it is not an act: it is real.

We both have daughters. There is not a member in this parliament with whom I have worked more closely than the premier—as his treasurer, his transport and infrastructure minister, his energy minister and his mining minister. We worked together through that whole period leading up to 2014 and throughout the last four years of the Weatherill government.

He will not remember this, but when we were talking about domestic violence, I remember him saying, 'Look, I'm running out of time. I'm a man on a mission. My daughters can't grow up in a world like this.' It was not a speech; it was just me and some public servants and he said it as he was getting up to move to the next meeting, but you knew with Jay that he meant it.

Leadership is a precious gift the state gives to very few people. The current Premier is enjoying that now, our former premier had that for a while, and before that, Mike Rann. These are snapshots in time. I cannot give an accurate assessment of his premiership because I am too close to it, but I think it was spectacular. People will look back at the Weatherill government and the Rann-Weatherill decade-plus as one of the great moments, I think, in our movement, as a state and as a party.

The reason you rise to the top of political parties is that you are the best of all of us. We do not choose people out of convenience and we do not choose people because we think, 'He can do that for a little while and we can move deck chairs around later.' We actually choose the best person to lead us for a reason. Bugger me if all the people he grew up with in the left are not really amazing and committed people, as are people within the right wing of the Labor Party. I often say to people in Young Labor who are coming up through the ranks that if you can beat the left the Liberals are a lot easier. I do not mean that disrespectfully: I mean it as a compliment.

Look at what we were up against in Young Labor: Mark Butler, Penny Wong, Jay Weatherill, Patrick Conlon. These are ferocious people with brains double the size of their skulls. They were smart, they were articulate and they did not join the Labor Party for the sake of a career; it probably had an adverse impact on their careers. I am sure that Jay Weatherill would have made a lot more money as a lawyer. He started his own small business and went through it all. He did it the hard way. He never once had the numbers in this party—not once—but had everyone behind him. That is a rare feat in politics today and will not be repeated.

An honourable member: Never again.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Never ever again. I remember the former premier talking about understanding power and what the qualities of leadership are, and I think he got it absolutely right. He might have been just pulling the strings on me a bit to get me more in awe and enamoured of him, but the truth is that the test of leadership is independent thinking, which is thinking for yourself and understanding power. You, my friend, have those in spades, and you only get those in spades if you are smart. I do not think anyone can deny that Jay Weatherill is one of the smartest people ever to have walked in this chamber.

What does independent thinking mean? Independent thinking means that when the state goes black, you do not react politically: you talk to the engineers, you talk to the scientists and you work out the solution. That is thinking independently. When the commonwealth government walk into the Treasurer's office and say, 'We won't guarantee Nyrstar,' independent thinking is, 'We will because we can't afford to have that city go to its knees,' and that lesson gave us the ability to stand up in Whyalla.

What the premier was teaching the cabinet the whole way through was that we needed to think for ourselves because we are a sovereign government, we are a sovereign people and we are doing it on behalf of others. I will never forget all those lessons he taught me over the entire time I was treasurer and transport minister, and I thank him for them.

I also thank him for the personal moments. He came back from Jerusalem and gave me a rosary, which I still have to this day. He gave it to me because he was worried about me and he cared about me, and it paid off. We have all had personal tragedies in our lives, and when I had a personal tragedy the first person who came to me was the premier. It was touching, and Anthea and I will never forget it.

I am sad he is going, and today is like the end of an era. I was very sad when Mike left because I thought Mike was a great leader, and I thought it would be very difficult to see anyone live up to the legacy he left us. Jay has done that. What that means for us as a movement is that Peter and Susan can go out and campaign standing on their shoulders. I am sorry I am tearing up—I often tease Peter about it—but the truth is that we are lucky to have had him. He did not have to be here, but he chose us anyway.

He could have gone to Canberra and he could have been a senator. He could have just stayed a lawyer and made a fortune and would probably be a judge by now. He could have done something else, but he chose us. When I say 'us', I am not talking about the caucus; he chose our movement. He cares passionately about working people and would talk about them as though he knew every single one of them in every cabinet meeting we had. He talked about those workers on the Holden assembly line as though he knew each and every one of them, as though he knew their wives and their husbands and their kids.

I remember Treasury telling me not to fund any money for the supply chain workforce that surrounded Arrium. Jay said to me, 'What are they going to say at Christmas when they can't pay their bills? What happens when this thing is saved and they are all gone, and they see some other company or some franchise come in and get all the work they had? They're stuck in Whyalla, they can't sell their house because it's not worth very much, can't pay off their mortgage, and husbands fight with their wives.' You want a Premier who will care about the person on the street. We had that and it guided us.

We lost. I do not think we deserved to lose, but we did. The voters are never wrong; we obviously accept that, and there are lessons to be learned. The lesson I have learned is that when you see real leadership, cherish it, because it is rare. We have been lucky in this state and in this party. We have had Dunstan, we have had Rann, we have had Weatherill, and hopefully we will have Malinauskas. We have been led well.

Make no mistake about the other legacy Jay has left, which will go on for another generation: he taught another generation how to lead, how to govern and how to care through his example. I am not very good at mentoring people. My view of survival in politics is to take you out to the longest jetty and throw you off, and if you swim back to shore we will take you and preselect you. The Weatherill approach was much better: to mentor, to nurture, to promote and to trust. He trusted us.

I remember, when Jay was telling us that we could win 47 per cent of the vote, I thought, 'No chance.' He was right. I remember him telling me that maybe Martin would join our cabinet. I thought, 'No, we're moving things around a board now; it's not real.' It was. That self-belief is bloody impressive. I do not have that self-belief. To be fair, I have seen it in three people: I have seen it in Mike, I have seen it in Jay and I see it in Peter.

You have been away from your young girls for too long and they deserve you back. We thank them for lending you to us for so long. I remember when I first came in here your father told me, 'You watch Jay.' I was a smoker back then and George would always bum cigarettes from me, in the great working-class tradition, and we would always talk outside. You can tell why he was a good premier: it was because of the grounding he had in his family.

I saw a documentary last night on Bobby Robson, the great UK manager who led Barcelona, and England to two world cups. Sir Alex Ferguson, who is a life member of the Labour Party in the UK, said, 'You know why Bobby Robson was a great manager of people and a great coach? It was because he grew up in a mining town. In mining towns, you look after each other.' Some might call it socialism, some might call it caring for your neighbours, but it was a community spirit. The reason the Weatherill premiership was, I think, one of the most inspirational things I have ever been part of was because of his upbringing, because of that instinct inside him, that Cornish miner instinct, to help your neighbours and look after each other.

Jay, I am going to miss you. I am sorry I was not nice to you before. I am sorry for not understanding what ageing well really means. I am sorry for not understanding earlier what it was we had and not nurturing it more and being more supportive of it. But, while you were there, you had my loyalty unconditionally. You are right about not having to look over your shoulder. I remember thinking to myself, 'If they come after him, I will have to stop them. We can't let anyone stop this. We have to do the right thing by the party and the state.' That was difficult, but it was worth it.

So, boss, thank you for your service. I do love you and I wish you all the very best. I know it will not be the last we see of you. I know that whenever we need you to come back and campaign for us, you will be the first one there. Thank you very much, Jay.

Resolutions

RETIREMENT VILLAGES

The Legislative Council informs the House of Assembly that it has appointed the Hon. J.A. Darley, the Hon. J.E. Hanson and the Hon. T.J. Stephens to act on the joint committee on the valuation policies of the Valuer-General on retirement villages.

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BILL

The Legislative Council informs the House of Assembly that it has appointed the Hon. C. Bonaros, the Hon. T.A. Franks and the Hon. I. Pnevmatikos to act on the joint committee on the Social Workers Registration Bill.

Adjournment Debate

VALEDICTORIES

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (18:07): I want to make a brief contribution and give a Christmas message on the rising of the house for this year. It has been a fantastic year for us on this side. We managed to get on this side of the house, but it has been challenging at times, and I think everyone, wherever they sit in either this house or the other place, will be very keen to have more time with their family and friends over Christmas, and I wish them all the best for that.

I know that the Premier is going to go into more detail, but I thank everyone who makes this place work: the cleaners, the maintenance men, the catering staff—and some could argue I spend too much time with the catering staff—the Clerks in the house, the staff in the house, the committee staff, the Hansard people and the drivers. I am going to miss someone, but I am sure the Premier will fill in the gaps. I thank everyone who makes this place function that makes it easier for the 47 people here who represent electorates and the 22 who represent the state in the other place.

If it were not for all those people who make Parliament House function, this place would not work and democracy would not work, and so I thank everyone. Anyone I missed, please forgive me, but I thank you all for what you do. I thank all the electorate office staff from right across the board. It is a tough gig in an electorate office. They are the front line of duty and I give them full credit. I also thank all the ministerial staff, and the staff who are based here in Parliament House, for their efforts.

With those few words, I would just like to thank everyone for the contribution they make to make this place work because if we did not have you, it would not run as smoothly as it does. Some people say it looks like havoc. There are a lot of wheels spinning, but we do make it work across the way. I would like to thank the Opposition Whip, Michael Brown (member for Playford), for the dialogue we have. We do not always get to strike a deal, but we always work something out by the end of the day. With those few words, I hope that everyone has a refreshing break and that we all come back refreshed for another big year serving our state no matter where we sit in this place. I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (18:11): I rise to make my final contribution for 2018. This has been a very positive year for our party and it has been a great honour to continue to serve as the leader of our parliamentary team. Of course, on 17 March this year, I concluded more than five years as the leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. It was an honour to serve in that position, although I do not think I could have done it for one additional day. It is a great honour, privilege and pleasure to be elected as the 46th Premier of South Australia. It is a task that I will apply myself to every second that I am in this role.

I would like to very briefly acknowledge some members of my team and then some members more broadly in Parliament House and others who have assisted me and our team this year. I would like to start with my parliamentary colleagues and, of course, the Deputy Premier, the member for Bragg, who has been such an extraordinary support to me. I am very grateful for her work, especially her work in the house. She carries a huge workload and has a great breadth and depth of understanding of the parliamentary process.

I would also like to acknowledge the very fine work of the Manager of Government Business. He, too, has a great understanding of the mechanics of parliament, certainly superior to my own. I am very grateful for his support. I would like to place on record my thanks to the whip in our house and also the whip in the Legislative Council and our friend the deputy whip in this house, the member for Newland, who has made an outstanding contribution and start to his parliamentary career. He is certainly the most qualified person I think we have ever had in this place, but there you go.

I would like to really acknowledge the work of the cabinet. As you would appreciate, sir, only one member of our cabinet has ever served in a cabinet before, and I really want to thank them for the way that they have worked diligently this entire year around our key themes of humility, accountability and delivery. In particular, I would like to thank our leader in the other place, the Hon. Rob Lucas. We catch up every Sunday at 7am. To be quite honest, I find it an honour to be able to sit down with him and learn from him. His integrity is something that we should all aspire to.

Can I acknowledge the many members who have come into the parliament for the first time this year. I have to say, it is very clear to me that I am very lucky to have come in when I did because if I had come in in 2018 the likelihood that I would be standing in this position would be very low. I think we have an incredible group of people who have joined us in this parliament this year and I am impressed by every single one of them. I really look forward to watching their careers develop.

Finally, on our side, I would like to acknowledge the great work of my assistant minister, the Hon. Jing Lee from the other place. She is the Assistant Minister to the Premier. She is an incredible workhorse. I am not sure whether PETA would allow me to say 'workhorse' anymore. I might have to say 'work scone dolloper' or something. I am not sure what they would come up with. The reality is she works extraordinarily hard in key areas, especially around multicultural affairs but in many other areas as well, and for that I am very grateful.

To those opposite, I say thank you very much for the contribution you have made to the parliament this year. By and large I have very much enjoyed working with members of the opposition. Like all members, we come in here to serve our electorates, and sometimes our ideologies and beliefs will, by their very nature, conflict, and sometimes come to blows. However, by and large I

think it is a parliament that works reasonably well. I also want to wish all the Independent members of this and the other chamber, the members of the Greens and SA-Best, all the very best for a very happy holiday season.

I would like to very briefly thank members of my team, ably led by my chief of staff, James Stevens and Alex May. I would also like to acknowledge the great work that Courtney Morcombe has done since she has come into my office, and I could not be without Paul Armanas and Ashton Hurn, who work very hard to make sure our message is conveyed in a positive and professional way.

I would particularly like to very briefly draw attention to three people in my office I could certainly not do without. One of those is Richard Yeeles, who has added a great depth and breadth to the work we do in framing a very long-term narrative for our state towards prosperity. He is an incredible contributor who works very long hours, and we would not be without him. Of course there is also Jono Wotton, who really does run the Premier's office, and Warren Bartsch, who has basically been my full-time therapist for almost six years now. Thanks very much to Penny Gordon, who ably leads the team at the Dunstan electorate office, thank you. She is on the front line meeting with people in my fantastic electorate of Dunstan, and I am very grateful for that.

I would like to turn my attention to the fabulous work of the people who work in Parliament House. From the minute I walked into this chamber I felt an enormous sense of privilege and gratitude that I was elected and that this would become my new workplace. I really want to acknowledge that this is a very special workplace and, in particular, this wonderful chamber, which was built and opened in 1889.

I would like to acknowledge the great work and leadership of the Clerk of our house, Rick Crump, and his deputy, David Pegram, and all the House of Assembly staff. I do not know how you all do it, but thank you very much. On behalf of the government I would also like to particularly wish Dani Clark all the very best for her move from this house to greener pastures beyond this building. We wish her all the very best.

We also acknowledge the Clerk in the Legislative Council, Chris Schwarz, and his deputy and Black Rod, Guy Dickson, as well as all the Legislative Council chamber attendants. I would also like to thank, in particular, David Woolman, who does an incredible job looking after the fabric of this incredible building, one of which we should all be very, very proud going forward.

Thank you to all the committee staff, to the table staff, to our amazing staff in the library, led by the very able Dr John Weste, the very well-dressed Dr John Weste. He looks fantastic in some of those jackets. I only wish I had the personality to be able to pull them off.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: I see that the member for West Torrens is looking forward to perhaps looking at some of those items for himself. I do not know—maybe spruce up his wardrobe a bit. I digress, and will return to the substance of my speech for today.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Creon Grantham and all the catering staff and, really, the people who run this building, Nikki and Karen in the Blue Room. If you ever want to know what is actually going on in Parliament House, you need look no further than the expert advice they provide.

I would like to thank John Clarke and all the hardworking and extraordinarily capable team within Hansard for the work they do. They have a set of skills that very few people still retain these days. I do not know how they do it, but we thank them very much.

To the procedures office, the cleaning staff, the switchboard team, the maintenance team and our dedicated security team, I say thank you. To Kent Nelson and his finance team, we thank you for keeping everything in order financially. Last but not least, I would like to thank the very capable team at PNSG led by Lorraine Tonglee.

From my perspective this has been, as Charles Dickens said, the best of times and the worst of times. We won an election and I think it was the first time we took government from the Labor Party since 1993, which was a quarter of a century ago, so that was a highlight. It was a highlight to have Georgie return from England after her fantastic year working over at Exeter Cathedral but, of course,

it was a very sad year for me and my family with my father passing away. He was a huge influence on my life but life goes on, I suppose.

It is great to also have Charlie back at Christmas. I love Christmas; it is a very special time of the year. My son, Charlie, has been studying up in Queensland. He is looking more and more like a Greens voter. He has long hair, a big bushy—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Are you going to fix that?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Well, it is work that I have to do over the Christmas break. There is a lot to do over the Christmas break, but it is lovely to have him back. He is looking more and more like Jesus. I do not want people to get confused when we go to a Christmas service, but I am very much looking forward to having them both back. So, to everybody in total, now is the time to say a very merry Christmas to all, and I look forward to seeing everybody back here filled with vim and vigour and a focus on advancing the cause of South Australia in February 2019.

Mr BROWN (Playford) (18:21): I want to try to echo the comments of the Government Whip in his uncharacteristically brief contribution. This year has been a time of transition for the Labor Party. Our election loss was very tough, but it was made tougher by the loss of several great MPs on our side of the chamber. This is no comment about the quality of the member for Newland, but we all do miss the former member for Newland, Tom Kenyon, who is no longer with us. However, I was fortunate enough to be elected as the member for Playford, and it has been very rewarding to be able to serve my community in this place.

We now have a strong leader in the member for Croydon, and we are campaigning on issues that matter to people across South Australia. I personally look forward to 2019, and the opportunities it brings in delivering for our communities, whether through our advocacy or through lasting legislative changes made in this place.

I would like to first start off by thanking the staff in my electorate office for the invaluable work they do in assisting me to represent my electorate and keep me organised. I would also like to thank Will and Carol in the whip's office, for helping it run like clockwork and ensuring that everyone needs to be where they should. I particularly want to thank Carol Putland, who has managed much of the business of the house on this side of the chamber for many years and who has made an enormous contribution to the party and to the running of the parliament at large.

I would like to thank the Clerk and the staff in the house for keeping the show running, and gently reminding us all of what actually are the rules in the place. I would also like to particularly thank the Clerk for the many hours that we have spent discussing standing orders, *Erskine May* and other important tomes. I would like to thank the Hansard staff for attempting to interpret speeches of varying quality in this place. I would like to thank the catering staff for keeping us energised and refreshed. I would like to thank the support staff in the committees and elsewhere around the building.

I would also like to thank the Speaker, the Government Whip and the Leader of Government Business for their constructive and orderly approach to managing the house. I had met the Government Whip before the election, only to say hello, but in the very brief time that we have worked together in this house—which is one way of putting it—it is fair to say that I have seen the entire spectrum of human emotion from him. One thing that certainly can be said about him is that he is not a man who keeps his feelings under a bushel. He will certainly let you know what he thinks about what you have just told him, and I have always been pleased to see him when he is happy. I have been slightly less pleased to see him when he is displeased, but we all have our jobs to do and so we do get along with good humour.

I would also like to thank my colleagues in the house. Thank you for your patience and organisation. It makes my job easier. I would like to particularly thank the deputy whip, the member for Taylor, for his invariable assistance. Lastly, I want to say a special thankyou to the current member for Cheltenham, soon to be the former member for Cheltenham. His speech earlier today was exemplary, and his contribution to South Australia has been immense, and he will be sorely missed by all. I would like to end by saying merry Christmas to all, and I hope we all have a safe and relaxed new year.

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (18:24): I also rise to pass on my gratitude to a large number of people, although I will try to be as expeditious as I possibly can. I would like to start by acknowledging the fact that 2018, as the Premier reflected upon, has been an extraordinarily big year for everybody in this place. For all the MPs who have served throughout the course of this year in the parliament, we are the privileged few. A large number of people contested the last state election and only a minority of them were able to serve in this chamber. It takes an extraordinary amount of work to be able to get into this place, and hopefully collectively we serve the interests of the state well.

It is significant to see a change of government. It happens rarely—hopefully, it will be more frequently—but it is significant. I want to congratulate, yet again on the record, my parliamentary colleagues from the other side of the chamber on their election victory. It is a significant achievement, and you should be rightly proud of that achievement. I particularly want to congratulate the Premier. The Premier led his party to a significant victory in March and he, too, should be rightly proud of that achievement. I certainly wish him all the best over the Christmas period.

Likewise, with his cabinet, I think the member for West Torrens and I and other members on our side of the chamber who have served in cabinet positions realise how relentless that task is. It is a huge undertaking to be a minister of the Crown. It brings with it extraordinary responsibility and it is particularly challenging in the first few months of assuming that office with all the information you have to acquire. I sincerely hope for those members of the cabinet that they get a great break with their family and enjoy that moment; it is undoubtedly precious. Time with family is extraordinarily precious in these roles and I hope they get the opportunity to be able to enjoy it. To the rest of my government colleagues, I wish you also a very safe and merry Christmas.

For everybody in the parliament who works hard to allow us to undertake these roles, again I thank you. The catering staff you get to become more familiar with during opposition in spending more time in this building, and that has indeed been a great pleasure. I thank everyone from Creon and his team down.

To people who work in the chamber, again I also add my thanks for your great service. I think it is fair to say that it is all too often taken for granted, not just by people who work here as members of parliament but also by the broader public. This is an incredibly important institution and the work you do behind the scenes goes unheralded but is fundamentally important to our functioning democracy, whether it be Hansard staff or the Clerk in you, Rick, and your assistant, David. You do an outstanding job. I think your job takes a particular degree of patience and that also should be noted.

In regard to my hardworking and loyal staff, this has been a massive year. It takes a bit of effort to come to grips with opposition and a new level of appreciation of how hard it is with a distinctly smaller number of resources in comparison with what you are afforded in government. They have taken up the task with gusto, led by my chief of staff, John Bistrovic, ably assisted by Karen Grogan and unfortunately she has moved on to brighter and bigger things. John and the team have worked incredibly hard. I could name a number of people but I want to put on the record my thanks to Adam Todd, my media adviser; Lucy Hood, who has been working with Adam along with Pam—and I am going to start naming people now—James Agness; my PA, Sandra Swalling, who has been an outstanding contributor, assisted by Matt; and John Atkinson.

I am going to forget people now, but they have all been working incredibly hard. There is Kevin Naughton, of course. Kevin regularly gets mentioned; he has been working hard as well, along with the rest of the team. It takes a particular zeal and work ethic to work as a staffer in these roles. They do it well, they do it for the greater good and I thank them for their efforts.

Finally, I want to thank my parliamentary colleagues. I think we have taken to opposition well. It is a difficult task, particularly after 16 years of government, but I think we have been a competitive opposition. I think we have held the government to account. I think we are on a journey, hopefully out of opposition and back into government, but I have had nothing but total support from both new members of the parliament and more experienced ones.

Particular members of the team I want to thank, of course, are my deputy in Susan Close. She has been everything one could possibly ask for in a deputy: astute, loyal, always thinking,

diligently going about the business of thinking about the future as well. I want to thank her for her support.

Of course, I want to thank my good friend the member for West Torrens and also the Leader of Opposition Business in this place, who is a steadfast source of support and advice; often I take it, but sometimes I do not. He has been a great support to me in this role and, quite frankly, I do not think I would be able to do it without his support. I also want to put on the record my thanks to two other people in the leadership team.

I do not want to name everybody, but I do want to thank the member for Lee. The member for Lee and I are also good friends. We have known each other for a long time, since university politics. He is an astute thinker and an incredibly strategic individual in terms of his thought around policy, but he is also good fun to be around.

Finally, I want to thank the member for Kaurana. Any responsibilities in regard to the health portfolio are always significant, whether in government or opposition, and the member for Kaurana's contribution and work ethic have been particularly formidable and worthy of recognition. Likewise, I would also like to thank the Hon. Kym Maher, the Leader of the Opposition in the other place, for his support and hard work.

We are a formidable team, and I would not be able to do the work I do as leader without the support of that team. Everyone, from the whip right through, has been ably assisting me to do this job and I thank them for their loyal service and their support and I look forward to 2019 being another step forward to Labor returning to government in 2022.

As we speak, my wife is probably rushing home, trying to work out where the kids are. She knows exactly where they are all the time. She manages our home amazingly well while also working in a pretty important job in her own right. She is the brains of the operation; she is far smarter than I and I could not do this job without her support.

These jobs are attached permanently with guilt. You feel guilty when you say no to a function because you want to do the right thing by your party and by your constituents, but often when you are at functions you feel guilty because you are not at home with the people who support you and love you the most. My wife's patience is undying. I do not think my children are at the age to fully comprehend that their father is not around as much as he should be, and I want to thank them for their love and their patience, even not knowingly. Hopefully, Christmas is a time we get to spend together and enjoy that.

For everybody else in the state who is not as fortunate as everyone in this room to be in a good job, with loving families, incomes that always guarantee food on the table and a roof over their head, our thoughts are with them as well. Christmas is a time to reflect on how lucky we are and also to commit ourselves to resolving to improve the lives and fortunes of others who are not as fortunate as we are.

At 18:33 the house adjourned until Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 11:00.

*Answers to Questions***HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

479 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). Regarding the Department of Human Services and all agencies reporting to the minister, what Safe Work SA claims have been made since 18 March 2018?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

From 18 March 2018 to 30 June 2018, no claims were submitted by the department to Safe Work SA. However, five mandatory notifiable reports were submitted, comprising four electric shocks and one exposure to chemicals.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

505 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the total number of South Australian Executive Service staff employed by the Department of Human Services and its agencies?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, 36 South Australian Executive Service staff were employed in the department, as reported in the annual report of the department.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

506 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the total number of South Australian Executive Service staff identifying as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander employed by the Department of Human Services and its agencies?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, no South Australian Executive Service staff in the department identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

507 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the total number of South Australian Executive Service staff identifying as living with a disability employed by the Department of Human Services and its agencies?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, one South Australian Executive Service employee in the department identified as having disability.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

508 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the total number of staff identifying as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander employed by the Department of Human Services and its agencies?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, 124 employees in the department identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, as reported in the Workforce Information Collection.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

509 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the total number of staff identifying as living with a disability employed by the Department of Human Services and its agencies?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, 218 employees in the department identified as having disability, as reported in the Workforce Information Collection.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

510 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the percentage of identified Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander employment by the Department of Human Services and its agencies, as a percentage of total departmental employment?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, 2.8 per cent of the workforce in the department identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, as reported in the Workforce Information Collection.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

511 Ms COOK (Hurtle Vale) (29 November 2018). For financial year 2017-18, what is the percentage of identified disability employment by the Department of Human Services and its agencies, as a percentage of total departmental employment?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General): The Minister for Human Services has provided the following:

As at 30 June 2018, 4.9 per cent of the workforce in the department identified as having disability, as reported in the Workforce Information Collection.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MONITORING DEVICE OUTAGE

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (6 November 2018).

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

On 2 November 2018, the Department for Correctional Services' (DCS) Intensive Compliance Unit lost all communications with offenders via the electronic monitoring system due to a Telstra hardware failure. At the time of the outage, there were six offenders who were subject to electronic monitoring pursuant to section 66N of the Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006. DCS main priority during the outage was community safety and in particular, the safety and wellbeing of registered victims.

When the outage occurred, DCS implemented contingency plans including implementing additional resources, and undertaking manual checks of offenders, via telephone calls and home visits, to confirm their locations. With the assistance of South Australia Police (SAPOL), higher risk offenders were targeted with additional checks and visits. A thorough review of victim and intervention order matters was undertaken to inform any relevant actions. No specific risk was identified that necessitated contact with a registered victim. ANCOR was promptly notified of the outage on the morning of 2 November 2018, so in addition to the contingencies that DCS and SAPOL (more broadly) put in place, ANCOR could also undertake any separate assessments and/or put any additional response protocols in place.

PRISONER SUPPORT

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (6 November 2018).

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 Department for Correctional Services acknowledges that stable housing is a protective factor in supporting individuals to live offence-free lives. Via the case management system and discharge planning process, prisoners are provided with assistance and support to source and secure suitable accommodation for release, and to promote a successful reintegration back to the community. Through regular case reviews, prisoner needs are assessed and a prisoner's identified needs are addressed. As part of the discharge planning process, prisoners are linked and referred to services in the community in accordance with their identified needs, including accommodation and housing, and mental health services.

As part of the department's strategy to reduce reoffending 10 per cent by 2020, the department continues to support and monitor a range of targeted housing programs, including the Integrated Housing Exits Program, the ASPIRE Program, and the Women's Integrated Support Program to ensure long-term outcomes for participants. In addition, the department continues to progress the New Foundations pilot program to provide further support to link offenders to appropriate housing and support services if they are at high risk of exiting prison into homelessness or inadequate housing. Offenders in the community under the supervision of the department are supported by their Community Corrections Case Manager to address identified needs, including accommodation and mental health needs.

ST MARGARET'S HOSPITAL

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (7 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

St Margaret's Hospital beds remain open.

KORDAMENTHA

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (7 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

I refer to the statements made on 15 November 2018 in another place by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

HAMPSTEAD REHABILITATION CENTRE

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (7 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Ward 2A at Hampstead has been flexed down. These beds, which were opened for winter demand purposes, remain available to respond to demand when it is appropriate and safe and where staff can be arranged.

CENTRAL ADELAIDE LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK

In reply to **Mr PICTON (Kaurna)** (8 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

I refer the member to the proceedings of Estimates Committee B on Tuesday 25 September 2018 for the government's commitment.

PRISONER SUPERVISION ORDERS

In reply to **Ms BEDFORD (Florey)** (8 November 2018).

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing): I have been advised:

All prisoners and parolees who are eligible for an extended supervision order are considered for such an order in the last 12 months of their prison sentence or period on parole. For further clarity, prisoners who are required to apply for parole can apply six months prior to their conditional release date and the Parole Board then determines approval for release on parole at or after their conditional release date.

For those prisoners who are eligible for automatic parole release, they are released at their conditional release date. In both instances these offenders are reviewed for suitability for an Extended Supervision Order in the last 12 months of their period on parole. The decision whether to pursue an extended supervision order rests with the Attorney-General.

POLICE PROTECTION VESTS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (13 November 2018).

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 Multi-Purpose Load Bearing Vest initiative has commenced. The trial is currently proceeding through a full procurement process, with a comprehensive Acquisition Plan. At this time, 100 Multi-Purpose Load Bearing Vest will be supplied to operation personnel for testing.

POLICE TASERS

In reply to **Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth)** (13 November 2018).

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

The Commissioner of Police has advised me:

South Australia Police (SAPOL) tasers are allocated to patrol officers on a shift to shift basis. All police officers who are trained and qualified in the use of tasers have access to patrol base equipment, which includes tasers. SAPOL policies and procedures direct that one Electronic Control Device (taser) will be worn by a member of each patrol crew per shift (including patrol crews that have one member working solo).

TECHPORT COMMON USER FACILITY

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

The dispute relates to dredging services performed for Defence SA at the former Techport Australia Common User Facility (CUF) and the adjacent ASC submarine facility between October 2016 and November 2017. At the time of preparation of the Auditor-General's report, there was a total of four disputed variation claims totalling \$1.952 million, one of which has been resolved. Defence SA and the dredging contractor have participated in an executive negotiation process in accordance with the contract, which failed to resolve the dispute. In December 2017, following the executive negotiation process, Defence SA confirmed to the dredging contractor its agreement to proceed to mediation, subject to the dredging contractor demonstrating the legal and commercial basis on which their claim is based.

On 3 October 2018, the dredging contractor provided a draft statement of claim demonstrating the contractual basis on which it is relying for its claim and seeking to initiate the mediation process. This draft statement of claim includes a further claim for wrongful termination and a revised calculation method for one claim, which further increases the total value of the claims. Defence SA is currently working with officers from the Crown Solicitor's Office to review the claim and agree the terms for the mediation process which is expected to occur in February 2019. Defence SA will meet any reasonable payment or claim that can be appropriately justified within the contractual provisions, and will continue to take all reasonable steps to resolve this matter, while ensuring responsible expenditure of public funds.

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS TRUST

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Yes.

BECKER HELICOPTERS

In reply to **Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

Becker Helicopters is committed to the company's relocation to Whyalla and is continuing to pursue business development opportunities overseas in order to ensure the necessary contracts are secured to enable the relocation. Becker Helicopters has engaged a contractor for the design of the facilities and has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TAFE SA to form an ongoing training partnership.

The relocation will transform South Australia into a strategic hub for Becker Helicopters, with 80 highly skilled positions and training for 50 international students each year. These skilled roles will offer sustainable employment opportunities, with majority of the support staff to be sourced locally. Becker Helicopters has reached its first agreed milestone of project initiation, and in accordance with the funding agreement, the first instalment has been paid to Becker Helicopters.

AUDITOR-GENERAL CABINET PRESENTATION

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

On 5 July 2018.

CARILLION BRIEFING

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

No. The Auditor-General has provided details regarding Carillion in his annual report which speaks for itself. The government recognises the need for appropriate risk management in regard to government procurement practices. That's why the government's first referral to the Productivity Commission specifically requests that there is an examination of the risk management framework used by public agencies to evaluate supplier bids.

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS TRUST

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

The Commercial Operations Trust was established on 11 April 2016. The Trustee of the trust is Commercial Operations Pty Ltd. The beneficiaries of the Commercial Operations Trust are the South Australian Cricket Association, the SANFL and any association, trust or other organisation that has as its principal object the encouragement of sport and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its members.

AUDITOR-GENERAL CONTROLS OPINION

In reply to **the Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee)** (28 November 2018).

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier): I have been advised:

From 2018-19, the Auditor-General will be undertaking a risk-based approach when forming his controls opinion at a whole-of-government level. This means the Auditor-General will be focusing on public sector agencies that present the most material exposures at a whole-of-government level ie. areas that have the most quantitative and qualitative significance. Based on initial feedback from the Auditor-General's office the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is not one of the agencies that is being prioritised to form a controls opinion at a whole-of-government level. This is largely due to the recent machinery of government changes which have resulted in DPC being a much smaller agency than it was in previous years.