

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

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

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

Bills

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (COMMENCEMENT OF CODE) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (10:32): I move:

That the bill be restored to the *Notice Paper* as a lapsed bill pursuant to section 57 of the Constitution Act 1934.

Motion carried.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption.

(Continued from 18 February 2020.)

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (10:32): It is terrific to have this opportunity to respond to the Governor's speech at the opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament. Before I do, I will take this opportunity to thank His Excellency for the excellent work that he does in the community throughout South Australia and to recognise his long-term service to South Australia, first of all on the Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission and then as the Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia—I think that was for a seven-year period. It is probably the longest apprenticeship of any Governor in the state's history. I think he is now in his fifth year as Governor of South Australia.

There have been some subtle but I believe significant changes in the way that the Governor has made Parliament House accessible. I know from my own experience as a member of parliament and minister of the Crown that the events the Governor attends in community groups and the communities he invites to Government House are much broader than I had seen prior to his appointment as the Queen's representative in South Australia.

He has done an extraordinary job of democratising, if you like, the position of the Queen's representative in South Australia. He has made access to this very high position in South Australia extremely easy for South Australians and I congratulate and thank him for doing that. He and Lan also enjoy the role together, and it is very rare that you do not see them together at an event. Lan does an extraordinary job in her support role for the Queen's representative here in South Australia, but I digress.

I also take this opportunity to respond to the Governor's address on 5 February and talk about the government's agenda. There is no doubt that since the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament a lot has changed in South Australia. An enormous change has been happening—we are getting our mojo back as a state.

No longer do people from interstate describe South Australia as the mendicant state. They see South Australia as a state where they should be and we are seeing that with a reduction in the net loss in migration now compared with two years ago. We lost about 8,000 predominantly young

people every year to the Eastern States or overseas so they could use the skills that they had learnt in the fine education institutions here in South Australia.

That has been reduced by half, but it is still not good enough. We have ambitions to get that down to zero and then move on to making that a positive number, where we see some population growth because people choose to stay in South Australia and people choose to come to South Australia to share in the opportunity that is being delivered through a change in the economic outlook, a change in government policy and the confidence we are seeing in both the business community and the community more broadly.

It is interesting to see in survey after survey that those who are the most confident about the future here in South Australia are those under the age of 30. That is terrific to see because it means that they are more likely to stay here in South Australia to pursue their dreams rather than move interstate. That is always a challenge for South Australian governments, but we relish that challenge.

We are putting processes in place to deliver more opportunities not just for jobs in South Australia but for real careers. When you are doing something you enjoy for a job, it does not feel like a job. Every day on the job, you are doing something you enjoy, and that is what a career is. A career is something that you are doing, that you choose to do and enjoy, that you happen to get paid for.

Of course, we recognise the significant changes that are happening in economies around the world, in western economies and in the economies to our north, where we are seeing a much stronger emphasis on technology. We are seeing new threats coming to industry and to our borders through new technology, but there is no doubt that South Australia also sees those threats as an opportunity for South Australians. One of those key opportunities is the cybersecurity sector.

There is no doubt that the cybersecurity sector is one of the most rapidly expanding sectors worldwide, with global spending expected to increase from around \$131 billion—billion, with a 'b', and these are US figures—to \$250 billion within about five years. It is an extraordinary increase in the amount of spending. You might ask yourself: what is driving this? Why are we seeing such an increase in the spending on cybersecurity services around the world? Of course, we are becoming more and more connected to each other through various media.

We are using technology in more and more areas of our lives, even if we are not aware that we are using it. Of course, anybody who uses the GPS to get from A to B is using artificial intelligence. They are connected to the rest of the world. When I visit small businesses and talk about cybersecurity, I always find it interesting that they actually think that it is not of any concern to them. They think that it is something the banks, governments and big business need to worry about. The fact is that about three-quarters of small businesses—three in four small businesses—have experienced some form of cyber breaches in their business, and many of them do not even realise that has happened.

It reminds me of my early days in business in the 1980s and into the 1990s, when computers started to pop up at the bank and in government and small businesses were saying, 'Computers are for big business, for government, for banks. They are not for small businesses.' However, we now see that you simply cannot get buy in any business, or even in your own personal life, without being computer literate, without having access to a computer or that smart phone you have in your pocket. Cybersecurity is the same. Very soon, people will realise how important cybersecurity is for their own wellbeing and how important it is for their small business and their personal security.

At the same time, cybersecurity is one of the most modern technological challenges of the global economy, with ever-increasing personal, professional and organisational security risks, which I covered earlier. Of course, the South Australian government is engaging with businesses and universities and we are working with the government provider for vocational education, TAFE SA, to develop cybersecurity ecosystems in South Australia to ensure that we make the most of the opportunities to advance the digital economy here in South Australia and deliver those jobs and careers that young people require.

Just to give you some idea of how desirable careers in the IT sector are, in relation to the Microsoft traineeship that was announced towards the end of last year, there were 15 positions available through the group training organisation MEGT and 1,500 people applied for those positions. You certainly do not get that number of applications for many of the more traditional vocational

pathways. Since the introduction of the Skilling South Australia program, more opportunities are appearing and more apprentices and trainees are coming into the workforce in South Australia.

The South Australian government has committed \$8.9 million to develop the Australian cyber collaboration centre (A3C) at Lot Fourteen. The A3C will provide critical infrastructure, including a cyber range, training facilities and office space to enable businesses and government to test equipment, train the cyber workforce and collaborate to address cyber challenges. We are growing our local cybersecurity industry skills. We are focused on training and skilling the cybersecurity workforce.

Last year, Adelaide University introduced a Master of Cyber Security degree to their curriculum to support that university pathway into cybersecurity. With a lot of technology jobs, we are seeing a growing demand for vocational pathways where you have a combination of on-the-job training and off-the-job training. Those technology skills change very quickly, so it is important to implement in the workplace what you have learnt in the classroom sooner rather than later, otherwise what you may have learnt in the classroom earlier during your training may no longer be relevant by the time you get into the workforce or it may have changed significantly since you learnt it.

Having that combination of on-the-job training and off-the-job training almost simultaneously means that we are getting better training outcomes. This is something that we are seeing happening all over the Western world. In the UK, brand-new apprenticeships are being developed in white-collar areas, and skills and professions that were previously not delivered through vocational education are now actually being delivered through apprenticeships. PwC in the UK offers apprenticeships for consultants. BAE in the UK offers apprenticeships for engineering degrees. These are new concepts for Australia and concepts that we are obviously very interested in developing.

In the cybersecurity space, we have an industry cybersecurity traineeship and a public sector cybersecurity traineeship, both of which deliver a Cert IV in Cyber Security through group training organisations. The industry offering the cybersecurity traineeship becomes the host employer, the company, and in the public sector the government department becomes the host employer and the employment status stays with the GTO. Through the good work of my ministerial colleague the Minister for Education, we also have a flexible pathway through high school into cybersecurity, where a Cert III in ICT and two components of the Cert IV in Cyber Security are taught with a combination of on-the-job and off-the-job training.

I was very pleased to meet the first five cohorts of the cybersecurity traineeship through the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment at the TAFE campus earlier in January. There were some very excited young people who had just finished year 12. A number of them saw university as their only option for where they wanted to go until this opportunity came up with a traineeship in cybersecurity. Consequently, they were very pleased to be able to start earning money while they were working three days a week in the business, with one day a week at TAFE and one day a week at school in their final year. This is a terrific concept that we are seeing being rolled out across many other industries and skill sets in our school system.

These new traineeships support broader workforce and skills pipeline initiatives that are being designed to be delivered through the new Australian cyber collaboration centre (A3C) within Lot Fourteen. While based in South Australia, the A3C is intended to provide a national focus for cybersecurity collaboration, which is important. We have learnt that collaboration is key when it comes to technology and economies the size of the South Australian economy. As a new government, we have been successful in initiating and facilitating a lot more collaboration within industry and across industry to achieve goals to increase the skilled workforce that we have in South Australia.

We started from a very low base: a 66 per cent fall in the number of trainees and apprentices in South Australia from 2012 through to about 2018. Every year, we saw fewer and fewer apprentices and trainees being signed up into learning contracts in South Australia, and that has left us with a very severe skills deficit. On top of that, we also have a mismatch of skills in South Australia. We have skills in some of those older industries that are no longer operating in South Australia or have transitioned dramatically.

A number of businesses that were in the automotive industry have transitioned very successfully into the defence sector. One that comes to mind is Axiom. Five or six years ago, 95 per cent of their business was in the automotive industry. The nature of the automotive industry, despite all the government subsidies it received, was that those suppliers to the automotive industry were price takers. The price that they got for their products was dictated by the motor industry. They were down to between 30 and 35 staff who were contracted substantially under the motor industry.

Five or six years later, their staff has now doubled in size. I have been advised that they are making the sort of money they should be making for the effort and the work they are putting into the products they are producing for the defence sector, and they are employing apprentices here in South Australia. What is great about that model is that many of the management team that I met at Axiom started their careers as apprentices in that company. It is a terrific example of why it is so important that we have a strong skills base in South Australia.

We have situations in regional South Australia where a business may apply for a skill, whether it be a chef or cook, some other position in the tourism industry or a position in the agricultural sector, where you might require a skill set at a vocational educational level. Fifty per cent of those jobs that are advertised remain unfilled. If you are looking for a chef, you have about a one in four chance of getting that position filled in regional South Australia. That is the feedback I am getting when I visit regional South Australia.

Of course, we now have a very strong entrepreneurial attitude in South Australia. We have gone from being a state that expected handouts to a state that now is looking to exploit opportunities. It is a complete change in mindset. As a state, we are saying, 'We are open for business. We want you to exploit your ideas to develop jobs and careers in South Australia. We want you to make money here in South Australia, because we know that if you are making money in South Australia you will deliver careers for others and you will bring investors to South Australia.'

We stand under the portrait of Tom Playford here. He transformed the South Australian economy from that which is depicted in our carpet. We have wheat and grapes, representing the agricultural industry, which was the basis of our economy until the transformation into manufacturing that we saw delivered through Tom Playford.

The transition we are going through at the moment, with our entrepreneurship, can-do attitude and our focus on new and emerging industries, our focus on the defence sector and high-technology industries and jobs that will be required for that sector, is a new area, just as the Playford era was a new era for South Australia. The Playford period was a modernisation of the South Australian economy. The Marshall period is another modernisation of the South Australian economy; there is no doubt about that.

Last night, it was terrific to be at the state dinner to commemorate the opening of the national Space Agency here in South Australia. I was very pleased to see the bipartisan support, with the Leader of the Opposition and his wife in attendance. Many of the representatives from the countries that are in the space industry that are investing in South Australia were also there. I had the fortune to sit next to Joe North from Lockheed Martin and learned an enormous amount about the opportunities there are, particularly in working with machine learning and the artificial intelligence sector for defence systems here in South Australia.

This is a whole new ball game. Just like Tom Playford bringing mass manufacturing to South Australia in the fifties and sixties, we are seeing mass technology come into South Australia and industry 4.0 coming to South Australia under the Marshall government. This is changing South Australia forever. We will not be able to look back from this, but we have to get it right. We simply have a set of opportunities here at the moment and we have to now turn those into success stories for South Australians.

That will include co-investment from interstate companies and co-investment from overseas companies, just like the establishment of an Australian car manufacturing business in South Australia relied on an investment from a US conglomerate, General Motors. The partnership of General Motors and William Holden delivered an Australian icon in South Australia. William Holden could not do it on his own; he was simply making other people's products under licence. It was not until the partnership with a big foreign company that we saw Holden become an Australian institution. It might sound ironic

to some, but I think we need to understand how important it is that we have investment in South Australia for our economy to grow.

Of course, in October I was very pleased to launch the Startup Hub @ Lot Fourteen with the Premier. It is operated by Stone and Chalk, which has been in operation for four or five years, first in Sydney, then in Melbourne and now in Adelaide. Isn't it great to hear that: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, not Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and not Sydney, Melbourne, Perth but Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide. It is terrific to see that a company like Stone and Chalk has been responsible since it was established for raising nearly half a billion dollars of investment in start-ups for its clients in Sydney and Melbourne. This is what the Startup Hub is all about: it is about supporting people with ideas, marrying them up with entrepreneurs, turning on their entrepreneurial skills and abilities, and assisting them to scale up their businesses.

When I was there about a month ago, there was what normally might have been considered a sad situation: one of the companies that had been at the Startup Hub for just a few months was moving out. Why were they moving out? Because they had grown to the stage where they were too big and too successful to stay in the Startup Hub. It is a start-up hub: it is not hammock and it is not somewhere where you can run a business with a subsidy or support when you do not need it or when your business is successful.

It is about getting businesses to a stage where we can open the door of the cage and out they fly like beautiful doves spreading their joy and success around the world. That is the Startup Hub we have operating at Lot Fourteen. There are 35 companies there already with 140 desks, and more will come online this year and next year. Eventually, we will have 650 desks operating in that start-up hub. It will be the largest start-up hub in Australia because we are focused and serious about the entrepreneurial sector.

In the short time I have left I want to speak about our skilling program and how important it is. The situation was not that when we got into office we had to start climbing the ladder of success when it came to delivering skills in South Australia. We had to actually dig ourselves out of a hole and the mess that the previous government had left. Remember, they went to the election without a skills policy. They went to the election after stripping TAFE of one-third of its staff and closing down numerous TAFE facilities around South Australia, defunding the non-government providers, in other words, not allowing them access to the Subsidised Training List.

Only 350 skills courses were available on the Subsidised Training List when we came to office, and only a third of them were available to the non-government sector. Now there are over 800 skill sets and courses available on the Subsidised Training List, and every single one of them is available to the non-government sector. What has that delivered? If you read the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services, you will see we spent an extra \$54 million on vocational education in South Australia in our first year in office compared with Labor's last year in office.

We said in the lead-up to the election that we would spend more on vocational education, and we are delivering on that and getting outcomes. In traineeships and apprenticeships in the first three quarters of our first full year of rolling out the Skilling South Australia program, we saw a 17.1 per cent increase in the number of training and apprenticeship contracts. Just to make it absolutely clear, these are young people and, in many cases, people over the age of 25, up to the age of 55, being paid by their employers under a training contract to learn a new skill through a traineeship or apprenticeship.

These are not pre-apprenticeship programs, and these are not programs that people are doing in their own time and paying fees for. These are government-funded traineeships and apprenticeships where people are actually being paid in real jobs to learn. That is one of the massive benefits of an apprenticeship or traineeship: you are paid to learn. It is a significant investment from the employer. We need to recognise that, and we are doing that; we are recognising that.

We are also making sure that parents, the influencers of young people in particular, and young people themselves understand the benefits they will receive from a vocational pathway. Consequently, we are seeing an increase in the number of applications, an increase in the skill levels

that those people have for those applications and an increase in the number of people signing contracts for training who are operating and being employed under a contract of training.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (11:02): I stand today to speak to the Address in Reply to the Governor's speech to open the Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament. I would like to firstly acknowledge and thank the Governor and Mrs Le for their service to our community and state. I think it is fair to say that they are a highly respected couple and community leaders in South Australia. I must confess that wherever I go in this state I hear nothing but praise for the work they are doing for our state. Given their background, what they have been able to achieve is even more remarkable. That in itself speaks to the contribution that migrants, in whatever shape or form they come to this country, can make to this great nation.

The Governor paid respect to the traditional lands of the Kurna people. I would also like to pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging. In his speech, the Governor quite rightly also acknowledged the devastating bushfires we have had in our state and the suffering and grief they caused for people right across the state, not only on Kangaroo Island but also in the Adelaide Hills, the South-East and elsewhere.

He also made particular mention of those who lost their lives, including those who came from overseas to help us. With him, I think this chamber would extend our deepest sympathies to their loved ones and all those who have suffered. The Governor also quite rightly acknowledged and thanked those people who have been involved in the rescue, recovery and relief efforts not only in South Australia but across our country.

I would like to thank the Governor for his opening address, but I must say I cannot thank the speechwriters for what was an overlong speech that contained little vision, no hope and no plan for a better future for South Australia. In fact, the Gettysburg Address, which was much shorter, offered much more hope and inspiration to that nation than this speech, which went for over one hour. I think it was probably the longest opening address I have encountered in my time in this parliament. As I said, its length in itself does not say it was a good speech. That is not a reflection on the Governor, who delivered it extremely well, but on the people who wrote the speech.

The Governor said that his government accepted the challenge of creating more jobs, improving services and reducing costs to households and businesses. It may be true that the government has accepted that challenge, but it is also true that it has not delivered on this challenge. Sadly, this government—which is more concerned about its own internal politicking at the moment, factional infighting and those sorts of issues—may use both the bushfires and the coronavirus as an excuse for its poor economic performance.

The Hon. T.J. Whetstone interjecting:

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: The minister for agriculture scoffs, but I am sure that in future, when things get worse, they will start blaming the bushfires and the virus for the decline, particularly in the areas of tourism and regional development. That said, this government should not be permitted to do so because the rot of this government had set in way before these two major events occurred.

The Governor went on to outline the government's proposals and also their achievements—I say alleged; they have not been proved—in reducing costs to families and businesses. It is interesting because they have actually increased taxes, fees and charges. There is the tradie tax, the hospital car parking tax and the bin tax, and a whole range of other taxes have been increased, which go on and on. It is interesting how you can reduce costs to families and businesses by increasing those taxations.

The Governor went on to elaborate on the government's continuing focus on providing better government services. While I acknowledge that the government is doing some things in this area, it is also true, in my view, that the government's policies will make it harder for about 30 per cent of our population to access services as it downgrades or privatises face-to-face services. If you are technologically literate, certainly there are new opportunities, but if you are not you are left behind.

The government makes no apology. In other words, if you cannot access government services through technology, this government essentially does not care about you, so the inequality in our community grows not only in the financial and economic sense but also in terms of access to

government services. The government's response to everything seems to be either technology or an app.

For a lot of people in our community, neither technology nor an app is a solution for them to access government services. When these matters are raised, I think sometimes the government's response is a little demeaning of a number of people in our community who, for a range of reasons, cannot access technology or do not have the literacy. Many in the migrant communities and also many people in country areas have poor technology services.

This second session of this parliament was meant to give the government a chance to reset its agenda. That is the language that has been used. In my opinion, the government has squandered that opportunity. As I said earlier, it prefers to spend most of its time on infighting within the Liberal Party, as we have seen examples of over the last few weeks and also at the end of the last period. They seem to put more time and resources into their infighting than they do into actually advancing the interests of this state.

So what is the vision for the future as outlined in the Governor's speech on behalf of the government? The speech rests on three failed policies. That, in essence, is the sum total of this government's vision for the state. Despite having 18 years to prepare for this opportunity, this government has delivered the worst reset agenda in the history of this state and of this parliament.

In his speech on behalf of the government, the Governor went on to detail the infrastructure plan. We have heard about the infrastructure plan for the past two years yet, to date, the only things to be delivered in terms of that infrastructure plan are those which were initiated by the previous state Labor government. I am happy to be corrected, but I cannot recall any new initiatives that have been delivered on the ground.

According to the Governor's speech, the government's 'greatest infrastructure challenge remains the north-south corridor through the Adelaide metropolitan area'. This is a challenge for any government. Importantly, an adjunct project to this north-south corridor was GlobeLink. The government promised to deliver the GlobeLink project to this state sometime during their political lifetime; they have now dumped that project.

This certainly came as no surprise to many in the industry and to those councils directly and indirectly affected, such as the Adelaide Hills Council, the Rural City of Murray Bridge, the Mount Barker District Council and the City of Mitcham. None of them were surprised when the Liberal government dumped the project because they knew the terms of reference were such that it was never going to take off. It was never going to happen and was just thought up prior to the election in order to secure some votes.

In dumping that project, there are casualties. I can assure you that, from my recent discussions with various local governments in the regions when I went to the Southern and Hills Local Government Association meeting, the councils are not really happy with this government. The government have offered no alternative to the dumped GlobeLink project. The way the councils see this is that they now miss out on everything.

Despite the spin put on this matter by government spokespersons, when you read through the transcripts of what was promised before the election you can see it was not just a study. In fact, a spokesperson said it would be a study first and would then be delivered. If my memory is correct, even the Premier said it would be delivered. So that is another broken promise and yet another reason why this government cannot be trusted. It was both a broken and false promise because it was never going to be delivered.

Another thing mentioned in the Governor's speech on behalf of the government was the proposed stadium for the inner city. I understand it has been nicknamed the 'GlobeLink stadium' because it has as much chance of getting up as the GlobeLink project. It is another one of those ideas whereby the government is trying to create the impression that it is doing something for the state, rather than delivering anything. This is something that this government does well, especially during question time, where they repeat and reannounce things on a number of occasions. Further into the speech, the Governor says:

Naval shipbuilding is delivering a sophisticated, high-end manufacturing sector to complement the agricultural, mining and service industries that remain central to the South Australian economy.

I think that is a true statement; I do not have any difficulties accepting that. We have since learned that the naval industry is not going to deliver the jobs as promised by the federal Liberal government. Current and former federal ministers have backtracked on the amount of local content of this vast project in this area. It is interesting that it was 90 per cent local content, and now it is not that at all. Actually, nobody seems to be able to say what the local content is and what the opportunities are for jobs in this state in the naval and shipbuilding industry.

Unfortunately, we have been duded by the federal Liberal government in this regard, and they have been aided and abetted by the Marshall Liberal government in this state, because certainly they are not standing up for this state in terms of what has been said federally about what is not going to happen, unfortunately, with that industry. There is another quote that is useful to read into the record. It is an aspiration, one that I think is good. The aspiration states: 'Where your future isn't limited by the suburb, town, region or nation in which you were brought up.'

I agree with that, and it should be true—it should be a true statement. Unfortunately, under this government, it is not true. If you live in the northern parts of Gawler or in the northern parts of this state—and by 'northern' I mean the northern suburbs—support for that region has been abandoned by this government. That includes the range of support for workers who are losing their jobs through the restructuring of the economy that occurred under our government and will occur under this government. However, the difference is that we actually gave people an opportunity to retrain and to rebuild their lives. We had programs in place to support workers through that difficult time—not only workers but also their families—when they were losing their employment because of the restructuring of our economy.

Restructuring of the economy has occurred since the year dot and will continue to occur. The major difference is what we do as a society, what this government does to reflect its values and what we do to support those people who are bearing the cost of that restructuring. I can tell you that in the north the cost is being borne by local families who are not supported by this government at all. The burden also falls on local communities and local governments, which have limited resources to respond.

The speech goes on to state, 'My Government continues to lower costs for South Australian families and businesses.' It is one thing to lower costs—and maybe it is lowering costs when the government creates some sort of fake balanced budget for the state Treasurer. However, what it is actually doing is shifting the cost from government to individuals and families. All those increases in charges and taxes, etc., are a shifting of costs.

For example, a number of people in my community have come to see me about the cost of car parking at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Whether it is a cleaner who tries to find a safe car park—who needs a park in a secure car park—or a nurse who works on night shift, or a cleaner who is working on different shifts, the truth is that in some cases these employees have actually had to give up their car park because the cost of an extra \$800 a year is too much for the family budget.

Certainly, three or four people of different backgrounds have approached me. One was a person who is a cleaner. She said the increase was so huge, relative to her income, that she had to give up her car park. There was also a nurse who works part time who spoke to me, and she had to think about giving up her car park. She works on night shift, and there are issues around safety and security. So when I hear, in this chamber, about what we are doing to improve the safety and security of staff in hospitals, it sounds a bit hollow, given that often people have to give up secure car parking because of the sheer cost involved now and that they need to park on the street, quite a distance away from their place of work.

As you go through the Governor's speech, made on behalf of the government, you have to go through quite a few pages before you find some substance. The next point I would like to bring to the attention of this house is contained in this comment:

...the Premier has taken the tourism portfolio to drive support across government and a senior government role has been created to coordinate the rebuild of the Kangaroo Island and Adelaide Hills economies and communities.

That has been a huge success. That has been an outstanding success. We have seen it already happen. The day the Premier became minister, he choofed off out of our state under the cover of darkness. The one reason he gave for the investment and trade minister not to be the tourism minister was that he could not actually spend enough time in the state on the ground to deliver the tourism things that our Kangaroo Island and Hills people needed. It is an irony that the very next day the Premier did exactly the same thing.

Putting that aside for a moment, one of the concerns I have is the Premier's capacity to deliver in this area in terms of his other portfolios. One portfolio I share with him, as opposition spokesperson, and one often has to question his commitment to that portfolio, given that he is also Premier, which is in itself a huge job. What time, resources and commitment can he make to the tourism portfolio, given the workload of that position? I just hope that he can do more justice to the tourism portfolio than he does to the other ones he is involved in.

As you go through this speech again, you flick across quite a few pages before you find something of note to read or look at. When I come to page 20 of the Governor's speech, on behalf of the government the Governor states:

During this session, my government will introduce comprehensive legislation to reform our Local Government sector.

That is certainly an area of interest to me because of not only my previous role in local government but also my shadow role as minister for local government. Last year, the minister released four discussion papers regarding different aspects of reform to the local government sector. It is interesting that many of the ideas in those discussion papers were also in the opposition's ratepayer protection bill last year, which the minister dutifully urged his colleagues to vote down. It is interesting that the very same ideas we had in opposition and we put to the government to look at were voted down because, in his words, they were meaningless, and he used a whole range of other adjectives, yet those same ideas are in his discussion paper for reform of local government. The government asked the Governor to tell us:

The legislation will be guided by recommendations my Government is considering from the Productivity Commission following its inquiry into local government costs and efficiency.

It is almost impossible to take the government at its word, as it tends to ignore the independent advice it does not like and certainly believes that it has a better idea of local government than local government itself. The speech then goes on to say:

In full cooperation with councils across the state, my Government is also delivering on the final stages of a new planning system.

I have yet to find one council of the 68 councils in this state that actually agrees with the minister on that comment—not one. Not one council has said, 'We fully support what the minister is doing with his new Planning and Design Code.' I do not have to tell you this because I am sure you across there have heard from your own councils that they have concerns about this Planning and Design Code. In fact, a number of people in the regions and also in the metropolitan area have written to me.

Only today I received further emails about the minister's Planning and Design Code from people who are concerned about what it will deliver. In their view, it will wreak havoc in their communities, destroying the very fabric of these communities through the minister's pro demolition policies. If the government really wants to deliver on these reforms, it needs to genuinely consult and listen to not only the local government sector but also communities before it imposes this code on our communities.

However, I have to acknowledge that the minister has listened in part: he has delayed the introduction of the Planning and Design Code. Interestingly enough, he has resurrected a bill, moved by the Greens and supported by Labor and other crossbenchers in the upper house last year, to give him the right to delay the introduction of the design code which, interestingly enough, the Liberal Party opposed in the upper house. The minister has now actually reinstated the same bill in this house to do what most people were saying five months ago. Unfortunately, it just takes the minister a little while to listen and act.

He set up a review panel for this design code. It is interesting that this expert panel is the same expert panel that advised him in the first place. But when you look through the expert panel's report of the review you notice that the terms of reference of the review were such that they had no choice but to support the minister's Planning and Design Code; it had no choice. That was made very clear in the ERD Committee early this week, when evidence was given that it was quite clear that the terms of reference were designed to give the minister the answer he was looking for.

As I move through the speech, through more and more pages, I believe that I will come to a page where there is something interesting to note. I come to page 39. I could not find anything else interesting to talk about, so I have added some of my own words here. Of the 39 pages—

Mr Pederick: I'm going to send this across the road.

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

The Hon. A. PICCOLO: They are the only things worthy of noting and talking about, the rest is just—I am trying to find words as to what the rest of the speech is about. I can hardly find words that are appropriate or parliamentary.

In terms of my own community and electorate, the only projects that have been undertaken in the first two years of this government have been those initiated by the previous state Labor government. For example, there is no new money for any station upgrades or park-and-rides and no new road safety measures in my electorate at all. Gawler and the north have been abandoned by this Marshall Liberal government, and I am sure that people will remember this in 2022.

This is an address by this government that looks back and offers nothing for the future. It is a squandered opportunity by this Marshall Liberal government that is busy with factional infighting. The state and the people of South Australia deserve better.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (11:27): I rise today to speak in reply to the Governor's speech. As we commence the Second Session of this Fifty-Fourth Parliament, I look forward to continuing to advocate for my constituents in the electorate of MacKillop. I remain proud to represent the constituents of MacKillop and look forward to serving them in this Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament.

I look forward to the continued delivery of the responsive and effective support for people affected by the fires who have lost so much. The communities of Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills have endured shocking fire events and are continuing to address challenges to re-establish their homes, businesses and lives. The MacKillop electorate, too, was not left untouched by the fires over this summer period.

Fires at Coonalpyn, Bunbury, Nangwarry, Keilira, Keith and near Robe, to name a few, required a substantial effort by the local CFS, landholders and aerial firefighting to bring them under control. These fires were responded to by landowners and CFS volunteers with support from the CFS and DEW staff from across the region, many of whom had already been deployed since September to firefighting efforts in New South Wales and in the Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island fires.

I will speak in more detail on the fires in another motion, but I would like to say that I am grateful for the ongoing and generous support for those affected by these fires by the wider community. I look forward to those impacted by the fires seeing the benefits of the financial rebates and grants that are being offered through our government, the private sector and the federal government to help people get back on their feet as soon as they can. It is my hope that the affected communities can access the support they need to help them navigate and emerge from this difficult time emotionally stronger and more resilient.

As we move into this session of parliament, I am looking forward to building on the improvements that have been made by our government since March 2018 for our state and regions. We have seen ongoing improvements in our regional road network but we still have much more work to do on this front. We have seen the protection of some of our key agricultural products through the strong stance that we have taken in relation to biosecurity for our agricultural sectors.

We have seen the opportunities and renewed focus that the devolution and management of health care is bringing to our regions and the many initiatives that have been implemented to keep money in the pockets of our community to generate economic wellbeing, including cutting the emergency services levy and reducing payroll tax for small businesses. In this session, I look forward to our government building on many other initiatives that are focused on attracting investment and growing business confidence, productivity and jobs in this state.

There is much to be done in this session and I look forward to continuing, as part of the Marshall Liberal government, to address the catch-up that is required that is a sad legacy of the undeniable neglect by the previous Labor government of those individuals, families and businesses who live beyond the tollgate. As I have stated many times in this house before, the regions of our state are an economic powerhouse, contributing in excess of \$25 billion to the economy of South Australia.

Our regional road network is essential for business and the community. I look forward to seeing further progress on improving the condition of our regional roads, in particular, the significant and important road network in MacKillop. Without a doubt, roads are one of the highest priority issues for the constituents of my electorate. They want and deserve better roads for the safety of road users and the conduct of business and their lives across the electorate.

My constituents are looking forward to the restoration of speed limits on one of our key roads, the Clay Wells Road, which is scheduled for delivery in the electorate this year, and to further progress the ongoing repair and upgrade of our roads to better handle the significant freight and everyday traffic movement across the electorate. I am looking forward to the installation of the passing lanes between Naracoorte and Keith, and two more between Naracoorte and Penola on the Riddoch Highway. This will make the road even safer than it is today.

The finalisation of the Penola bypass will make the main street of Penola a much safer and more pleasant location to conduct business. It will enhance Penola as a tourism destination, making the town's many cafes, shops and the Mary MacKillop interpretive centre an even greater pleasure to visit. I am hoping that our government also sees the community's concern that the bypass means traffic will go around the town of Penola. We are hoping that good signage and advertising of all that is held within Penola is well promoted for those who want to pass through the town so that they can enjoy those facilities in a way that is not seen today because of the heavy traffic going through the main street.

I understand that the backlog of works required on our state's regional roads means that prioritisation needs to occur. I am pleased to see our state government investing in roads in partnership with our federal counterparts, a benefit of having governments with a common goal. Our government's recorded \$1.1 billion regional road and infrastructure package that was announced in last year's state budget will improve country roads and save lives. Apparently, this package will rectify over 1,000 kilometres around our regions, working hand in hand with the federal government and, as I have done many times, working with Tony Pasin, the federal member for Barker.

The recent devastating 25,000-hectare fire at Keilira in my electorate, which started in December last year, has once again shone a light on the desperate need for better mobile phone coverage for regions, specifically in my electorate. The combined efforts of CFS volunteers and staff, local farm fire units and other volunteers and households in the line of the fire to fight the fire and stay safe on 30 December were challenged by the lack of mobile phone coverage in this area. There was no louder message from the local Keilira community during and following the fire than the message that it is unacceptable to have no mobile phone coverage.

The Keilira district is a well-documented mobile blackspot and I have been advocating for a mobile phone tower in this area for some time. I will continue to advocate for a better service for these people and look forward to working with the Minister for Primary Industries and Regions and my federal colleagues to achieve better telecommunication outcomes for Keilira and more broadly for my electorate. The safety of our rural community and preparedness for natural disaster should be underscored by adequate telecommunication and mobile services. We also know that the conduct of effective transactions in this age demands good mobile and internet service. Without it, businesses will not reach their potential and, as a state, we will be challenged in meeting our potential growth.

Regarding the mobile phone towers—and I was made aware of this—when we look at what the electricity grid did for Australia, particularly South Australia and our regional areas, where they laid out an electrical grid right across the state, no matter whether you were 500 kilometres from Port Augusta or two or three kilometres outside any major town or city, you were connected to a grid which was built and constructed with government funds.

This is where I think the mobile telephone network has really suffered. Not to suggest any one political party is responsible or any government but, because the network has been left mainly to our mobile carriers and businesses, there has not been a rollout of infrastructure with government backing, as we saw with the electricity grid. I think when you look at what South Australia has, with over 500 blackspots, and the way that the towers are rolling out, it is going to take a long time to fill in all these blackspots, and whether they will even be accomplished is yet to be seen.

When you look at the economic benefit of putting in a mobile tower with government/taxpayers' funds, whether they be federal or state, it does not really stack up commercially. It is up to the telco, and the telco benefits from that investment by its asset and expenditure, and then we talk about returns. The system seems broken. No wonder it is taking so long to unfold. That is not to suggest anyone has done anything wrong here, but it is no wonder it is taking a long time to unravel and get this mobile phone coverage across our great land, be it Australia or South Australia, with the way that it is being conducted today. I would challenge both our state government and our federal government counterparts to a fix in this area.

Effective biosecurity measures are critical to our primary producers across the state. They are important for the protection of South Australia's reputation for exceptional food and fibre. Effective legislation, efficient regulatory measures that are fit for purpose, an increased awareness of biosecurity risks and business owners being proactive in managing our biosecurity risks should be a foundation on which our agricultural businesses can thrive in domestic and international markets.

Importantly, effective biosecurity measures are needed for the protection of our natural environment and habitats. Our government is building and securing the good work that has been done by our state in ensuring that South Australia is free of a range of pests and diseases that are present in other parts of Australia, notably fruit fly and phylloxera. When I refer to the work of our state, I refer to the work of our government and previous governments and, importantly, our engaged primary industry sector partners who know all too well what is at stake.

As to fruit fly, our government has taken a zero tolerance approach to bringing fruit, vegetables and other plant products into South Australia. We have implemented significant penalties for bringing fruit into the state. Those who are found with restricted items at our quarantine stations and roadblocks near disposal bins will be fined. We have stepped up the policing at these locations. I am very proud and pleased that our government has taken this strong stance and the way that the fines were rolled out initially. The amount of fruit that was going across when the patrols were lifted was intolerable, requiring increased policing at these roadblocks, and even one-off spot checks on roads without stations. No wonder this state has been suffering from fruit fly outbreaks with this lack of policing. I am so pleased that we have turned that around. Long may it last. May we do an even better job than we are doing today.

Phylloxera can affect our significant wine industry in South Australia. We need to ensure it is protected from the disease. The MacKillop wine regions include Padthaway, Mundulla, Wrattenbully, Mount Benson and Coonawarra. We are very fortunate not to suffer from phylloxera and I am hoping it stays that way. With the quarantine, the education and the opportunities to clean and disinfect machinery when crossing borders, may it be as good as we can manage to put in place and that it does the job that we require to protect our vineyard industry and wine industry.

Our government will establish a new biosecurity act in this parliament. I look forward to the agricultural sector and wider community engaging in this process to deliver a fit-for-purpose and modernised piece of legislation that will stand our state in good stead for the future. This is an initiative that will add value and provide important protections for our agricultural sector.

Aligned to biosecurity and providing so much more to our agricultural businesses is our government's work to deliver trespass laws to protect the business, livelihoods and safety of our hardworking primary production and agribusiness sectors. The delivery of trespass laws in this

parliament will be a measure that provides certainty and protection to allow our primary production sector to value-add and flourish.

Our government's emphasis on agricultural technology in the coming years will support the uptake of agricultural technology in our agricultural sector and will provide more opportunities for our agricultural sector to grow and enhance the way we do business in the state. The focus of this program is to grow agriculture to a \$100 billion industry by 2030.

Wool and red meat have been a traditional mainstay of our livestock sector. Our government's investment of \$7½ million in red meat and wool is welcome. This investment is focused on expanding our state's red meat and wool production, enhancing the reliability of supply and quality assurance for beneficial market outcomes. There is potential for the expansion of red meat exports from our state. This, in turn, adds value to our local economies, including employment through red meat processing and allied industries.

Investment will carry many benefits through the value chain, provide value for growers, processors and, in that context, value-add to regional communities as a whole. Our government is seeking to make strategic investments to deliver these benefits for our state. MacKillop has many processing businesses, employing a significant number of people both directly and indirectly through important trade industries.

We have the meatworks at Naracoorte owned by Teys, which employs 600 or 700 employees and is looking to expand. It has a number of issues in the township, which I will touch on later. JBS at Bordertown, which processes mainly lamb but also mutton, also has a number of issues in the town of Bordertown, which I will also address later. However, they are very valuable businesses to not only the agricultural sector but both Bordertown and Naracoorte.

The focus our government is bringing in this parliament to the environment and sustainability is important. Our government's emphasis and leadership in waste management is a key initiative for this parliament. The establishment of this state as a national epicentre for waste and resource recovery is an issue that will build on our state's leadership in this space. In particular, I look forward to the opportunities this will bring for our regional councils in reducing the waste stream.

We know there are many challenges for the management of waste in our regions. It is one of the great challenges for our regions in the sense that rubbish and recycling is an impediment to our regions due to the tyranny of transport and the small collection depots that our regional centres have to deal with. I hope, with our government's focus on waste and recycling, that we can address all those aspects, from the massive pool of waste created in Adelaide to the small amounts of waste in our regional extremities like Mount Gambier and the smaller towns beyond that and then right over to Eyre Peninsula and Ceduna. The delivery of our government's commitment in this parliament to ban single-use plastics will no doubt assist in the management of waste.

The MacKillop electorate has substantial coastline. Climatic variability and storm surges are resulting in increased pressure on our coastal environments. This is providing an ever-increasing pressure on our local governments to manage and stabilise the movement of sand and prevent erosion. To date, it has been pleasing that the coastal councils of MacKillop have been effective in seeking funds through the Regional Coast Protection Fund established by our government to support them to plan for and manage these issues.

Through this fund, the Wattle Range Council accessed \$105,000 to repair the Beachport seawall and undertake the construction of beach access works at Southend. The Wattle Range Council also has been successful in accessing \$71,000 through the research and development fund for a modelling study of Rivoli Bay and the community engagement materials that will be developed. The District Council of Robe was successful in accessing \$22,500 for the completion of beach replenishment works at Main Beach, Fox Beach and Hooper Beach.

Those sorts of funds and help for Robe council really highlight that the Robe council is only a small council. It is very efficient and small in terms of rate collection as well as staff, employees and works. These sorts of funds go a long way to helping these small councils. The Kingston District Council was successful in accessing \$132,500 through the Regional Coast Protection Fund to fund

geotextile work bags to protect the Wyomi Beach seawall and the development of the coastal adaptation strategy.

I am pleased that these funds have come to our region and I will certainly encourage councils in my electorate to continue to look for opportunities and seek further funding support through the Regional Coast Protection Fund. It will be important for these and other regional councils to continue to build a case for funding to ensure we can do our very best to protect our natural and built coastal assets.

I am fortunate to have the Coorong in my electorate, a wonderful natural asset that requires our protection and management. It is the home of a significant fishery, a haven for international, national and local birdlife, and it is the traditional home of the Ngarrindjeri people. I believe it still has significant untapped tourism potential. I welcome our government's emphasis to this parliament in leveraging nature-based tourism benefits from our natural assets, our parks and reserves.

The MacKillop electorate is home to some of our state's unique and most important natural assets, from the Coorong to our rugged coast and the unique and spectacular Naracoorte Caves. I will be working for my electorate in this parliament to bring focus to our region to capitalise on these assets and to find opportunities to increase visitation and tourism value.

On the Naracoorte Caves, I am keen that we build on the visitation to this important world heritage area, which is one of only two fossil sites in Australia and 11 worldwide that are listed for their world heritage value. It is noted that my region, including the region of Mount Gambier, which takes in what we call the Limestone Coast, has the most visitation outside Adelaide for stays of two nights or more. Our region plays a very important part in tourism to this state and I hope our government continues to support our region by promoting it even further.

In 2019, I welcomed our government's Housing and Homelessness Strategy. Affordable housing that matches the needs of the community and our increasing migrant community is a key issue in my electorate that needs to be addressed. I look forward to the outcomes our government's investment in housing will bring for the community of our state, and I will continue to advocate for my electorate in regard to housing.

As I mentioned when I touched on the major meat processing businesses in Naracoorte and Bordertown, we have a shortage of affordable housing in those towns. It is a shortage that has not just been of our making, but this shortage has been there for a long time and was ignored by the previous government. The shortage of affordable housing is not just for migrant workers and visa workers but for elderly people who want to downsize their homes from big family homes and for general migrants who have come to Australia as new Australian citizens. Public housing is fully subscribed in Naracoorte and there are no public housing options in Bordertown.

When we talk about growth and population, this shows the need to invest in housing in these two towns because there are some really big opportunities for employment. Bordertown has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Australia, and one of the reasons is that we really cannot get people in there because of the housing shortage, so we are hoping to address this. Affordable housing is really what we are looking for and partnerships will be important to address this issue. Private investment and local government working with our state government and federal governments will be a great collaboration to address this issue.

I will just touch on a couple of other issues, one of which is that we do have some health issues that have been ongoing for a long time. I will still be advocating strongly for Keith hospital and Millicent hospital, as well as all other precincts and hospitals in my region, but I do touch on those two because they have had ongoing concerns. The Keith hospital is looking for a sustainable model and I am working closely with the Keith hospital board, our minister and these new regional health boards that our government has implemented.

I hope that these six new regional health boards will be strong advocates for our regions and will bat for our regions like never before. I hope they will take away the decision-making that has been made in Adelaide and make more decisions for our region's health issues. I hope they will battle strongly for our regions and make sure that we can get as many services as possible.

There is an issue that is probably well beyond our state government because it will need both the state and federal government to help solve, and that is the lack and shortage of GPs right around the state. The use of locums in our local hospital precincts and clinics is an expensive way to try to address our shortage of GPs. I have many hospitals in my region, and there is no doubt that this is not just a MacKillop issue but a regional issue right around South Australia. We know the shortage of GPs is an Australian issue.

Coming back to the Millicent hospital, 20 years ago the hospital offered surgery. There was the option of delivering babies. It also had a great working relationship with the clinic, where we had six to eight GPs there, with other specialist training and skills. With the turnaround at the Millicent hospital and the lack of focus there, this has all been undone. We do not have a great connection there now at all between the Millicent GPs and the local hospital. The local hospital is served by locums. I am hoping to rebuild some of those services back in the Millicent hospital.

The other hospital I want to touch on is the Naracoorte hospital, which was due for a major upgrade 20 years ago. The former Labor government during its 16 years I think nearly got close and perhaps even got excited about building a new hospital at Naracoorte, but the funds were withdrawn and they found other places for that hospital. That does not mean that the hospital is now fixed. It still sits in its dated 1950s, 1960s, 1970s construction and small upgrades have taken place, but it is a hospital that is very important to a growing community.

In that community, with all that is going on around it, when you talk about the agricultural opportunities, the processing of Teys and their meatworks there and the affordable housing issue that we are looking to solve, the hospital is going to play an important role and be an important asset for the town's growth and in looking after that community.

It is a community of around 5,000 people. If we have the opportunity to be in government for a good three or four terms, because the members over the other side keep on doing what they are doing, then hopefully we get that chance to actually rebuild that hospital, to grow the community of Naracoorte, to take that population from 5,000 people perhaps even out to 10,000 people. With that come numerous opportunities, right through to the education opportunities.

There are two public primary schools, one smaller private school—our independent school—and a larger high school. At the moment, the high school's numbers are down on what they were perhaps 20 years ago because people are taking options to go to other schools further south, but I know that if we had a community of 10,000 people in Naracoorte, if we had a huge and prosperous high school there, that high school would be of really huge state significance. When the community grows, the school grows and so forth.

Another issue I just want to touch on is energy and cheaper and more reliable power. I believe our government has already turned that around from where our counterparts on the other side had taken us.

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr McBRIDE: And I can touch on energy in that regard, too. But on cheaper power, we really first have to understand that the other side turning off the Port Augusta power station, which was run on coal, was the beginning of a huge increase in prices. There was the loss of competitiveness of South Australia in relation to the rest of Australia, affecting both those who could not afford it—those who are on low incomes and perhaps on social welfare—right through to families, right through to businesses—

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr McBRIDE: They have found it very, very tough, because of your decision-making on the other side. The power prices have come back, and there is a long way still to go. I am hoping that our government is continuing to look and continuing to reinvest to not only get these prices cheaper but have South Australia more competitive than the rest of Australia, which the other side lost complete sight of.

The interconnector with New South Wales will be a good piece of infrastructure. Given the way people talk about renewable power right across Australia and the way that renewable power is

intermittent, depending on where the wind is, depending on when the sun is out and when it is not, the interconnection going right across Australia is a part of the infrastructure they tell me will work well.

It comes back to this point, though: South Australia will benefit from the cheaper power, both in Queensland and New South Wales, which is mainly derived from coal. On the flip side of that we have already seen that this state has an abundance of solar energy, an abundance of wind energy, that it does not know how to use in peak times. We are so oversupplied it can actually cost providers to put electricity into the grid. I think this is a really good opportunity to try to get that electricity to the rest of Australia.

Touching on the subject of apprentices, which is a little bit dear to my heart in that I also went through that process, I was very pleased to hear the member for Unley (Minister for Innovation and Skills) talk about this. Back in the 1990s, when I was an apprentice, there were some 30,000 apprentices throughout South Australia doing a number of trades. A number of TAFE sites and training centres were really pumping. In fact, you had to apply, and you might have been turned down to get into these centres. There was so much demand for apprentices and apprenticeships. Over the period of the last 16 years under the previous government they did nothing but kill them off. That is the only way to look at it: they killed it off.

I am glad to see that our government has a really strong focus on building skills, training our young people and giving them more options so that, when they go through an education system, university is not the only option. We know that not everyone is able to undertake university education, like myself. I really appreciated the apprenticeship-type system. It gives people a grounding and a start in life. It does not always mean they end up in that field, but it is a starting point that opens doors that may never have opened if they did not have a trade.

I will also touch on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan because it falls into my area of MacKillop with the Coorong, and it has been mentioned by previous speakers. The Murray-Darling Basin Plan proposes many challenges for all the states. Our counterparts on the other side believe that buybacks are a great answer—to buy back water from those who have licences—but that is not the only answer we should be looking at.

One option that will need state and federal government investment is the turning of water that flows out to sea down the eastern coast back through the Great Dividing Range and directing it inland. It is a huge opportunity for this country. South Australia would be a major winner from such a proposal. The inland towns whose livelihoods depend on this water and the water we have there now would benefit from it. We know there could be further expansion from developments with further water in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

I also point out that one of the great pitfalls in the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is the investors and market forces of water licences and who owns the water licences. In the politics of water, through the late nineties when I was heavily involved in politics, we tried to get water to stay in the regions in small areas and hundred zones so that it has a home for areas to belong to. One reason we found that such a huge battle was that they always said that the water licences and water markets occurring in the Murray-Darling Basin should also happen in our Limestone Coast area. Today, when you look at the way the water market is owned and operated by big multinationals and companies, they can now trade water like it is a commodity and extract every dollar out of it that they can to the loss of those who live on the Murray.

I look forward to continuing to be an advocate for my electorate in the coming year, and I look forward to working with the Marshall Liberal team to continue to deliver outcomes that make a positive contribution to our state's economy. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to contribute to this Address in Reply.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (11:57): I rise to make a brief contribution to this Address in Reply to the Governor's speech made at the unnecessary reopening of this parliament. I did not hear all the member for MacKillop's speech but I assume he devoted a great deal of time to the success of the policy of the reopening of the Kalangadoo Police Station, and I wholeheartedly agree with him.

Mr Pederick: You should have been here for his great address—I mean, really.

Mr ODENWALDER: I will be reading it with interest, and I am sure the readers of *The Border Watch* will show a great deal of interest as well. I am sure we will get to that later.

Firstly, I want to mention the good Governor himself, His Excellency Hieu Van Le, and his good wife, Mrs Van Le. I do not know them very well; I never had the pleasure of being on Executive Council so I never got to know them particularly well over the years, but I have known them more in my capacity as a shadow minister in recent times, and both of them have approached their role with rare gravitas and also humility. It is a testament to them and also to the nature of the people of this state that people of their calibre can move to the highest office in the state, that is, the Queen's representative in this state.

It is not unusual to see Mrs Van Le walking across North Terrace with some shopping, walking back home as anyone else would. It is a rare country where the head of state or the head of state's wife is seen out alone shopping, mingling with ordinary people. I want to pay tribute to His Excellency and his wife and wish them a long reign as the Queen's representatives in this state.

It was a lengthy speech. There was a lot in it, but there was not a lot in my portfolio areas, I should say. I think that speaks to the inaction of this government in terms of law and order and in terms of reform of the emergency services sector. A lot of things are promised into the future, promised in very vague terms, and then somehow never reach fruition.

Before I get to the speech itself, I want to touch on the recent decision by Holden to close up operations entirely in Australia. In my very first speech to this place some years ago now, I spoke at length about Holden, about my relationship with Holden and about the relationship of Holden to anyone who grew up in Elizabeth. I believe that the minister opposite has a history in Holden. I am sure that is right, isn't it?

The Hon. T.J. Whetstone: Yes.

Mr ODENWALDER: Yes, that is right; I seem to remember that. Everyone in this place was touched in some way by Holden over the years and by the closure of Holden, of course. We were all touched by that, but particularly those of us who grew up in Elizabeth. I spoke in my first speech—you will forgive me; it was a while ago now—about my desire to see Elizabeth continue in perpetuity as a place where cars are manufactured in some form or another. Sadly, that did not turn out to be the case. It has been a blow to Elizabeth, and in many ways the recent announcement by Holden is another blow.

There is a heritage factor now. General Motors have their own museums; this is not very well known. General Motors have their own museums and their own heritage policies around their products, and there is a very real danger that we will be losing some parts of our history to the United States and to General Motors. I hope that is not the case. I will be pursuing this to make sure it does not happen, but there is a very real danger of a lot of the history of Holden—and I am talking about archival material as well as actual hardware—going overseas in an uncontrolled way at General Motors' behest. I really hope that does not happen.

I learnt to drive in a Holden, as many of us did. I learnt to drive in my parents' HD Premier. My first car was an LJ Torana—a tiger Torana, as we used to call them, a yellow and black one, the old tiger Torana.

Mr Boyer interjecting:

Mr ODENWALDER: That's right. It did not spend a great deal of time on the road, I have to say. It spent a great deal of time in my parents' garage and not a great deal of time on the road, certainly not as much as the HD.

It is very sad. It has been a sad process for the people of Elizabeth. The previous government, of course, did a lot of work through the automotive transformation team in terms of putting people into work. I was out at the Northern Connector open day on the weekend with the leader and some other northern MPs. I am very proud to have played a small role in that project, getting local people onto that project.

The previous government did a great deal of work in structuring those contracts in order to ensure not only that 90 per cent of the workforce on the Northern Connector project was South

Australian but that well over 50 per cent of the workforce came from the northern councils of Tea Tree Gully, Playford and Salisbury. I was very proud to be part of that process, going round to the councils and to business groups in the area, encouraging people to sign up to the Northern Connector project.

Lendlease, having won the contract, did an excellent job in coming on board. They were contractually obliged to meet these targets, of course, but they did so with increasing pride. I want to pay tribute to them, particularly to Danny Parkinson, who led the project and who still leads the project. He told me very proudly on Sunday that they had exceeded all their targets in terms of local employment content and also in terms of putting vulnerable people, Aboriginal people, into work in numbers well above the targets that they were contracted to do. I am very proud of them.

Of course, it was specifically our target to get people from Holden into that project, and over the last three or four years I have seen many people go from Holden to the Northern Connector project and other infrastructure projects around the state with assistance from the state government and, it has to be said, with assistance from Holden, who did that transition very well, certainly in Elizabeth. It remains to be seen how well that will happen in Melbourne. They seem to be moving very fast. Of course, it was a surprise to the dealers, and we have seen that in the news in recent days.

I would like to talk more about what this government has done for the people of Elizabeth and what the Governor's speech two weeks ago meant for them, but the truth is that this government is not doing much for the people of Elizabeth, certainly in the time ahead that the Governor foreshadowed in his speech. Indeed, the only significant impact has been rising unemployment. Employment has always been a problem in the north, and I am not going to whitewash that, but rising unemployment affects people in the outer suburbs and in the regions disproportionately more. That is something the government really needs to start focusing on: jobs and reducing the unemployment rate.

Another issue, of course, is the dismantling of the public transport system, not only cutting valuable routes that people need to get hospitals and shops and so on, and into the city and back from the outer suburbs like Elizabeth, but also the looming privatisation of the train network, which is almost universally opposed in the outer suburbs. Any of those members opposite who have constituencies in the outer suburbs will be hearing this from their own constituents. It is certainly reflected in the work we have done and in the petitions we have gathered, so much so that we have pledged to rip up any contract which is signed by this government which outsources or privatises the train network.

As I said, there is certainly nothing in the Governor's speech for the people of Elizabeth, apart from continued processes that punish them, and there is not much in terms of law and order. Again, I look forward to reading closely the member for MacKillop's contribution. I am sure there was a lengthy discourse about the possibility of the imminent reopening of the Kalangadoo Police Station. I am sure the readers of *The South Eastern Times*, *The Border Watch* and the *Penola Pennant*—

Mr McBride: I'm glad you take a strong interest.

Mr ODENWALDER: I do, I do take a very strong interest in all those publications and the very fine journalists who work therein. I look forward to reading that. There were some specific mentions of some law and order measures—reannouncements, I should say, nothing new on the horizon—and the security response section, which I am advised is not yet up and running. We are promised a significant presence around sporting events and those kinds of things from a new section, which we are promised will be somewhere between general patrols or tactical teams and a STAR Group, a middle ground of responders who can respond to terrorist events, or, in the absence of terrorist events, which is almost always, they can be available to patrol large events, sporting events and so on.

I am agnostic about this at the moment. I will wait to see how it is structured and how it is intended to work. It may or may not be a good idea. I do not know how the public will react to turning up at Adelaide Oval and being confronted by heavily armed police officers around the gates. It remains to be seen how it interacts with another commitment by the government, which was not mentioned in the Governor's speech, which was the imminent user-pays police system. Whether or

not this interacts with the security response section remains to be seen. As I said, I am agnostic about that.

Again, it was a reannouncement, nothing new, as was the talk about district policing teams. The district policing teams are a whole new model that have been some years in development, it has to be said, by the commissioner and his team. It will be a significant change to the way police patrols and technical teams work on the ground, a significant change for many individuals in terms of their postings in the metropolitan area, and I will get to the country in a minute. Again, I am agnostic about this. I hope that it works and I hope that it achieves the government's stated aim of reducing crime because that has not happened over the last two years.

I hope that the district policing team does work. We are watching it very closely. We are watching how the different, new sections interact with the response teams, the district policing teams, and whether there is any effect on the policing of neighbourhoods. There is some suggestion that there will be a loss of the types of neighbourhood policing that people have come to expect, such as the presence of Neighbourhood Watch and those types of things. We are watching those things very closely in the rollout of the district policing team.

Mr Pederick: It's your plan, mate.

Mr ODENWALDER: It was the police commissioner's plan, actually.

The Hon. S.K. Knoll: It's operational.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is operational—that is right. That is right: two years into government the Minister for Transport recognises the unique role of the police commissioner. There was some talk of crime prevention. We are still waiting on various reviews that were promised by the government, including the Duggan review into front-line policing and what that will mean. Indeed, what the Hon. Kevin Duggan was looking at still remains something of a mystery. It will be really interesting to see what that suggests, given there have been significant changes, as the Minister for Transport helpfully points out, at the behest of the police commissioner himself. It will be interesting to see what the Hon. Kevin Duggan has to add and what the police commissioner's response will be.

Similarly, with the country policing review, and again this is a bit of a hot topic in the South-East. I am sure the member for MacKillop traversed it extensively in his contribution, which I look forward to reading.

Mr Pederick: It's a pity you missed it.

Mr ODENWALDER: It is a pity I missed it. I should not reflect on my own absence from the house because, of course, that is unparliamentary. It does remain to be seen how country policing will be affected. Country people I have spoken to are concerned about the future of their policing. There is certainly concern in the South-East about the consolidation of the CIB. I accept, as has been mentioned, that these decisions are largely the purview of the police commissioner; in fact, I do not just accept that: I think that is as it should be.

What I do take issue with is individual local members or shadow ministers making promises that either they cannot keep or they go to extraordinary lengths to keep, such as the extended opening hours of Norwood, Glenelg and Henley Beach police stations. There is considerable angst in those places, where they feel they do not have enough police presence, that the three metropolitan police stations had their hours re-extended against the advice of the police commissioner, including in the Premier's own electorate.

There is a lot of angst in the country about that, and it remains to be seen how that will play out, whether the police minister and the Attorney-General do come up with some sort of plan that satisfies the police commissioner to go against his own recommendations in the country. We will see how the country policing review pans out. I still have no idea when that review is reporting. It has been ongoing for the last two years. I look forward to seeing how that pans out.

There was some mention of organised crime in the Governor's speech, particularly in relation to meth, to ice. We all know that ice is an ongoing problem. We often hear the government crowing about how it is winning its war on drugs, winning its war on ice. They went to the election, of course,

promising to win that war. We have seen very little evidence that that war is even being fought any differently from how it used to be, let alone being won.

I have spoken to police officers who are concerned about the resourcing in this area. We heard in the Governor's speech that there will be a concentration of resources in terms of the fight against ice. I am yet to see much evidence of that. In terms of the only practical way we have of measuring these things, in terms of wastewater, Adelaide is still known as the meth capital of Australia, and we need that to change.

The previous government in 2016—I think it reported in 2017—established the Ice Taskforce, which did make various recommendations that were put into place and were in the process of being put into place as the government changed hands and went into caretaker mode. Some of those recommendations were left undone and some of them were voted against when Labor was in government.

There are two bills which I will be reintroducing following prorogation and which sat on the *Notice Paper* for almost the entirety of the last two years. They were specific recommendations of the Ice Taskforce. One was a bill to reverse a specific prohibition in the Road Traffic Act on police searches of vehicles when the driver has tested positive for drugs. This strikes me as a complete nonsense. The police should have this power. If someone has tested positive for the drug ice on the side of the road, the police already have the power to stop that person driving for 24 hours, yet they do not have the power on the strength of that test to search the vehicle for more drugs.

I cannot think of a simpler way to give the police a little extra power to search for drugs. If winning the war on drugs is our aim—and it is the stated aim of the police minister and the stated aim of the Attorney-General—it baffles me that on 30 separate occasions the vote on that bill was postponed by those opposite until prorogation when the bill was lost. I intend to reintroduce that bill as soon as is practicably possible. I was hoping for this morning, but I understand that it will be delayed for another two weeks at least.

I should say that the drug driving bill was explicitly supported by the police commissioner both in the previous government and in this government. There is a letter to the Budget and Finance Committee from earlier this year in which the police commissioner explicitly states that he supports the measures contained in that bill. This is a bill that was postponed by the government, by the police minister and by the Attorney-General 30 times. I will be reintroducing that bill. Hopefully, the police commissioner has had a word in the minister's ear.

He was forced to go on the radio, and there was some sort of convoluted conversation about the measures in this particular bill. Some promises were made about some measures that the police minister would be introducing into this parliament. We have heard nothing since, of course. He could easily come in, talk to the Attorney-General, talk to his cabinet, talk to the caucus, talk to the party room opposite and have that bill passed within the next month.

There is another bill I introduced in the last parliament as a consequence of the Ice Taskforce around the ability of police to search vehicles and persons that they are currently prohibited from searching. I am not an advocate of all-out stop-and-search legislation, as takes place in some places, obviously. The second bill I am talking about relates to persons and vehicles seen coming and going from houses that police intelligence very strongly indicates are involved in either the manufacture or the distribution of drugs.

Again, this is a measure that was recommended by the Ice Taskforce. Again, it was a bill that was postponed time and time again by those opposite. I will be reintroducing that bill. I was hoping to reintroduce it this morning. I will be reintroducing it within the next two weeks, and I hope the government sees fit to support it.

Road safety was mentioned, of course. I do not want to go on too much about road safety in terms of the number of lives lost except to say that last year was a particularly worrying year in terms of the number of lives lost and the amount of road trauma we saw. There was a significant increase in motorbike road trauma, which I will get to in a minute. It coincided, of course, with the closure of the Motor Accident Commission and some confusion about what will replace the Motor Accident Commission.

The Leader of the Opposition has announced that we will be taking this matter very seriously over the next two years as we develop our own policies around road safety. Suffice to say at the moment that we on this side are united in the view that the number of lives lost on our roads is far, far too high. Something needs to change.

There was some talk in the Governor's speech about motorbike legislation. In 2017, there was a similar spike in motorcycle road trauma, which prompted the establishment of a motorcycle reference group by the then minister. That reference group met and the commitment was given to continue meeting. One of the things that came out of that reference group initially was a report that, among other things, recommended some changes to the licensing regime so that young riders and novice riders, who may not be young, have to go through a far more rigorous driver training and licensing regime.

When the government came into power, they refused to act on this report, even in the face of a rising road toll and a rising motorbike road toll. They ignored the report and failed to meet with motorcycle groups, who are still angry about it. I have spoken to members of various motorcycle groups and they are still baffled as to why the government will not meet with them, why the police minister will not regularly meet with them and why he will not reinstitute the motorcycle reference group. It is not just about licensing; it is about a whole suite of other things. Mostly, it is about listening to motorcycle groups and experts in relation to what could be done to reduce the road toll rather than just listening to DPTI.

Having seen the government's failure, the motorcycle groups met with the opposition and we very quickly got to work on establishing a bill. This bill failed in the previous parliament and I will be reintroducing it to the house. The bill directly addressed that licensing issue. It took the recommendations of the expert report into motorcycle safety and translated it into a bill which reforms the motorcycle licensing regime in this state.

There were some tweaks, in that it did not contain everything that the report recommended because we listened to the motorcycle groups, whereas the minister did not. We took their advice as to where the expert report could perhaps be tweaked in terms of its recommendations in order to make it more realistic in regard to more realistic expectations on novice motorbike riders. Very, very late last year, the minister finally made some noise about motorbike licensing reform. We are yet to see any legislation, and I doubt we will see any before I reintroduce my motorcycle licensing reform bill in the next two weeks.

That said, the priority is motorbike road safety, and if the government comes into this place with a well thought-out bill and a suite of well thought-out measures that have the support of motorbike groups, the RAA, the Ulysses Club and the Motorcycle Riders' Association of South Australia—and if it has the support of those groups and they are sensible reforms, I imagine they would largely reflect the private member's bill that was in the previous session of parliament.

I would be more than happy to sit down with the minister and come to a conclusion whereby we could support a government bill that does the things we intended to do. Ultimately, we all want the same thing: to stop motorcyclists dying in such large numbers on our roads.

Finally, in the time left to me, I just want to touch on the Fire and Emergency Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill, which I gather is being resurrected in the other place, if it has not been already. I will try not to breach parliamentary convention in traversing too much of the bill itself, but I will say that there is still some conjecture about what that bill does.

The initial bill was so ill thought out that it was sent to a select committee by the Deputy Speaker and others on the minister's own backbench. It was sent to a select committee to make certain recommendations because CFS volunteers and other country residents were so unhappy with the idea of the harvest ban—the idea that a CFS volunteer who may well be an employee or friend of a landholder could march onto that landholder's land and ask them to cease activities with all the authority of government.

It put the CFS volunteers and others in an untenable position, so the select committee went away and did its work. The select committee recommended that SAPOL should do that work, which in itself is not a bad idea. SAPOL is charged with enforcing laws, and if something is a law on any

given day then SAPOL should be enforcing that law. However, there is nothing in the bill which states that SAPOL needs to act on any particular direction, other than having reference to the code of practice that governs grain producers and the way they work.

It is ridiculous to expect every country police officer to be so familiar with that code of practice that, on any given day, they can assess fire risk on a landowner's property. Certainly, that is the position of the Police Association and certainly that was the position of the police themselves in their evidence to the select committee, so it baffles me how the government could come back to the bill with amendments that do not directly address that. I understand why they have made SAPOL the lead agency in terms of the harvest ban, but it seems absurd to me to have, under the terms of the bill, SAPOL acting entirely autonomously without any reference to any significant authority such as the CFS, who can assess fire risk.

If and when that bill is debated in the upper house, we will be reintroducing those amendments that basically put another layer over the top of SAPOL so that SAPOL can act on the advice of an authorised person. That authorised person will almost always be an officer of the CFS—not a local volunteer, I hasten to add, which is how the original bill was structured.

With those words, I want to put on the record again my enormous respect for the Governor, His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le. It was a lengthy speech, probably lengthier than the Governor wished it to be, but the government's agenda in no way reflects on the Governor. I commend him and wish him years of good health.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (12:26): I rise to add my contribution to the motion moved by the member for Kavel, namely, the Address in Reply to the Governor's speech in this Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament of South Australia.

I begin by reflecting on the events that are now firmly etched in the memories of so many South Australians. While the electorate of Colton is a coastal beachside community, we, like all South Australians, felt for our not too distant neighbours as bushfires ripped through parts of the South-East, Cudlee Creek in the Adelaide Hills and surrounding areas, and the western end of Kangaroo Island. These fires have seriously impacted those communities, and our thoughts were and continue to be with them.

The loss of life, of livelihood, of pristine environment and of wildlife was immense. The indirect impact has been more broadly felt across our state and through different industries, but support has been demonstrated in many ways, not least through the vast generosity and compassion shown by many South Australians through voluntary work, donations to the Premier's Bushfire Appeal and other appeals, as well as many other diverse and important supportive activities.

The images and videos that many of us not directly involved in the firefighting efforts consumed over that period were confronting. The fires were at times frightening and a demonstration of nature at its most fearsome. The loss of life that so many members have already referenced here in this place is sobering and an additional burden that many individuals, families and communities will have to come to grips with over the coming months and years. The emotional toll of the events only added to the physical injuries sustained and the economic and physical impact of stock loss, physical infrastructure loss and loss of personal items that often cannot be replaced.

The impacts, however, would and could have been far worse if not for the many dedicated and fearless firefighters and emergency services volunteers and personnel who took up the challenge, many with little regard for their own wellbeing. It was, in my opinion, a fantastic gesture to have the members of the Country Fire Service, Metropolitan Fire Service, State Emergency Service and National Parks and Wildlife Service included in the opening session of this session of parliament. They were not just included but recognised not only by the Governor but, when the Governor's remarks were acknowledged, with a resounding round of applause from all members of this place and the other place, as well as members of the public gallery.

That said, as members of this place from those respective communities have mentioned already, their communities are microcosms of our broader South Australian community. They are communities that are defined by their resilience and a commitment to rebuilding post these events. At this time, I recognise the local members and leaders of these communities for their efforts and leadership during these tough times from this place, federal parliament and local government. From

everything I have heard, their presence and assistance in updating their communities with timely and accurate information was and continues to be greatly appreciated.

I want to specifically make reference to the Premier's handling of these events. It goes without saying that these sorts of events, packed with emotion and heartbreak, can often be difficult to handle. Feedback from my community has certainly been overwhelmingly positive, with many acknowledging the authenticity, level-headedness and innate leadership that the Premier demonstrated over this tough period. So many of my constituents passed on this feedback to me and I wanted to put that on record today.

I am proud to be part of a government that has proactively put in place supports for those impacted by these fires. Amongst other things, to assist those who have suffered loss, the government is providing tax relief and the waiving of fees and charges, and in partnership with the commonwealth has allocated funding to support recovery and rebuilding efforts in these communities. The government is also allocating major resources from its agencies to support recovery and rebuilding works for individuals, communities, primary producers, businesses and the environment.

I am also proud to be part of a community that has supported those in need. So many of our local clubs have held fundraisers over the past couple of months. It says a lot about what our community stands for and what we see as important and is one of the positives that we should cherish and acknowledge as a result of these events. I say a massive thankyou and good on you to all community groups and sports clubs who helped out their fellow South Australians in their time of need.

Along with several of my colleagues—and I know it has been mentioned by a number of them already—I recently had the opportunity to venture into the fireground at Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island. While I am not as experienced in these sorts of events as others, like the member for Hammond, for instance—I must add, it was a fantastic picture of him with a furry friend in need during the fire and somewhat unexpected, some would say—I can safely say that I have certainly never seen anything like what I saw. The sheer size of the area impacted, the loss of infrastructure and amenity, and the heat and ferocity that must have been present in that fire front are just unimaginable.

However, we were all incredibly encouraged by the sight of rain on the island on that day. As we were making our way through, the heavens opened, as I am sure everyone can recall. On that day in February, many mls of rain followed. We had the pleasure of seeing the bush already rebounding, of seeing green shoots and evidence of new growth in just such a short period of time after those devastating events. While there is certainly a very long road ahead, as a state we should be incredibly proud of our response. We will continue to support those who have been impacted and, importantly, through the commissions and inquiries that are to come, we will learn and improve our response mechanisms to these sorts of events.

I also think it is important to try to normalise life as quickly as possible, as normal as things can be in these situations, so events like the Kangaroo Island Fringe on Penneshaw on 20 February are critical to that community as they start to rebuild. We must always continue to get the news out that much of the regions in the Hills and on Kangaroo Island are largely untouched. These areas are well and truly open for business and the best thing that we can do as South Australians is to spread that message: spend money in these regions, encourage our friends and our families to do the same and #BookThemOut.

I now reflect on what improvements have occurred in our local area since the election. Hours at the Henley Beach Police Station have been restored after they were cut by the former Labor government. The government has announced, funded and started implementation and delivery of a plan to ensure the future of our metropolitan coastline.

Sand replenishment volumes were significantly increased this year, and recently we have seen in the media pictures of the improvement in just one section of West Beach already. While there is still an incredibly long way to go, having those volumes increased to match the rate of loss in West Beach and Henley Beach South, replacing that which has moved through lateral drift, has certainly already assisted that area.

In the future large-scale replenishment of external sand is on the horizon to build further resilience in the at-risk area of the beach, and a pumping pipeline, similar to the one installed between Glenelg and Kingston Park, which efficiently and effectively pumps and helps maintain that section of our metropolitan coastline in the south, will be built to more efficiently transfer appropriate volumes of sand over the longer term to north-western beaches. It will greatly reduce the instances of trucks on our beaches and on our beachside streets and reduce the need for sand carting.

The one thing, and I have said it already in this place, that is a pity is that those opposite stuck their heads in the sand on this issue for far too long. They did not value the communities of West Beach, Henley South and Henley enough—and really any of the beaches north of Glenelg, including Grange, for instance—to do anything about this issue.

Recently, safety bollards were installed at Henley Square running parallel to Seaview Road. Henley Square, as I am sure you know, sir, is an extremely busy part of our city and a great place to eat breakfast, to have a coffee, a swim and even a beverage on a warm evening. While campaigning during the last election period I had locals, businesses and community groups raise the issue of diner and more broadly pedestrian safety at Henley Square. We made a promise to improve safety measures at the square, to restrict vehicle access to the area while maintaining the look and feel of the square, and that is exactly what has happened.

Post the election, in line with another commitment, SAPOL undertook an audit of public places in South Australia. This information, along with public feedback, allowed the local council to design a solution. Both the council and I then worked with business owners impacted to ensure that the proposed works were acceptable and helpful to their businesses, and council as the responsible party installed the bollards using funds provided by our government. I thank the council for its work on this project and its desire to ensure that it meets its obligations to protect our local residents in our local public places.

The Kibby Avenue intersection near the Glenelg Community Centre and local kindergarten at Glenelg North has long been a thorn in the side of motorists and pedestrians using it. I am pleased to advise that the Holdfast Bay council has been provided with funds to improve the intersection, and that it is finalising the design as we speak. I thank all those residents, particularly those in the near vicinity of the intersection, for their feedback and assistance in shaping the final design of the intersection upgrade. Their input has certainly helped ensure that we have the best possible outcome, and that the upgrade balances safety considerations, pedestrian safety and, of course, amenity for local residents.

Funds have also been provided to the Henley Sharks Football Club for a new family and female-friendly change room, infrastructure that will not just benefit the football club but also the West Torrens District Cricket Club. I am also pleased to report that West Beach Road has been upgraded. During the campaign I lobbied the federal government to provide funds for this important upgrade. Now a separated road with clear off-street parking, the road more appropriately meets the growing needs of our local area. The road services West Beach Parks; Diamond Sports SA; the home of the Claxton Shield runners-up, the Adelaide Giants (and we are sorry for their recent loss in the Claxton Shield final); Football SA; West Beach Mini Golf; and Westward Ho Golf Club, amongst many other patrons.

The road obviously holds high volumes of traffic, particularly during the summer months. The community had certainly called for an upgrade of this road for a significant period of time, citing many different reasons, including issues with lighting and the lack of separation of road movements either side during twilight periods.

More broadly across the electorate, at last count 1,748 sports vouchers had been claimed in the Colton electorate. Each voucher represents a primary school-age student whose parent or caregiver's costs have been reduced. It is important to note that the voucher was doubled by this government, promoting sport and exercise—two things that have so many benefits for young people—and assisting the next generation of Sharks, Demons, Eagles, Tigers and, let's not forget with the expansion of eligible sports, swimmers in our local area.

It is safe to say there has been a huge amount of activity in the electorate of Colton and I am proud to be delivering on behalf of and for the constituents of Colton. I was incredibly proud and

happy to see priority given in the Governor's speech to the issue of the environment. He acknowledged that South Australia's climate is changing and that further change is inevitable. I share his view that this change presents our state with a great opportunity and must not be used for community division or despair. Our government is focused on the implementation of practical measures that secure emissions abatement without increasing energy costs or reducing jobs.

I have already discussed one of these practical measures: our work ensuring the future of our metropolitan coastline. It is important to realise that the coastline is our first line of defence for climate change and sea level rise. Others include the largest home battery rollout per capita in the world through the Home Battery Scheme, and the creation of the world's largest virtual power plant for the provision of batteries to Housing Trust homes.

I was pleased to recently hold a forum with the Minister for Energy and Mining for people interested in the Home Battery Scheme—and there were many. I am encouraged to see that interest in the program continues to build as more and more people become aware of what is on offer. My community is one that has a high percentage of households with rooftop solar, and tapping into the potential of these assets to make that energy available in peak periods and, when the sun is not shining, at the household level, is going to assist in making our statewide energy system more reliable.

In acting now to mitigate climate risk, South Australia can be an international leader in successfully harnessing current and emerging opportunities for economic growth through the development of new climate services and industries. Significant opportunities are there for us in the hydrogen fuel and biofuel areas as many of our neighbouring countries look to reshape their energy and fuel futures. The transition to electric vehicles and low emission transport is something that we are certainly looking towards. We will touch on climate resilient agriculture in just a second. Innovation in waste and recycling is something that we have seen coming for quite some time.

These opportunities and programs will help South Australia to aspire to reduce emissions by more than 50 per cent by 2030, from 2005 levels, potentially positioning South Australia to contribute twice as much to the national target as other states. Another important element to come in the environment area is the establishment of the Green Adelaide board. Green Adelaide will drive the rapid greening and cooling of our capital city and build a strong connection between residents and their natural environment through initiatives that adapt the urban landscape to our changing climates.

This includes very practical programs like the Greener Neighbourhoods Grants Program that provides councils with resources to plant trees in our streets, particularly in areas that have seen significant subdivision and development, and to see their green canopy returned in areas that have seen significant heat increases.

The first business in our state has already gone plastic free under our government's plan to phase out single-use plastics. Our local surf clubs are trial sites for that program and they are incredibly excited about being part of that. Following extensive consultation with communities and businesses, a bill will be presented to this parliament to phase out single-use plastic items like straws, cutlery, beverage stirrers, polystyrene cups and bowls. It is something that is incredibly important to my community being, firstly, a coastal community but also at the end of the River Torrens.

We are acutely aware, probably more than many in the state, of the plastic issue. Anything that enters our waterways somehow finds its way down to the Torrens outlet, whether that be the Sturt River through the Patawalonga or through the River Torrens; we in Colton certainly see a lot of that. It is something that has motivated our community for many years through clean-up activities and revegetation of our dunes and our coastal area more broadly. Certainly, the elimination of single-use plastics is something that my community highly values.

We have said it on multiple occasions, but our government's focus is on providing more jobs, lower costs and better services for the people of South Australia. To enhance and sustain our young people's learning environments, the government has committed \$1.3 billion toward buildings and other school infrastructure, including an upgrade at Henley High School on the back of the recently opened STEM facilities last year. By mid-2020, SA schools will have the best internet connection in the nation when our government completes its partnership with Telstra. Most of the schools in our

local area are in fact already connected to the high-speed internet, assisting them to learn without interruption.

The government has also invested in job creation programs and skills for the future. Just one example is the establishment in Adelaide of the Australian Space Agency and cooperative research centre at Lot Fourteen. Given today was the official opening of Space HQ at Lot Fourteen, where we had the Prime Minister, the federal space minister, Karen Andrews, and the Premier there for the opening, I thought it helpful to at least add some further detail about that Space Agency.

Lot Fourteen, as it is, is an incredibly important signal for our South Australian community. The vision of the former Labor government was to have hotels and housing in that area. We see Lot Fourteen as being a clear part of future industries here in South Australia, a place where we can upskill, a place where we can congregate, a place where we have the very best and brightest stay in South Australia and contribute to our state through placing opportunities in growth in future industries, and whether that be through the SmartSat CRC, the Australian Institute for Machine Learning, the Space HQ or the Space Discovery Centre, it is an incredibly exciting part of our future to see those investments at Lot Fourteen.

The Premier is certainly very passionate about these emerging industries, whether they be innovation based, whether they be cyber based or whether they be any of these industries that will shape our future. We often very flippantly say that the jobs of the future are ones that we do not imagine today. We certainly hope the jobs of the future will be based here in South Australia, based on the investments that this government is making in starting to build around those future industries in South Australia, here on North Terrace.

Investing in these industries at an early point also provides us with first mover opportunities that will come from that. It has been said by many already that the space industry will give us opportunities to see strong jobs and financial growth over the future periods, and building on relationships with the likes of NASA and the Italian Space Agency and putting South Australia and Adelaide forward as a similar sister city to Houston, Cape Canaveral or other leaders in the space industry is certainly an exciting opportunity for us as we move forward.

In tandem with that, the take-up of apprenticeships and traineeships has increased by almost 20 per cent, following more than 13,000 commencements during the first year of the government's Skilling South Australia initiative, jointly funded with the commonwealth. As I said, building apprenticeships, traineeships and our VET sector is incredibly important for our young people. As they are moving through school, the view that university is the only option certainly is not the view that I think is held by the vast majority of people, nor should it be. Each of us has our own individual strengths, each of us has our own individual wants and desires for our future.

We aim to provide adequate opportunities, whether that be through TAFE, which now through the AQIS process has had its credibility as a training provider restored, whether that be through the VET sector more broadly, whether that be through a traineeship or apprenticeship, whether that be through further study or whether that be through university education and beyond. Those options should be there for all South Australians. Those options should be options they see as having credibility that will allow them to come out the other end with a recognised education.

Another important factor that our government has put a lot of emphasis on is the reduction in the number of South Australians relocating interstate. One of the biggest stains on the former Labor government's time in charge was that we saw far too many of our best and brightest disappearing from our state. Interstate migration is such an important measure of where we are as a state.

We aspire to continue to improve this metric by having our young talented South Australians see our state as a place where they can skill themselves appropriately, where they can start and build careers and where they can become the next generation of leaders. It is critically important to our net interstate migration figure. It has reduced significantly since the Marshall Liberal government has come to power and it is something we will continue to give attention to. We desire to see that net interstate migration number at the very minimum level but also to improve on it.

The government continues to deliver on its commitments made. The government continues to lower costs for South Australians, for families and for businesses. Since coming to government,

payroll tax for small business has been abolished. Emergency services levy bills have been significantly reduced and, from July, there will be lower water costs after the former Labor government was found by an independent inquiry into water pricing in South Australia to have overvalued SA Water's assets by at least \$520 million, unnecessarily driving up household and business water bills. Further cost reduction and relief include lower electricity bills for South Australian households—and many of my colleagues have touched on that—reductions in compulsory third-party insurance premiums and free screening checks for volunteers, the backbone of many of our local communities.

While we are disappointed that the parliament ultimately knocked back a number of bills containing policy that we believe to have the majority support of South Australians, our government has been clear that we will reintroduce those bills to extend the times that shops can trade in the Greater Adelaide shopping district and proclaimed shopping districts, to improve efficiency of the local government sector, and to permanently lift the prohibition on growing genetically modified crops in all areas of our state except Kangaroo Island. There is an added economic argument to the GM modification in that we are holding ourselves back from research and investment dollars around genetically modified crops, simply because we are unable to grow them here in South Australia.

As a government, our job is only just beginning, as we set ourselves to positively improve the future of South Australians. We have an amazing local area, a state with many skilled, talented and compassionate people who are ultimately our greatest asset. It is our job to make things easier for them to succeed. I thank the people of Colton for their support, their assistance and their passion over the near two years that I have had the opportunity to serve them. I look forward to continuing to advocate, to put their ideas forward and to together improve our local area moving forward.

Ms MICHAELS (Enfield) (12:54): Before I commence, as someone just asked me what the teal ribbon was for, I thought I would make mention that it is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and thank the OC Challenge, which is a South Australian charity helping women suffering from ovarian cancer.

As I rise today to speak in response to His Excellency the Governor of South Australia's speech in the other place, I want to thank the Governor for his words and thank him and Mrs Le for their ongoing commitment to the people of South Australia. This is my first opportunity to speak in reply to His Excellency's opening of a South Australian parliament, given I was elected on a by-election nine months after the last session of parliament was opened. As it happens, this is the anniversary week of my being declared the new member for Enfield, and it has provided me with an opportunity to reflect on my time here serving the people of Enfield. It has also provided me with an opportunity to reflect on the government's promises from the last election and what I see as their failures for my constituents of Enfield.

Before I reflect on this government's broken promises and inaction to build our economy, I want to acknowledge the commitment of South Australia's emergency services workers who put themselves in danger to protect South Australians and their properties in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island. This fire season has resulted in terrible devastation across both regions. Worse yet, the fire season is with us for some time to come. As our climate is changing, our fire season is becoming more dangerous.

The South Australian community has suffered significant losses with the death of Ron Selth from Charleston and the deaths of Dick Lang and Clayton Lang from Kangaroo Island. I extend my sincere condolences to their families for their loss. To those who survived the fires but lost their homes and belongings, my heart goes out to you. I join with the rest of South Australians in standing with these people in their time of need to provide the support that they require to rebuild their lives.

South Australians are known for their generous spirit, and we have witnessed an outpouring of love from the community, with donations to the State Emergency Relief Fund and other initiatives. My office has been a collection point for Backpacks for Bushfires. As soon as Karen Flinn launched Backpacks for Bushfires, the backpacks began arriving at my office in Enfield, with Enfield residents wanting to help out affected families. We ended up with some 266 backpacks that were dropped off to children just before the school year started.

These fires are a symptom of climate change. While in government, the Labor Party took active steps to mitigate South Australia's reliance on fossil fuels. The then opposition fought against these steps at every stage, and their federal colleagues provided and continue to provide no leadership on this issue whatsoever. South Australia is now well placed to seize on this opportunity and lead Australia and the world in greener energies and industries. Thanks to Labor's initiatives, South Australia leads the country with clean energy use. While South Australia has leapt ahead in wind and solar power generation, South Australian experts have continued research into alternatives such as hydrogen, geothermal and wave power. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

Sitting suspended from 12.59 to 14.00.

Petitions

STATUTES AMENDMENT (ABORTION LAW REFORM) BILL

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond): Presented a petition signed by 178 residents of South Australia requesting the house to urge the House of Assembly to vote against the Statutes Amendment (Abortion Law Reform) Bill.

Parliamentary Procedure

VISITORS

The SPEAKER: I welcome to parliament today Mr Will Hodgman, former Tasmanian Premier. Welcome to you, sir. I can also see the former lion of Hartley, Mr Joe Scalzi. Welcome to you as well.

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Keeping an eye on me, I am sure. We also have with us today two distinguished guests from overseas, hosted by the Minister for Innovation and Skills: Mr Michael Clear, executive producer of *Mortal Kombat* and head of production at Atomic Monster in Los Angeles, and Mr E. Bennett Walsh, the producer of *Mortal Kombat*, the largest film produced in the state's history. He has had a long and illustrious career in film and produced box office hits such as *Men in Black: International*, *Robin Hood*, *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* and *Kill Bill: Vol. 2*.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: There are no Oscar winners here, however.

PAPERS

The following paper was laid on the table:

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

Regulations made under the following Act—

Education and Care Services National Law—National Amendment
Regulations 2019—Miscellaneous

Parliamentary Committees

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:04): I bring up the first report of the committee, entitled Subordinate Legislation.

Report received.

Question Time

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE CORPORATION JOBS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:04): My question is to the Premier. Did the Premier receive an assurance today from the Prime Minister of Australia that all submarine maintenance jobs would be kept here in South Australia, where they belong?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:05): I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. It is an important question for the people of South Australia. We are the home of the Collins class submarine. We were the ones who built the Collins class submarine very proudly here in South Australia and, quite frankly, I think we are the sole repository of Collins class skills in the entire world. The Collins class is no longer even produced or supported by Kockums in Sweden, so we do have those requisite skills here in South Australia, and many people are concerned with regard to where the full cycle docking will be done in the future.

The commonwealth made a decision some years ago that the construction of surface ships and also submarines would be done and housed in the majority here in South Australia. There are some exceptions to that with the offshore patrol vessels, the final 10 of the 12 being done in Western Australia. The first two, as you would be aware, are being done here in South Australia by Luerksen down at Osborne, but beyond that the construction work of the Future Frigates and the Future Submarines would be done here. The decision was made by the commonwealth some years ago that the maintenance work would be done elsewhere.

We have argued long and hard that the full cycle docking is very different from the normal maintenance, the mid-cycle docking and the intermediate docking, which had already moved to Western Australia some years ago. In fact, the ASC operates the shipyard and the mid-cycle and intermediate docking in Western Australia, and they operate the full cycle docking here in South Australia. We argue, and I think we are correct, that the full cycle docking is more attuned to new construction because you are piercing a pressure hole and you are doing a maintenance program that goes over a two-year period.

This is not a lube job. It's not changing some washers and greasing the hinges on board these very advanced pieces of kit. It is very similar to the work done in construction and, as we are fully aware, we have done that construction originally in South Australia. We have done the full cycle docking in South Australia the entire life of the Collins class, and we have done it very well. Members would be aware that some years ago the full cycle docking of the Collins class wasn't done particularly well and this affected the availability of the submarines, a key piece of kit in terms of the defence of our nation. An extensive plan was put in place to turn that around.

My understanding on the information that I have received from the ASC is that now the full cycle docking, and the availability to submarines here in South Australia, is the best in the world, so I think it's a bold decision to actually decide to move that full cycle docking to Western Australia.

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

The SPEAKER: Would the Premier be seated for one moment. There is a point of order.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Respectfully, sir, this is now debate. We asked if the Premier sought assurances from the Prime Minister.

The SPEAKER: I have the point of order. I have the question: it was about assurances and about certain subs maintenance jobs.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my right, be quiet. I have been listening to the Premier, and I believe that his comments thus far have been germane, but if he does step out of line, member for West Torrens, I will attempt to bring him back into line.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: It seems extraordinary, when I'm providing important information and updates to the parliament, that they've got no interest whatsoever. Did the Leader of the Opposition—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Hammond!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —today get an assurance from Richard Marles, who is in South Australia, that under Labor the work would be done in South Australia?

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: No such. I listened to that train wreck of an interview on the ABC where you couldn't even convince people on your own side to back your position. That's the importance of the Leader of the Opposition.

The SPEAKER: Premier!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: He's the weakest Leader of the Opposition in the history of this state, and that's not saying—

The SPEAKER: Would the Premier come back to the substance of the question.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Yes. Has the Premier finished his answer?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: I think he has finished his answer. I uphold the point of order. That was clear debate. I gave the Premier an opportunity and he has concluded his answer.

Ms Bedford: He's auditioning!

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

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE CORPORATION JOBS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:09): My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier join me in insisting that the federal government deliver on its 90 per cent—

Mr Patterson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Morphett, you are called to order and warned. If this continues, you will be out. Leader, can I have the question again.

The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Light is called to order. The leader has the call. I would like to hear the question at least, please.

Mr MALINAUSKAS: My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier join me in insisting that this federal government delivers on its commitment to ensure that 90 per cent of all the future submarine work is done here in Australia, particularly South Australia where it belongs?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:11): The Leader of the Opposition was clearly getting bored with full cycle docking, so now he is moving to Australian industry content on the future—

Mr Malinauskas: Well, they're both really important.

The SPEAKER: Leader! The leader is interjecting.

Mr Brown: Try to answer this one.

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is called to order. You have asked the question. Let's hear the answer.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Well, I think that the commitments that were made by the federal government and by the Naval Group in the lead-up to the signing of the Strategic Partnering Agreement for the 12 Attack class submarines was very clear, and that is that it was going to be an Australian build and that that Australian build would actually—

Mr Malinauskas: No, 90 percent.

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. V.A. Chapman interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is called to order.

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

Mr Malinauskas: You think it's funny.

The SPEAKER: Leader, I cannot have you continue to shout. If this continues, members will be departing. The Premier has the call. I would like to hear his answer.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: Captain Negative seems to have taken his angry pills today, which is a little bit unfortunate.

The SPEAKER: Premier, respectfully I ask you, please, do not provoke the opposition and, please, if you have an answer, give it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, on my left!

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Please, members.

Mr Brown: Pretend you're in charge.

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is warned.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The question was about Australian industry content. It was made very clear by the commonwealth and by the Naval Group in the lead-up to the signing of the Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) that the construction and, indeed, the maintenance, the ongoing sustainment of the Attack class submarines, 12 Attack class submarines, would be an Australian build and that that build would centre around Osborne here in South Australia.

It's early days, but I have every expectation that is exactly and precisely what will be achieved. The Leader of the Opposition might be keen to know that, on the information that has been provided to me, there was no specific content requirement included in the SPA—

Mr Brown: We know that. Who signed it?

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —cue outrage—so I took the opportunity to see whether, when it was in government, Labor actually put those Australian industry content hurdles into any of their contracts. Unfortunately, that wasn't done. So, you see, this is not something new. I know that we want to have a lot of outrage on that side of the chamber, but the reality is that Australian content providers need to compete with the best in the world, and that's fine by me. That is 100 per cent fine by me because I—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —unlike those opposite, have—

Mr Picton interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Kaurana!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —absolute confidence in the capability that we have here in South Australia and more broadly around Australia. I think that we can compete with the best in the world, and evidence of that is the production of the Collins class submarines, which were done in South Australia, where I understand the Australian industry content was above 70 per cent. I have every expectation that we will be able to maximise the amount of South Australian and Australian content that goes into those submarines.

Of course, I know you like to have some limited amount of compare and contrast, so I will now switch to compare and contrast. Let's take a look at the last time the Australian Labor Party were in government federally. How many vessels did they support? They didn't commission one single vessel in that six-year period, and the reason is that they have never had any confidence in the Australian manufacturing capability. By contrast, since the Coalition were elected—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —and I'm sure you will be interested in this, 54 vessels—zero and 54. It's been an amazing turnaround. Where was the Leader of the Opposition? Where was the Australian Labor Party complaining during those six years when they were out putting up posters for Julia Gillard, Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard again. I hope you didn't throw those posters out originally because she came back! She might come back again. Who knows?

But the reality is not a word—not a word—from those opposite when they were in government complaining about not a single solitary vessel commission because they had no faith whatsoever in the ability of our suppliers in South Australia to provide at the very highest levels.

The SPEAKER: I am giving the leader another question.

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE CORPORATION JOBS

Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:14): My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier's government done any work, in the form of any economic modelling, regarding the potential job losses as a result of not having full cycle docking?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Point of order, Mr Speaker: this question is hypothetical in its construction.

The SPEAKER: The Premier has the call.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:15): I am happy to answer it.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! I have allowed the question.

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: The reality is that no decision has been made with regard to the full cycle docking. This is a decision which will ultimately be taken by the National Security Committee, which is a subset of the Australian government cabinet. We are continuing to provide a compelling bid to the federal government. It's fair to say, as I was outlining in my earlier answer today, that there was a decision made by the federal government. In fact, while those opposite were on these benches, a decision was made for the maintenance to be done out of South Australia. We didn't hear them complain at that point in time.

They didn't complain when mid-cycle docking and intermediate docking moved to Western Australia, and they didn't complain when a decision was made to actually take all maintenance out of South Australia ultimately. I have been working very hard every single second since I have come to government to do everything we can to make sure we put in a compelling bid to keep that work here in South Australia. I have been backing the industry and I have been backing the workers down at Osborne, and I have every expectation that a decision will be made soon, and I hope it is made soon because it will remove some of the uncertainty that exists in this sector at the moment.

AUSTRALIAN SPACE AGENCY

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:16): My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier update the house on the growth of the space industry here in South Australia?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:16): I thank the member for Colton for his excellent question. It is time to get excited in South Australia about the potential for entering into one of the most exciting sectors in the entire world at the moment, one which is massively outperforming global benchmarks in terms of economic growth. South Australia had a very important role in the early days of the space sector here in our country. I think most people would be proud that the very first rocket that left Australian soil was sent off from Woomera in South Australia. A year before I was born, Australia's first satellite went into orbit and, again, that came from South Australia. So these are very proud moments, but there was a hiatus of about five decades between drinks for space. There was lots happening in the 1960s but not much thereafter. In fact, in 2017—

Mr Brown: What, other than a space precinct?

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

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL: —Australia was one of only two OECD countries in the world without a space agency, so it was a great moment when Senator Simon Birmingham, representing the Prime Minister, announced at the International Astronautical Congress in South Australia, where 4½ thousand delegates from around the world came to South Australia for that conference, that Australia would indeed have a space agency. I know those opposite claim everything for themselves. I wonder where their lot, when they were in government, were in terms of creating an Australian space agency. It was done by the Coalition, and I think it was an excellent result. We are going to be the happy beneficiaries of that decision here in South Australia.

The space sector provides enormous opportunities for us. As I said, the government made a decision in 2017 to have an Australian space agency. Again, we had a change in government in March 2018, and we worked as hard as we could when we got elected to put in a compelling and competitive bid to bring the headquarters here to South Australia. So in late 2018, we were very pleased to join with the Prime Minister to announce that South Australia would be the home of the headquarters.

Today, it was a great pleasure to be with the Prime Minister again when he officially opened the Australian space headquarters on Lot Fourteen on North Terrace right here in Adelaide. Not only that, the Australian Space Agency is co-located with the SmartSat CRC, a \$245 million cooperative research program, the largest space-related program in the history of Australia. They are joining with a whole range of companies that are now on Lot Fourteen, creating jobs in the space sector. They are companies like Myriota, Inovor and Neumann Space.

Earlier this week, I had the great opportunity, privilege and pleasure to be present when SITAEL opened their office in Adelaide. They are the largest Italian private space company. They have come to Lot Fourteen because they want to be part of this excellent ecosystem that is creating jobs in South Australia and we are very excited about that. We know that the federal government has an ambition to treble the size of the space industry in Australia over the next decade, to take it from a \$4 billion annual turnover to \$12 billion, and along that time frame create 20,000 additional jobs.

One of the things I was very pleased about today is that we opened the 9th Australian Space Forum here in Adelaide. It was the work that Dr Megan Clark has done to look at the size of the growth potential for this sector. She outlined in that supply chain 170 projects that are on the books at the moment, totalling \$1.6 billion in that capital pipeline, and the very pleasing result was that 31 per cent of them are right here in South Australia.

Mr Brown interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Playford is very close to departing today.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:20): My question is to the Premier. Since the Kangaroo Island bushfire emergency started 61 days ago, how many trips to Kangaroo Island by the Premier have lasted more than five hours on the ground?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:21): I don't have that information. I'm happy to find out and come back.

Mr Odenwalder interjecting:

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

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:21): My question is to the Premier. How long should Kangaroo Island bushfire victims wait to have the wreckage of their 89 homes cleared? With your leave and that of the house, I will explain.

The Hon. D.G. Pisoni: No.

The SPEAKER: Leave is not granted, member for Mawson.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, you can leave for half an hour, as can the member for West Torrens and the member for Playford.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Don't ever do a deal with me again, ever.

The SPEAKER: The member for West Torrens is very lucky to not be named. Minister, you will leave for half an hour.

The honourable members for Chaffey, West Torrens and Playford having withdrawn from the chamber:

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson, I'm going to give you another go to rephrase the question.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: My question is to the Premier. How long should Kangaroo Island bushfire victims wait to have the wreckage of their 89 homes cleared?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (14:22): I thank the member for Mawson for his question. As the member for Mawson would be aware, it is a particularly complex situation, both in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island, with regard to the clean-up. Because of the extent of the fires in both locations, this is actually the first time that the state government's disaster waste management framework has been implemented and, of course, that disaster waste management process will be reviewed as part of the inquiry into the bushfires to make sure that any learnings from it can result in improvements.

The clean-up began fairly quickly after the fires passed through, but of course for much of the fireground there was a status of an active fire zone for an extended period of time. Our first priority was to deal with hazardous waste, largely made up of asbestos. I understand that some 100 per cent of residential homes impacted on Kangaroo Island by fire contained asbestos. Other hazardous waste categories include chemical spills and also CCA posts, particularly in the Hills but also present in some areas of Kangaroo Island.

As a consequence of the fire, those hazardous items were identified as the things that needed to be dealt with very quickly. We moved in where possible, particularly where asbestos could be identified. Through the disaster waste management framework, we saw the asbestos sites sprayed with a PVA glue substance to contain that asbestos as well as possible on the physical location where the destruction had occurred. Hazardous waste was the first priority and then moving on to full clearance of sites. It is complex.

There has been a situation where we have found more properties, often abandoned residential properties, particularly again on the island, which has added to the list. We are working, I believe, diligently with the community over there. I am in very regular contact with the mayor and with people on the ground. I had a conversation just a couple of days ago with Peter Wallis from Kangaroo Island Earthworks. We are trying to make sure that contractors and people with experience and on-ground equipment on the island can be engaged in this process wherever possible.

As the work contracts are awarded, as much as possible is being provided to local contractors. There will, of course, be a necessity to have contractors coming from the mainland over to the island because of the scale of that job. It's an area where we have achieved market saturation quite quickly, in terms of using up the available contractors, but we are working to expand the industry and their capacity both in the Adelaide Hills and on Kangaroo Island.

We remain committed to getting this done as quickly as we can, but bearing in mind it is a difficult and complex situation. I want to reassure the house, the member for Mawson and the community that he represents that we are trying to move as quickly as we can on this. Of course, on paper it sounds as if it could go quicker, but I do think we are progressing through that. If there are particular examples that the member for Mawson wants to raise with me and my office, I would be more than happy to hear of those and work through those on an individual basis.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: Thank you for the answer. I have written over 20 letters to ministers but have had no response.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mawson, be very careful. Do you have a question?

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:26): My question is again to the Premier. Can the Premier explain to the house why it took more than 50 days for the South Australian government to announce it would help Kangaroo Island bushfire victims clear the wreckage of their homes after, up until last week, telling them they would have to pay for the clean-up themselves?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (14:26): I thank the member for Mawson for his question. As I said in my earlier answer, we made it a priority to deal with hazardous waste on the sites— asbestos, CCA posts and chemical spills—getting in and securing those, as we felt that is what the community would want us to give them certainty about in the first instance, and then moving forward with a negotiated agreement with the federal government as to a fifty-fifty cost-sharing arrangement for the broader clean-up. That's what we were working through.

I believe that most people on the ground, while suffering traumatic and difficult times, understand that this has been a complex matter. We have had to work through it methodically and carefully, deal with hazardous waste first and then move on with the broader clean-up.

ACCELERATED DISCOVERY INITIATIVE

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:27): My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister update the house on how the South Australian government seeks to accelerate the growth of the mining industry through the advanced discovery initiative?

The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:27): Yes, the advanced discovery initiative is actually an outstanding program. There was \$10 million over three years announced in our last budget specifically for minerals exploration. We know that there is an enormous multiplier effect for every dollar that is spent in exploration for minerals. We know that not every dollar spent in exploration is always fruitful, but the work is very valuable. We know that the information that is received through that work belongs to the public and belongs to the industry as well.

But a lot of that work is very fruitful. We have seen a very rapid expansion, particularly in regard to copper in South Australia. We have seen the Prominent Hill mine, we are currently seeing the Carrapateena mine being delivered and we have seen some extraordinary results from Oak Dam west, near Olympic Dam. We have every reason to be very optimistic about the minerals industry and the mining industry in South Australia. We are determined to speed up that exploration, not only speed it up and have more money spent but also make that money as effective as possible.

The previous government ran what was called the PACE program, a program for accelerated exploration. It was a very good program. We are improving on that. The PACE program was for drilling—terrific. Our program includes drilling also, but not only drilling. Our program provides grants for companies with good, worthy proposals for logistics in remote locations, for the work with underground water, for Aboriginal employment, for a whole range of other things that contribute directly and positively to making exploration more effective.

We want every single dollar that is spent on exploration to be as effective as possible. We know that we've got the resources in the ground in South Australia. We also know that we've got the resources under very deep cover, and so it makes it more expensive to actually produce a mine, so we want to streamline this work as much as we possibly can. The Accelerated Discovery Initiative was welcomed very heartily by industry when we announced it last year.

We very recently closed our call for expressions of interest for proposals from industry. We have some truly outstanding proposals that have come our way, and we are in the midst of assessing them. I look forward to sharing with the house and the public the successful applicants. But, make no mistake, this is a program which the Department for Energy and Mining, in partnership with industry, and particularly utilising the services of Geological Survey of South Australia, will make an enormous positive impact on our industry for jobs, for regional development and for the traditional mining sector of course.

As well as that, some of the minerals that we have in South Australia are very much part of not only the future of South Australia but the future of the world, what is being referred these days as 'green minerals, green mining'. All the things that we are doing in South Australia with regard to environmental improvements, with regard to renewable energy, with regard to a responsible and commercially viable way forward include mining for copper, graphite and a wide range of other resources that we have in South Australia. We will get them out to support the traditional mining industry and also to support a very positive clean future for the world.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:32): My question is to the Premier. On 22 December, did the Premier get out of a vehicle, fix his hair, shoot a selfie video for social media in front of CFS volunteers and then get back into the vehicle and drive off without acknowledging or thanking those CFS volunteers?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:32): I don't know what matter the member is referring to, sorry.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe is warned. I will come to the member for Davenport.

Ms Stinson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Badcoe, I'm trying to give the member for Mawson another question. This is your question time.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:32): Does the Premier agree the government should be supporting local Kangaroo Island businesses when awarding government contracts for recovery work on the island?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:32): I thank the member for his question. I think I have spoken about this previously. I think wherever possible we should be looking to provide work on the island. I know this is something that I have spoken about to several people who are involved in the recovery process, including the ADF. They were very mindful not to do work that was going to specifically take away from people who had employment on the island because at this time ongoing employment is going to be a very significant issue over there.

Many people who were employed in one area of the island might find now, because of the fire damage, that that work is not going to be available to them, so at every opportunity we need to be thinking about those people and thinking how we can make sure that those jobs are available and that other jobs be created as part of that recovery process.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:33): Supplementary: what was the tender process for awarding salvage work on Kangaroo Island?

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (14:33): I thank the member for Mawson for his question. I will take the detailed side of the tender process on notice, but again I come back to the complexity of this situation following the bushfires and the immediate need to deal with the hazardous waste where it was not completely possible to have people on the island deal with that in the first instance just through a skills shortage.

But all efforts have been made and are continuing to be made to ensure that work will go to islanders when it comes to the clean-up. There is no doubt this clean-up is going to be extensive. There is a huge amount of work to be done and, as a consequence, I believe it is inevitable that islanders will have a very key role in participating in that contractor work going forward. I mentioned earlier my conversation with Peter Wallis from Island Earthworks, and he is being engaged to undertake some of these clean-ups. I also think it's Curtis Wilson who is undertaking the clean-up of the Western Districts Football Club.

So we are working through this, trying to provide as many opportunities as possible, bearing in mind that there will, of course, be a requirement for mainland operators to go over and take a role in this work as well to ensure that that clean-up does occur as quickly as possible, that we deal with both the hazardous waste and then the broader clean-up. It's going to be a situation where we will need all hands on deck, and that will include a combination of both island-based operators and mainland operators.

MORTAL KOMBAT

Mr MURRAY (Davenport) (14:35): I have a *Mortal Kombat* question which I would like to direct to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Could the minister please update the house—

Members interjecting:

Mr MURRAY: Listen up! Can the minister update the house on the recent success of the production of *Mortal Kombat* and its impact on the South Australian screen industry?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:36): Yes, I can, and I thank the member for Davenport for his question. I have to say I didn't see him in the line-up for the extras, but I did see a few people who looked like him in the line-up. *Mortal Kombat* is the largest production in the South Australian Film Corporation's history right here in South Australia. The principal production finished late last year, and the movie is now in preproduction here again in South Australia; and 675 businesses and vendors were beneficiaries of the money—

Mr Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Wright!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —that was being spent here in South Australia coming in from overseas.

Mr Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Wright is warned.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: Despite the deputy leader's urgency to try to talk down the announcement of *Mortal Kombat* coming to South Australia—

The SPEAKER: I think it was the member for Wright, but anyway.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —early in the piece when she raised concerns about the number of South Australians who would be getting opportunities in this film, 619 South Australians were paid to work as crew on the set, already superseding the 580 person estimate that was made by the South Australian Film Corporation. Five companies, 180 more jobs, are working on postproduction as we speak. In addition, there were 1,500 extras jobs on *Mortal Kombat*. I was out there on the Saturday morning and the line was infinite. I was there extremely early. It was 3,000 people, I am told—it looked infinite; 3,000 people were there before 10am. It was a cold, frosty morning. I remember it well. It was such a sight to see because some people came in character and it was a bit cold to be exposing that much character, I can tell you.

It is not just those faces you see on the screen who are part of making a movie but, of course, it's all those things that need to be done off screen, all those hundreds of names you see on the credits when the movie is finishing—the carpenters, the electricians, the painters, the leather workers, the metalworkers—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order, members on my left!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —and many of them are South Australians who are benefiting from the opportunity from Warner Brothers to produce that movie here in South Australia. The producer has reported that they are extremely pleased with the results that they have been able to achieve here in South Australia and I believe it was on time and on budget. It's a terrific outcome. Of course, post-production is occurring, now throughout January right through to October this year, with Warner Brothers confirming a 15 January release date next year. This is important because 15 January is

the Martin Luther King Jr long weekend holiday in the United States and it is when production houses release the movies that they expect to be big hits. We are very excited about the fact that *Mortal Kombat* has been chosen to be released on this weekend.

We are also delighted, of course, that five South Australian companies—Rising Sun Pictures, KOJO, Resin, Artisan Post Group and Mill Film—will be out doing the bulk of the production work right here in South Australia.

KANGAROO ISLAND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:39): My question is again to the Premier. Why won't the government reinstate the 50 per cent motor registration concession for Kangaroo Island residents that it axed in last year's budget?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:40): I thank—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Ramsay is warned.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I thank the member for Mawson for his question and note that his community has been through some very tough times over the past few months since the bushfires started on Kangaroo Island. I want to say that, as a government, there is a whole heap that we have done and will continue to do to help people on the island to be able to recover.

The decision taken in the last state budget was around trying to create a level of equity across South Australia in relation to registration fees. Kangaroo Island is not unique but different from most council areas around South Australia in the fact that they have a huge amount of local government road, which is a struggle for a council with only a \$15 million budget per annum to be able to maintain. What our government does is that \$2 million a year, each year, goes towards helping to fix council roads. On top of that, as part of the last budget, we also injected an extra million dollars into helping to fix council roads.

Certainly, in the correspondence I have had with the KI Road Safety Group, as well as other people on my visits to the island, their key concern—in fact, since the bushfires, talking to local tourism operators especially about the priorities that they have, fixing key road infrastructure and spending that money is a very important part of that. As happens, the money that we get to fix roads comes from, in part, registration fees that people pay, so we took a decision as a government that it is important for us to invest and that investing that money is the higher priority, rather than just reducing registration fees, again—

Mr Malinauskas: What about lower costs?

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —trying to create a degree of equity across the state. As a government, I think we have done a lot to invest money into assets that aren't ours on Kangaroo Island—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The leader is warned.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —helping the council essentially to supplement their assets. There is certainly more to come as we work through the recovery phase, helping the community to deal with recovery and also working together with the federal government around how we ensure that recovery happens as quickly as possible, using this as an opportunity to reinforce the assets and the rich tourism assets that the council and the island have to make sure that we help the people of Kangaroo Island recover from this.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:42): My question is again to the Premier. Why hasn't the Premier responded to 12 letters I have written to him since 23 December on behalf of the good people of Kangaroo Island regarding the government's bushfire response?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:42): I am happy to follow that up.

Ms Stinson: Or does he need to write a 13th letter to you?

The SPEAKER: The member for Badcoe is warned for a second and a final time. The member for Mawson and then the member for MacKillop.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:42): Why did the Premier not stop to talk to 50 CFS volunteers at the Kangaroo Island airport on 11 January during the bushfire crisis?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:43): I was talking to many CFS volunteers over the course of the bushfires we had here in South Australia on 20 December up in Cudlee Creek and the bushfires that started about a week earlier on Kangaroo Island and then reached their peak on 3 January.

We are very grateful for the CFS volunteers. We are very grateful for the MFS, we are very grateful for the firefighters that operate from DEW and also the people who have farm firefighting units. We are also grateful for our many volunteers who exist within the SES and very, very grateful to all the community organisations that support those people who are on the front line. I think one of the things that we should be focusing on here is just how much support there has been from volunteer and career firefighters and supporters to the victims of the bushfires.

I must say, many people who have been devastatingly affected by the bushfires are buoyed by the level of support that they have received from the broader community here in South Australia and, quite frankly, around the country and around the world. We are seeing a great outpouring of support for those people who have been affected, and I take the opportunity whenever I can to thank the volunteers.

EPLANNING SYSTEM

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:44): My question is to the Minister for Planning. Can the minister update the house on how innovation and technology will help streamline South Australia's planning system and boost economic development?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:44): I think everyone in this house would be well aware of the largely bipartisan reforms that were passed through this parliament—coming up to the almost four-year anniversary, in fact—through the Legislative Council. It was a long end to that year with the many questions and the hundreds of amendments that were passed on that bill.

One of the most key and exciting reforms as part of that was the nation's first move towards a proper statewide e-planning system, something that we as a government have embraced fully as a way to deliver innovation in the planning space, to drive efficiency and to drive lower cost outcomes for everybody in the planning system.

Fundamentally, what we had was a system that was complex, that was scattergun in its approach and one that was extremely timely to engage with by all parties. In fact, talking to a number of people who put in development applications, the routine was that on a Friday afternoon you would do your ring-around of each council to try to find out if your application had progressed. Essentially, then, you would try to understand whether there had been any movement in that preceding week.

Can I say that there has been some work done and we are very close now to seeing this e-planning portal come to fruition to deliver innovation and better services in this space. To date, the portal has been launched. We have an online submission form that is there for ministerial DPAs and other planning matters around consultation. We have a single land use and land division public

development application register. The State Planning Commission is there, all online, as well as a portal between council and the department on direct communications.

Once fully implemented, this e-planning portal will see people able to lodge development applications online using a single form, able to monitor and track the progress of their application in real time, essentially being able to see as it clicks from one step to the next in the system, able to receive decision notices electronically, able to gain 24/7 access to searchable and reliable information, as well as a whole series of other things.

What this system will do for councils is provide them with the e-planning portal, something that some councils have invested in. Now, instead of having to have a standalone portal, they will have something that speaks to the state government's portal, essentially being the same thing. It will also help those who are putting in development applications.

Perhaps the thing that hasn't gone as noticed is how it's actually going to help the community to engage. One of the biggest bits of feedback I get about any planning reform is that it is always difficult to understand. It is a complex environment. Certainly, the new code is 3,000 pages, which is still quite a lot for people to get through. Afterwards, essentially, we will have zero pages in a statewide plan because everything will be online.

The opportunity for people to be able to click on a bit of land and see all the policies that apply to that bit of land drop down right in front of them, rather than having to search through bits of paper is a key reform that is going to help people who otherwise don't get the complexities of the planning system to be able to grapple with it straight away in real time and get real information.

We think that is a huge step forward for our state and one that is going to help us reduce costs for people who want to help build and grow our state because, as part of this process, we will be able to track and monitor councils' performance. We will also put the state government's performance on the line for how we progress in terms of the time frames to get to a decision. All of this is going to help grow jobs and grow investment in our state, which we know is key to seeing our state prosper as we move forward.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:48): Why does the Premier think he was heckled by CFS volunteers as he came off the SeaLink ferry at Penneshaw on 19 January?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:48): I don't recall that at all; in fact, I have had very positive feedback from the CFS with regard to the performance of the government in these very trying circumstances. If the member has information that he would like to provide us with, I am more than happy to receive it.

Mr Patterson interjecting:

The SPEAKER: The member for Morphett is warned.

TAFE SA PORT PIRIE

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (14:48): My question is to the Minister for Education. Minister, can you please advise the house if there have been any discussions or the development of any plans by your office, your department or any member of your staff in your office or the department that would involve a reduction in the current space available at the Port Pirie TAFE for teaching and, if so, how would these impact upon education services available for Port Pirie and surrounding locales?

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:49): I thank the member for the question. Not to my knowledge or recollection. Obviously, TAFE is somewhat set up in a slightly different way from other parts of the Public Service with its own board, and I will make inquiries. I forget the list of people that the member included in his question, so I will check with TAFE to see if they have anything further to add. If they do, I will bring that back to the house.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:50): My question, again, is to the Premier. When shadow cabinet met on Kangaroo Island on 20 January, why was the Kangaroo Island Recovery Coordinator, Mike Williams, prevented from providing a briefing to shadow cabinet?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:50): I am not aware of that situation, so I am happy to follow up and come back to you.

BUS CONTRACT

Ms LUETHEN (King) (14:50): My question is to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government. Can the minister update the house on how the new bus contract is delivering jobs and innovation in our public transport network?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:50): I thank the member for King for her question and note her community's—

Mr Malinauskas interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Leader!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: —real desire to grapple with and see improved services in the north-east in terms of our bus network.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Member for Wright, you can leave for the remainder of question time.

The Hon. V.A. Chapman: How many trains in Golden Grove?

The SPEAKER: The Deputy Premier is warned.

Mr Boyer interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Member for Wright, be quiet and go.

The honourable member for Wright having withdrawn from the chamber:

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The buses have been outsourced in the north-east for about 20 years, but don't let the truth get in the way.

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

The SPEAKER: Minister for Education!

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: The reality is that—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order! Minister, be seated for one moment. If this continues I will be sending members out. The Minister for Transport has the call.

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: Essentially, the former government had undertaken to start a tender process in relation to acquiring new buses for our network, a contract that needs to deliver today but also needs to be able to see forward for the next decade and what innovation and technology is going to change over the course of that contract.

As a government, we chose to cancel that tender process because it didn't deliver properly on the needs and the aspirations of this government in regard to public transport. By going back out to tender on a new formatted tender document, we have been able to achieve huge advances in what bus technology we are going to be able to engage with as part of the contract.

What we came to was a 340-bus contract over the next 10 years awarded to a local company, essentially a local consortium, Scania, in conjunction with Precision Buses, with Scania providing the chassis and the know-how and Precision putting the buses together. Precision employs a lot of ex- Holden workers and is now supporting 100 staff through this project.

So good are our buses now, and off the back of the government's commitment to a 10-year contract, we are actually now exporting South Australian buses into Canberra—40 beautiful blue buses which, when I was down there a few weeks ago, were rolling off the line to be able to fulfil that contract. In discussions that I have had with minister Steel over in Canberra, who is really enjoying the product we have been sending him and was excited to see his buses rolling off the line, I suggested if he needed any more we would be more than happy to build more buses here in South Australia to ship over to the east coast.

The technology that we are using in these buses is going to improve services for South Australians. These new buses run off new Euro 6 engines, meaning that they are cleaner and greener than anything that's come before. It takes us to the next level when it comes to the bus service that we are delivering. They are more fuel efficient, with lower exhaust emissions, and provide that better, more comfortable service. On top of that, they also have USB charging points. I know that for time-poor gen X and gen Y, it gives them the opportunity to be able to plug in their phone whilst riding to work. Of course, those of us who are a little bit older know to plug in our phones overnight, but—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL: I've got a few grey hairs. We are providing that better service to South Australians but, more than that, what we have done through this contract is provide the opportunity for us to see step changes as technology comes through. So there are points in the contract at which we can upgrade to the newest and latest technology.

We will see later this year the first demonstration hybrid bus being delivered into South Australia using Precision and Scania technology to again drive our bus fleet forward and deliver innovation and new technology that is going to provide better services for South Australians. I know that that is something the government is interested in and I know that that is something that the member for King and the residents of the north-east are interested in, and as they see these buses rolling off the line they will know that they have a government that is committed to delivering better services for them.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:55): My question is again to the Premier. What did the Premier do on Kangaroo Island on the night of Thursday, 30 January during the Liberal Party love-in?

The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:55): On the evening of 30 January, we had a briefing from Pierre Gregor, who is the chair of the Kangaroo Island tourism association. He presented a document and details regarding efforts on Kangaroo Island—some of the immediate concerns that operators on the island were receiving.

This event was well attended by members of the Liberal party room. It is fair to say that we were all very concerned about the immediate, medium term and longer term implications of the fires that had occurred there. We were very grateful for the work that he had put in to the presentation that he gave, and there will be ongoing follow-up with Mr Gregor and other members of the very important tourism sector on Kangaroo Island.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:56): Supplementary: given that you had met with Mr Gregor at least twice before, why on the night of Thursday 30 January did the Premier not attend the public meeting at the Parndana sports complex where bushfire victims had gathered for an update on the recovery process?

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:56): I am happy to advise the member that I was in attendance at that meeting, as I was at a number of the meetings, together with the minister for *Mortal Kombat*, and my recollection is that the Minister for Human Services was also present, all of whom had a direct area of interest in relation to the recovery phase.

Mr Mike Williams, to whom the member has referred already today, was also giving a briefing. We had briefings at that meeting from other members in the community, including principals

of the Kangaroo Island schools, because, as members may appreciate, there are all sorts of things that need to be measured and monitored, as well as providing ongoing support. At the previous meeting of the same nature, a lot more people were in attendance, but one expects that as these progress fewer and fewer members of the community attend because they've got the information they need and they are moving on to the rebuild phase of whatever their damage has been.

But the principal, I recall, of the KI community school, including my own old school, the Parndana Area School, which is now the Parndana Campus of KICE, was able to report that all the children who had been living at the western end and who were at the school had been located by their families wherever they might have been disparate around the community, especially those who had lost their homes and who were staying in temporary accommodation—one family of whom I still have in shearers' quarters on a property I have an interest in.

They were able to proudly say that we had not only located them but they appreciated contributions made by the government—I think by the Department for Education. It may have been through human services, but I will give credit to the Minister for Education for extra uniforms and satchels—backpacks and the like—to be able to return to school and to normality in the best way possible.

These meetings are very important. I certainly discussed with the Minister for Human Services her response to this meeting and the concerns that were raised by some at the meeting as to what experiences they had had. She was very pleased to have been able to attend. Mr Pisoni was also busy speaking to not only the very large number of volunteer CFS, MFS and police, some of whom were also giving reports at that meeting on that occasion, but also the enormous number of people who were already there working hard from the ADF, coupled with many people who were supporting the BlazeAid program, which was already underway in assisting people with fencing removal, damaged property, which again the member has raised.

I don't recall on that occasion or at any other meetings there being any concern raised about a delay in the removal of buildings that had collapsed or been burnt through in the fire. I am aware of a number that were lost. Some local people had already activated their own arrangements to dispose of those properties once there had been an assurance that there was no asbestos particularly or other toxins in those properties.

As the member may be aware—but perhaps other members in the house aren't aware—a large tract of the area that was essentially incinerated during the January fires in particular was in a region which was provided under the soldier settlement scheme. Regrettably, many of those houses are contaminated with an enormous level of asbestos.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:00): My supplementary is to the Premier again. Given the Deputy Premier's excellent description of that meeting that night, where we heard from the principal of the school and the leaders and the recovery officer, as the leader of this state do you think you should have been at that meeting or with your Liberal Party colleagues at a wine tasting?

The SPEAKER: There's some characterisation in that question, but I will allow it. Deputy Premier.

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:01): Can I just confirm to the house—

Mr Pederick: Don't cry for me Argentina! It's outrageous.

The SPEAKER: Member for Hammond!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —that I and the other ministers who attended that meeting were proud to do so. We will continue as a government to have an interest and attend where we can in relation to fundraising events. Some of those, of course, are occurring on the mainland, some of them are for Cudlee Creek victims and, indeed, the South-East, the forgotten fire I read about, and those of course on Yorke Peninsula. All these communities need our support and all of us, as leaders in the community, whether in government or not, have an area of responsibility to attend to that.

I think, as the member would understand—and I am sure he does—the tourism sector on Kangaroo Island has been decimated by virtue of the loss of the wildlife and stock that is the bread and butter of the tourism industry. I think if members of the government, the Premier or other ministers, are invited to a briefing in relation to that important area, which requires support in its recovery, that is as critical as any of the others.

Everyone is important in relation to this area, whether it's for mental health or whether it's the provision of support for a small business that's dependent and hadn't been in a fire-affected area. All these areas need our support. I would hope that all members, if they are invited to any event at which there could be some attendance to indicate our endorsement of the support and concern we have, would be in attendance and work through to ensure these people are given every opportunity of not only support but access to information.

If the member has a circumstance brought to his attention, where a particular family or individual in any of the fire-affected areas, whether it's in the ones that have already happened this summer or perhaps, sadly, others that might occur, he should bring that to the attention of either the minister or certainly to the Premier, the particulars of that.

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I have read some of the member's letters, which are very—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Members on my left!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: I have read some of the letters that have been sent to others that are very generic and they haven't provided detail. What I'm asking the member to do is that, if there's somebody—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Well, it's very difficult to respond in relation to a particular case if the information isn't provided. I know, for example, that someone who works for the member for Mawson had lost her home. That is regrettable. It wasn't actually the first home lost in the fire, but nevertheless all those people need to have our support. If there is a delay that is unreasonable or questions need to be asked, we are happy to have the detail of that. But, to the best of my knowledge, the issues that have been raised by the member have been addressed. If there are individual cases that haven't had attention, please provide that information. We are happy to—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: Well, other members are interjecting here as if they have some knowledge of what's in these letters. If there are particulars of a family that is still in need of support, I would be happy for the member to convey that to my office.

SERVICE SA

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:04): My question is to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government. I refer to your answer to my question without notice yesterday, when you advised the missing million Service SA transactions could be attributed to phone calls, and ask if the 1.4 million of the 1.5 million increase in online transactions comes from a transfer of phone transactions to online transactions?

The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (15:05): I thank the member for Florey for her question and do note her ongoing interest in this. That is not information that has been provided to me. Essentially, the increase in online is about the fact that there is a trend towards online that's not unique to Service SA. People are choosing to buy things online. People are choosing to transact bank transactions online. We are finding more and more people are wanting to access online services because it's a way that they can do so without having to leave the comfort of their own home and it

saves them time and it saves them money. So certainly that is not my understanding of the figures we have been spruiking, but merely that there is a long-term trend towards online transactions.

I would say that, because of the growth in population in South Australia, there is an overall increase in the number of transactions being undertaken, which is why we presented those figures in percentage terms. We see growth in transactions with growth in the number of vehicles and the number of houses and all the different aspects that people need to transact with Service SA, but more than that, there is a long-term trend towards online. It's something that we are keen to push, promote and accelerate because it's quite clearly what our customers are telling us they want to have delivered.

Based on the question yesterday from the member for Florey, my understanding is that the number of phone calls to the Service SA contact centre is quite stable. We haven't seen a huge variation in the number of people choosing to do that, but we are seeing a decline in face-to-face transactions as people move to online.

Personal Explanation

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (15:07): With your indulgence, I would like to make a personal explanation.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order: the minister needs to seek leave to make a personal explanation.

The SPEAKER: If the minister is making a personal explanation, he needs to seek leave. Is the minister seeking leave to make that personal explanation?

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: I seek leave, sir.

The SPEAKER: Leave is sought; is leave granted? Leave is not granted.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: With your indulgence, sir, a matter was raised earlier—

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: Minister, I am advised that leave is required. You may want to contribute to the grievance debate, which is about to occur, but leave has been sought and leave has been declined respectfully, minister.

The Hon. A. Piccolo: Well done—not even 24 hours! That's a record.

The SPEAKER: Member for Light, be quiet.

An honourable member interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

Grievance Debate

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (15:08): It was great to have a premier in this place today who rang and checked in on the people of Kangaroo Island to see how we were going down there. Will Hodgman was a great premier. Until a few weeks ago, he was the premier of Tasmania. He was here today.

Unfortunately, we do not have a good premier in South Australia, and from what I have seen in my local area over the past 61 days every South Australian should be very, very scared that something will go wrong in their local area over the next two years in the remainder of the term of the Marshall government because these are people who have zero empathy, zero generosity and zero care for their fellow South Australians. I have seen it firsthand.

I have heard from the farmers. I have heard from the homeless people over there who have lost their 89 homes on Kangaroo Island since the bushfire disaster started on 20 December last year.

I have a letter here that I wrote to the Premier on 23 December, day 4 of this emergency, in which I wrote:

The people of Kangaroo Island need a specialised recovery committee to assist people in rebuilding their lives and infrastructure. There has also been a considerable loss of stock.

The island has its own particular needs because of its isolation and factors like accommodation and transport on and off the island need to be considered due to the time of the year. It's peak season and there are many tourists currently on the island.

The volunteers [here] are doing an exceptional job but are not in a position to work on recovery. There is fatigue in the ranks and more very bad weather to come. We need to bring in people with expertise and knowledge of the area to start rebuilding [and] planning. The earlier we start the better.

I must say I found it very disappointing that we are now at day four of this catastrophic bushfire emergency and I have not been contacted by a single member of your cabinet. I can give you examples of emergencies when as Minister I was on the phone and in cars with your MPs, specifically [the member for Chaffey—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: —the member for Stuart, the member for Flinders and the former member for MacKillop]. The community expects the local MP and Government to work together in a bipartisan way and the behaviour of your cabinet has not met community standards.

I have not had a response to that. That is from day 4 of this bushfire emergency. We are now at day 61. Look out, the rest of South Australia, because if you are in trouble this government will be nowhere to be seen. We had to wait more than 50 days for this government to tell the people of Kangaroo Island that they did not have to pay for the clean-up of the burnt-out, blackened wreckage of their homes.

Can you imagine the damage they are doing to people's mental health. On top of losing everything that you love: the home where you brought up your family, the pets that you had, the stock that you had to put down, for these people not to turn up and for a premier to fly in and fly out and never spend more than a few hours on the ground, I have to say is a disgrace. I have spent so many hours with people who are now homeless. There were 89 homes lost in this fire.

I have spoken to people who lost not only their home but their business and they went out and helped their mates, farmers, shoot sheep. I drove around on that Saturday morning after the big Friday night and we saw so much loss and destruction, and all I heard was the sound of rifle cracks. When you speak to someone like Josh, who tells you about the ewe that nuzzled his knee, basically begging for a bullet to the head to put it out of pain, they are the stories that the Premier of this state needs to go over and hear. If you do not hear these stories, how can you act? The first thing that we have to have as a government, as representatives of the people of this state, is empathy. How can you have empathy for people you do not know? How can you?

Two weeks ago, I came in here with a very measured tone. I said to the Premier then that the standard he has set was not a standard that I was prepared to accept. I said to him that I will draw a line in the sand and let's start this relationship over because that is what the community, any community, expects people to do to work together. Do you think he might have stepped over here and had a look? Have a look at the end of that video. He is looking at his toes. He could not even look me in the eye during my speech which, as I said, was very measured. He has not reached out to me in the two weeks since I made that speech in here and he has not responded to any of the 12 letters that I have written.

If any South Australian, whether you live on Kangaroo Island, you know people on Kangaroo Island, you love Kangaroo Island or you feel for the people of Kangaroo Island, thinks that this Premier has treated the people of Kangaroo Island in a humane way, then I do not know what world you live in. I live in a world where we care for people and where we stand up for people. I am so proud to be on this side because the Labor Party has turned up in numbers and listened to the people of Kangaroo Island.

KANGAROO ISLAND BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (15:13): I rise to make a contribution in relation to this matter—

Members interjecting:

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN: —given the statements made by the member for Mawson. Can I start by saying that he represents, in this chamber, the people of Kangaroo Island. There are a number of other members here who represent districts that have not only been hurt by fire in this season but will be again. So I do understand the passion that is invoked in relation to people who represent areas where there has been human tragedy and disaster, property loss, livestock damage, the incineration of wildlife and the like. It is a very difficult time.

Notwithstanding that, I think the content of the letter outlined by the member to the house, which he apparently sent on 23 December after the first wave of the fire—and I happen to know because it went through my family home prior to Christmas and those three valleys in the fire zone were seriously damaged. He mentioned one of my neighbours who then had a role in relation to putting down sheep.

Tragically, those same people, south of the Middle River dam, were involved in the extraordinary events in early January which caused even more devastation, and the loss of stock on the occasion the member refers to, on the day after the early January fire, was horrific. Seeing my neighbour, whom I had known for 30 years, whose 400 cattle were dead, having to go out on the Playford Highway and deal with the clean-up of that was disgusting.

It is a shocking experience to have to go and puncture animals when they blow up. These are all horrific scenes. It is as though you are in a war zone. Then the humane disposal of livestock—thousands of sheep, which has been referred to in the house before—is devastating. As I said at the time, an enormous effort went into neighbours assisting their neighbours to dispose of their neighbour's sheep so that they would not be disposing of their own animals. Along that highway there were shocking scenes of badly injured horses, pets and wildlife. These are shocking situations.

I want to report to the house that on that day, after the January fire, I took the Premier out along the Playford Highway and we did witness some of the shocking devastation there. He did speak to a number of people, including those who had completely lost their home. I think of people like Robert Benny, who raised his children in his home and everything was lost—and then he had to go back and put down the children's pet horses. These are terrible scenes.

I want to assure the member that everyone in this cabinet, whilst they have not seen all the same things that he and I have seen, or indeed the Premier has seen—and I hope they do not in their lifetime—and everyone who drives through these communities after that type of devastation cannot help but be scarred by that memory, and trying to digest it and manage it and still be able to give support is difficult. However, I want to assure the house again that members of this government, and I would hope all members of this community, when their people are faced with this type of situation, do need to stick together to be able to provide that support.

Regarding '50 days, threats of this, failure to do this or that', I would remind the house that we are talking about a massive area, particularly on Kangaroo Island, where homes were built post-World War II. They are full of asbestos. They also have jarrah floors, in case anyone is interested in wood. It is very valuable wood, probably the most valuable thing left in some of these houses. When they get incinerated—because some of them were left vacant, or they have been added on to or had sleep-outs and sunrooms added to them over the years, again with asbestos-based building products—it is a nightmare when it comes to the disposal of them. Even the sheds, which again had asbestos linings along shearing boards, etc., all these things have to be tested.

The Minister for Environment has been absolutely impeccable in his response to quickly getting people on the ground to do the assessments, and that has meant sending teams from Adelaide to be able to do that and then to start the clean-up. So if people have experienced a delay and it has been confronting for them to go back to their properties and see the decimated structures,

I am very sad about that, but it is also important that we protect the community against the deadly dust diseases that come from asbestos.

EMPATHY

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:18): Today, I would like to build on some things that the member for Mawson raised in his earlier contribution to this debate this afternoon, and that is the issue of empathy. It is a very important issue because, in my view, the real test of whether or not we are a civilised society is how we treat those in our community who are vulnerable and less fortunate. We should not measure our society by those who are the wealthiest, but by how we as a society look after those who, for whatever reason, need support from the rest of the community.

I raise this issue because there are two ways of looking at the way we organise our societies: you can either believe that the economy is there to serve society, which I subscribe to, or you can actually see it as a way of society having to be there to serve the economy, which I believe the federal Liberal government subscribes to—certainly this federal Liberal government does. I mention that because in my office I get a number of complaints in certain areas which are covered by federal policy around the NDIS, Centrelink and aged care, and they would be the highest number of complaints I get.

I raise this issue because the National Disability Insurance Scheme was established under a Labor government for the purposes of ensuring fairness and equity for people who are living with a disability, not only in terms of getting access to services, which is very important, but in terms of making sure they get the support and services that enable them to live a fulfilling life in all parts of their life. I am referring to the capacity to work, the capacity to be involved in sport and recreation, the capacity to be involved in arts and culture. So, if we are going to talk about justice and equity for people living with a disability, then there must be capacity for those people who live with a disability to get access to services and support which enable them to fully participate.

Day in, day out, my office gets complaints about the lack of resources provided for people living with a disability. Day in, day out, we get complaints about how long it takes to get plans approved or funding approved for people living with a disability. In a nation which is relatively wealthy by international standards, we can do much better than we are doing in terms of caring for people with a disability—and we should. This is because we have a federal government, unfortunately, which diverts funding which was earmarked for disability services to other projects to balance the budget, and that is shameful.

Another issue I want to raise is Centrelink. I know the Prime Minister has said ad nauseam that the best way to help people on Centrelink, particularly people on Newstart, is to get them a job, and I do not disagree with that. But while people do not have employment, it is important that we provide them with the support and means to live a dignified life. Again, it is one of those areas which I get complaints about. There has been a growing trend in the delays of processing Centrelink claims and applications, and people have to live below the poverty line, not only themselves but, in the case of where there are young people involved, children, etc., the whole family suffers from that lack of care from this federal government.

It is also true that the process of getting appeals and reviews is slow and people can actually be in the system for many months and years without an income before they get a chance to get financial support. Again, this government nitpicks and goes after the poorest in our community yet lets the other end of the community off.

Another area that I would like to talk about in the time I have left is aged care. The reason I raise this is because there has been an idea floated that we need to raise funding for aged care, which I agree with, but one of the concerns I have is that aged care is not funded properly at this point in time. We do, unfortunately, treat our elderly in a less than dignified manner, particularly in some facilities. This is not a reflection on the staff, who are very committed, and they are often very poorly paid in aged-care facilities, but the resources are just not there to ensure we have the staffing levels and services to provide to people who require aged-care services to live in a dignified way.

I started this speech with the fact that we need to show empathy towards those people in our society who need our support and I will end with that as well because, unfortunately, this federal government has no empathy for those in need.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS: Mr Speaker, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

The SPEAKER: There not being a quorum present, ring the bells.

A quorum having been formed:

QUESTION TIME

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (15:25): I am speaking in this spot with the courtesy of the member for Mount Gambier, and I thank him very much for his flexibility in allowing me to do this. Earlier, during question time, the member for Mawson asked for leave and I refused that leave, which was my misunderstanding of the arrangements that were—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: Rubbish!

The SPEAKER: Order, member for West Torrens!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —negotiated with the opposition. I did attempt, with the leave of the house, to make a personal explanation after question time and was not able to do that.

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: So why did you withdraw leave?

The SPEAKER: Member for West Torrens, please.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: I thought I would use this opportunity, this five minutes that has been allocated for the grievance debate, to apologise to you, sir, for embarrassing you—

The Hon. A. Koutsantonis: I got thrown out.

The SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —to apologise to the member for West Torrens, to apologise to the member for Mawson and to apologise to the Minister for Transport for misunderstanding the new—

The Hon. A. Piccolo: You should apologise to your whole party.

The SPEAKER: Member for Light!

The Hon. D.G. PISONI: —arrangements that have been negotiated with the opposition since the proroguing of the house. I wanted to make that clear because I am certainly not a person of malice and I am certainly very much a team player. Had I obviously not misunderstood the terms of the agreement then I would not have withheld or withdrawn leave for the member for Mawson.

Again, I know that it has been a very difficult time for the member for Mawson and I share the grief that he is experiencing as the member responsible for Kangaroo Island. I feel that I have embarrassed him and I apologise for doing so.

WOMEN IN SPORT

Ms HILDYARD (Reynell) (15:27): South Australian girls and women are taking to football and other previously male-dominated sports in droves. In doing so, they are sending a message to our community that they are strong, that they are no longer relegated to the sidelines and that they belong in every aspect of their chosen sport. In turn, many clubs are sending girls and women a message that they are welcome to equally and actively participate.

Women's participation in footy and other sports at the highest levels is sending a powerful message to our whole community that the traditional perceived roles of women and men are shifting, because when we see women who are strong welcomed to play at the highest level we shift the way women and men are perceived and we are given an incredible opportunity to tackle persistent issues about gender inequality and the roles women and men can play.

But what message is this Liberal state government and their corrupt federal Liberal counterparts sending sportswomen? An appalling one: a message that they will not back them and provide funds for the facilities they need; a message that, despite some big talk, they will not do what it takes to see women equally included in the sport they love; a message that their support depends on where you live and your club's bank balance.

Like so many community members in clubs across our state, I am angered that this state Liberal government and their mates in Canberra are leaving girls and young women without the facilities they deserve. It is absolutely not okay that teenage girls and young women share an utterly inappropriate change room with men at the South Adelaide Football Club. South Adelaide women are magnificent athletes, SANFL Statewide Super Women's League back-to-back premiers and footballers who have had enough.

The only available change room at their home ground is completely outdated, with open showers, a single toilet, no appropriate space for women to gather before or after games and, when a double-header is scheduled, there is often no space for them at all. As gun player Madison Bennett says:

The Panthers have more premierships than they do toilets—and the competition is only in its third season!

Three years and we still don't have an area for the girls, it's kind of hard.

Two premierships—I thought they would think we deserve it.

The shameful reason this team, these women and so many others do not have facilities of their own is those opposite. The Marshall Liberal government denied them change rooms when they cut the \$24 million dedicated female facilities program and cruelly grabbed \$10 million from fourth round funding for which the club had applied.

They were then ruthlessly overlooked when the corrupt Morrison Liberal government rigged federal sporting infrastructure grants in favour of clubs not even fielding women's teams. Postcodes were more important than premierships, marginal seats more important than merit. This comes on the back of record numbers of women and girls pulling on the boots at South and record numbers of women playing everywhere.

State and federal Liberals have utterly failed South Adelaide women. I call on those opposite to immediately intervene so that the brilliant work done by South and clubs across our state to encourage women and girls to get involved in local footy is not undermined and so that these Panthers women can gather and change in a place that is safe, appropriate and provides them with some dignity.

This Premier and his hapless sports minister claim to support women's sport. In cruelly cutting the dedicated female facilities program, and in remaining absolutely silent whilst the federal Liberals' disgraceful sports rorts scandal grows, they have sent a message to South women and women everywhere that you will always come a distant second to your male counterparts and that their political expediency will always triumph your needs. It is a message to girls and women that is bereft of principle and deeply demonstrative of the lack of Liberal understanding about why inclusion and equality are so important and what they have the power to do.

Whilst those opposite are happy to occasionally turn up at elite women's sporting events for photo opportunities, they refuse to properly fund sport for girls and women in this state. They refuse to respond to South Adelaide women and women in clubs everywhere. Well, South Australian sportswomen deserve better. Together with them, and particularly the women of South, we will keep calling on the Liberals to immediately and fully fund the installation of women's change rooms at South Adelaide's home ground—and we will not stop until they do.

FLINDERS ELECTORATE

Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:32): I rise today to talk about a recent event in the electorate of Flinders, and that is the visit of our Premier, the Hon. Steven Marshall, and the acting minister for primary industries, the Hon. Dan van Holst Pellekaan, who visited Cleve on Tuesday 11 February as part of their drought tour last week.

Cleve was, in fact, the first cab off the rank. The Premier and the minister flew into Cleve and I met them at the airport, the airstrip—the aerodrome, let's call it. We drove into Cleve and hosted a drought forum attended by some 60 people in the brand-new Cleve sports club to which the Marshall Liberal government contributed over \$600,000. What a wonderful vote of confidence in that community that is, because they have been doing it tough.

It has been the third dry year in a row, as 2017, 2018 and 2019 all had below average rainfall in the Cleve district and certainly east of that, towards Cowell and on the Cowell flats, south of it towards Arno Bay, north to Darke Peak and now Kimba. These areas have also been experiencing dry seasons, so it is important that the Premier visit and hear from people. It is on the back of a visit some 12 months earlier, when we met in Cowell and Arno Bay.

Frost has also been a problem; it is not just the dry conditions. Historically, frost seems to be a problem in the drier years and it has exacerbated the harsh seasonal conditions, so much so that in an area like Darke Peak some producers have now had up to five years below average in a row. But people are resilient and took the opportunity to talk to me, the Premier and the minister about various issues, including mental health and how farmers, their families, business owners and community people in general, coped with the mental stress that dry seasonal conditions can bring. Of course, it is not just about farmers. Towns such as Cleve, Kimba and Darke Peak, too, rely very much on the surrounding farming families for their businesses. If the farmers are suffering, then so do the businesses. It is something that consumes the whole community. Mental health was an issue.

The ability to attract and retain health professionals and staff is an ongoing issue, and I am pleased to see that this government is now in the process of developing the Rural Health Workforce Strategy, and we are contributing some \$20 million to that. Roads were another topic to come up, and they are always a topic for country people. Around \$32 million is going into the roads of Eyre Peninsula primarily on the back of the closure of the rail corridor, but it certainly will be welcomed by the locals as they see improved road conditions.

The issue of fencing also came up. Obviously, there have been some soil erosion problems as a result of the dry years. My anecdotal evidence is that there is less bare ground at the moment than there was 12 months ago, so credit goes to those farmers who have been able to re-establish some ground cover, but it has not been easy. It is just a matter of how councils and landowners deal with sand drift, which banks up against fences and sometimes blows fences out. It also impedes the traffic along roadways. That has been a significant task for them.

We as a government recently announced a further \$21 million Drought Support Program. Included in that are extra FaB scouts, who were introduced last year. They are mentors and sponsors through the community who act in that role with drought-affected families. We have also introduced a \$7½ million red meat and wool initiative, and we continue to support the adoption of AgTech solutions.

All of that is wonderful. Governments cannot make it rain. It would help no end if we returned to more reasonable seasonal conditions, and we remain optimistic that that will happen. I thank the Premier and the minister for visiting Cleve. It was the first stop on a big day when they went on to visit Hawker, Orroroo and Marree as well.

Address in Reply

ADDRESS IN REPLY

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

Ms MICHAELS (Enfield) (15:37): I am continuing my remarks that I commenced earlier in my Address in Reply. This morning, I was reflecting on the Weatherill Labor government's initiatives which have made South Australia a leader in this country in clean energy use. While South Australia has leapt ahead with wind and solar power generation, we also have South Australian experts continuing research into alternatives, such as hydrogen, geothermal and wave power. This places South Australia at the forefront to attract business and investment and to build on our manufacturing know-how to help develop future technologies to export to the world.

This Liberal government must provide support to start-up businesses looking to build a green future and to ensure they receive the funding they need to scale up and become world leaders in environmentally sustainable agriculture, recycling, solar, hydrogen and green transport. Without supporting individuals and small businesses in this space, we risk losing them interstate or, even worse, overseas. South Australia can become the green knowledge state, and now is the time that we must invest in and support our green entrepreneurs to ensure they develop and stay in South Australia. Green industry can become a major employer in South Australia in coming years.

I now turn to reflect on the government's initiatives outlined in the Governor's speech. We heard in His Excellency's speech about the government's grand plan for our state over the next two years. Unfortunately, there was a plan but, in my view, far from grand. The people of Enfield have had to bear the brunt of this government's so-called vision. The Governor stated that the government is delivering on its commitment made to South Australia at the 2018 election, and we all remember the Liberal Party's three-line slogan at that election: lower costs, more jobs, better services. Unfortunately, none of that has eventuated for the people of Enfield.

I have spoken in this place before about the government's failed promises. The government has committed itself to actually reducing services in Enfield with the closure of Prospect Service SA. The Prospect Service SA centre provides vital services to my constituents. Importantly, it provides services to my constituents who do not have access to the internet, or who are not able to use the internet, or who find it difficult to use a phone—for example, where their first language is not English—and those who are elderly.

We all know that the Prospect Service SA centre has in the past few years been the third busiest in the state. Usage has only increased at the centre over time, so Prospect Service SA is not being closed due to declining use. I am regularly at the Northpark Shopping Centre collecting signatures for the Save Service SA petition. I was only there on Monday collecting signatures, and I have never seen a petition that basically just signs itself.

Every morning, there is a long line of people waiting to get into Service SA, and during the day the waiting area is full of people sitting patiently ready to transact with the government of South Australia. The Minister for Transport claims that most transactions can be done online or by phone; however, he does not mention that of all the services that Service SA provides 40 per cent must be done in person.

If the minister is going to strongarm us into only interacting with Service SA online, I am very concerned about what that will mean for those people without an internet connection or who are unable to use the internet, because 17½ per cent of South Australian households do not have internet access at home and 15 per cent of South Australians do not understand the internet at all. Many of my constituents do not have internet access at home because they simply cannot afford it, or they do not know how to use it.

The minister, in his rush towards technological efficiencies, cannot afford to leave these people behind. They are the most vulnerable members of our community and we need to look after them. The most common question I get when I am down at Northpark is: why are they shutting down Service SA? I actually do not know the answer to this. There is no good reason for it to be closed. If this government closes down Prospect Service SA, where are my constituents going to go to apply for their driver's licences, to renew their car regos, to pay their bills?

If this government is going to close down one of the busiest Service SA centres in South Australia, what measures are going to be put in place for surrounding centres? That question has still not been answered. We have only just heard that the government is halving the size of the Adelaide Service SA centre, which is where they said my constituents would be able to go. When Prospect closes, how is a smaller Adelaide Service SA going to cope with the increased demand? And we have seen the results of the government's cuts to the Service SA call centre.

Call waiting times have dramatically increased, blowing out the average wait time for a call to eight minutes and four seconds, which is a doubling of the previous year's waiting time. What does the minister and the Premier want my constituents to do if they cannot ring Service SA, if they cannot visit the Service SA centre and do not have access to or knowledge of the internet? It appears that both the minister and the Premier are forgetting what is glaringly obvious about the name 'Service SA': it is there to provide a service to South Australians, but this government is leaving South Australians serviceless.

My constituents have been calling for the government to reverse its decision since this decision was first announced, and I stand with all those members in my community calling for the government to reverse its decision to close down Prospect Service SA. Unfortunately, this Marshall Liberal government has without doubt failed to provide the people of Enfield with better services. I now turn to jobs, and Prospect Service SA is an anchor tenant for the Northpark Shopping Centre.

Anger and frustration at the decision to close Service SA at Northpark are coming not only from my constituents but also from the small business owners at Northpark. Service SA is a major drawcard for the shopping centre, so naturally business owners are concerned that they are going to lose a huge percentage of their customer base when the government closes Service SA. That presumably will mean there will be fewer jobs, fewer shops and fewer services at the shopping centre.

Currently, Northpark has six bank branches, and we all know that Australian banks like to close branches, so if you remove Service SA from the shopping centre how long before the banks are going to close down those branches? Again, there will be fewer jobs, fewer branches and fewer services for the people of Enfield. It is as if the Premier has taken a leaf out of the big four banks' playbook and all we have from this Liberal government are higher fees and fewer services.

When in government, Labor was committed to growing jobs in our state. When the federal Liberal government dared General Motors to pull Holden out of Australia, Labor in South Australia doubled down on its efforts to build jobs and grow our economy. The closure of the Holden plant resulted in 2,900 jobs being lost from the northern suburbs, not to mention the loss of supply chain jobs and other jobs supporting that manufacturing industry and our economy.

Our premier at the time, Jay Weatherill, and his treasurer, the member for Torrens, made jobs their number one priority, rolling out programs and grants such as the Job Accelerator Grant Scheme and the Northern Economic Plan. These programs provided the boost our economy needed to weather the closure of the Holden factory in South Australia. In March 2018, at the election, South Australia's unemployment rate was 5.6 per cent. Upon its election, this Liberal government shut down these important job creation grants and programs. As a result, South Australia bears the unenviable title of having the highest unemployment rate in the nation at 6.2 per cent, 1.1 per cent above the national average.

When I made the choice to stand for the seat of Enfield, I did so in part to ensure that South Australia provided my children with the best opportunities to secure decent work here, yet this government's mismanagement of the state's economy is making that goal harder and harder every day. While this government claims that they will not be picking winners and losers, the one sure thing is that the losers are the jobseekers, the underemployed and the young people trying to break into the jobs market. While this government promised more jobs, all we have received is, again, more broken promises.

Unfortunately, in recent days we have heard that both the federal and state Liberal governments have failed to ensure local content for the Future Submarines program. The French submarine builder is slashing the amount of local work for the project. It is clear that both the federal and state Liberal governments are asleep at the wheel when it comes to protecting Australian jobs and, more importantly, South Australian jobs. As we know, when the project was first announced we were promised that 90 per cent of the work would be local. That would have had a hugely positive impact on the South Australian economy.

As this project progresses, we keep hearing that less and less of the production will be local. We were later told that 60 per cent of the work would be local. At one point, we were told \$80 billion would be provided to the South Australian economy from this project. Now *The Australian* has reported that the Naval Group will give less than half of that to local firms. There are further reports suggesting that only 30 per cent of that work could flow to South Australia. We are talking about Australian taxpayer dollars that would have boosted the South Australian economy now being diverted overseas.

This government is already failing to meet its economic growth targets, and now it is just going to let this money flow off to Europe. South Australia has a proud history of naval shipbuilding and a proven track record of delivering on defence construction and maintenance projects. I am not entirely sure what the Premier has been doing while these local jobs continue to slip through his fingers. The Premier needs to stop twiddling his thumbs and stand up and fight for South Australia.

And while the Premier is twiddling his thumbs, risking local work in the Future Submarines project, the Western Australian government has been fighting to steal ongoing maintenance work for the Collins class submarines. The Western Australian government has spent half a million dollars on

an advertising campaign to steal our jobs. Their bid to steal 700 maintenance jobs for the Collins class submarines has far wider consequences than just those 700 jobs. If the Premier lets WA take these jobs from under our noses, South Australians will actually lose a total of 3,000 direct and indirect jobs. With this government doing nothing to grow our jobs and our economy, WA may simply walk in and take these jobs from our state.

We secured the Future Submarines project because the former Labor government fought tooth and nail for that project, and now the Premier is too busy kowtowing to his federal colleagues to stand up for South Australian businesses and South Australian workers. The defence industry minister has refused to rule out sending the 700 maintenance jobs to WA, saying that splitting the labour forces across SA and WA would be a win-win for both states. I do not see it as a win-win at all.

The minister said that the arrangement would ensure we do not have a winner and a loser, but there are clear losers in that situation. Every one of those 3,000 South Australians employed directly or indirectly would be a loser under the minister's plan. So what has the Premier done about protecting our jobs? He has promised more jobs, but he will not even stand up to protect our existing jobs.

I now want to turn to the Premier's privatisation agenda. My electorate's western border is formed by the Gawler rail line, a rail line run by proud South Australian public servants. This government's perverse commitment to more jobs is to privatise our trains and trams. Privatising means taking good jobs from these hardworking shiftworkers and replacing them inevitably with fewer jobs and worse conditions. We all know the results of privatisation on rail services interstate and overseas. The Minister for Transport claims the privatisation of Melbourne's train network has provided him with a shining example of why he chose to privatise our trains and trams, yet Victoria recently reported a 30 per cent increase in complaints about their train network.

In Melbourne, more than 24,000 services have been cancelled and had stations skipped or bypassed in an attempt to run on time. Victorian trains have failed to meet punctuality targets for 10 out of 12 months in the 2018-19 financial year, so I question whether Victoria's privatisation experiment has saved Victorian taxpayers money, reduced fare prices or produced a better service. The answer to all three questions is a resounding no.

An RMIT report by Dr Paul Mees found that privatisations actually cost Victorian taxpayers an additional \$2 billion, compared to the services staying in public hands. While the Victorian public are paying an extra \$2 billion, they are also paying higher fees than South Australian public transport users. A full-fare 28-day pass costs Victorians almost \$50 more than the same 28-day pass in South Australia. A full-fare two-hour ticket costs Victorians 18 per cent more than a South Australian two-hour ticket, and of course there is no better service, given the increase in complaints and skipped, missed or cancelled services.

Our government's own survey found that South Australian public transport users have an 87 per cent satisfaction rating for our trains, while Victorian transport users only have a satisfaction rating of 74 per cent. It is clear that the Victorian privatisation experiment is failing, yet that is the example that our minister is choosing to follow. That is his shining light and his vision for our trains and trams: hardly better services, no lower costs and definitely more broken promises.

What about lower energy costs? My constituents have been waiting since the 18 March election for the Premier's promised saving of \$302 on their power bills. The Premier's much hyped South Australia-New South Wales interconnector now does not seem to be the golden egg-laying goose that he promised us. Following an independent review commissioned by the Australian Energy Regulator and done by Frontier Economics, we now know that the economic benefits of the interconnector will not provide the promised savings, instead providing savings of just \$66 a year, compared with the election promise of \$302.

The South Australian people have been sold a bill of goods by the Premier, based on what Frontier Economics has described as ElectraNet's overstated assumption of benefit. The Premier relied on faulty information to promise the world to South Australians and all he has done is continue to break his promises. Not only will the interconnector's promised savings not be as high as hoped but the benefits appear to be heavily weighted in favour of New South Wales.

South Australian consumers are going to be slugged an extra \$9 on their bills, while New South Wales' consumers will only be required to pay an extra \$5. The lion's share of jobs are going to flow heavily to New South Wales in favour of them, with 200 for South Australia and 800 for New South Wales during the construction phase and a similar ongoing disparity during the life of the project.

I cannot understand why the Premier is not fighting for a better deal for South Australia. Not only will South Australians see less benefit than those across the border but the interconnector will actually risk the future of South Australia's gas-fired power generation in favour of dirty coal energy coming from New South Wales.

The Frontier Economics report says that the Pelican Point, Osborne and Torrens Island gas-fired power stations will be at risk of early closure due to the flow of dirty coal coming from energy from New South Wales through the interconnector, so while South Australians will be sending clean energy sourced from our vast array of wind and solar projects to New South Wales we will be receiving their old-fashioned outdated coal-fired power, another loss for South Australian consumers.

Worse yet, as we seek to harness the benefits of excess clean energy through the production of hydrogen energy storage, we may lose that excess clean energy to New South Wales, reducing our ability to produce hydrogen for our clean energy future. The interconnector is potentially such a raw deal for South Australians that Frontier Economics has said that it may be preferable for the interconnector not to be built at all.

Instead of the Marshall Liberal government fighting for South Australians, all it has done is given us higher costs, fewer jobs and worse services. The people of Enfield and all South Australians deserve a better government than the one we currently have asleep at the wheel.

Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:54): I thank the Governor for delivering his speech to open this Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament and thank Uncle Mickey for his Welcome to Country at the beginning of opening day proceedings. We start this new session at the halfway point of the parliamentary term. Now, two years since the last election and two years until the next, it is time to ask where we are and where we want to go. Sadly, this must now all happen through the prism of a terrible start to the bushfire season and aftermath of the arrival of the international threat of the COVID-19 virus.

Sadly, it is also a time when South Australians are telling me that 'politics as usual' is failing to deliver. So it is difficult to see how the Governor's speech on behalf of the current government delivers the basis of the promised new bold agenda. With state unemployment the highest in the nation, a health system on life support and cost-of-living pressures continuing to rise, we really do need to reset. It would not matter who was sitting on the treasury bench, they would be facing the same issues and the same need to tackle the challenges we face with bold ideas.

We need a government that behaves like a government, setting a vision and carrying the public debate by including the public; a government swapping a top-down agenda to learning from the community and an opposition that holds the government to account with its own agenda and bold ideas. That is what Australians want and deserve, what they ask of their democracy.

South Australians are not greedy; they just want the conditions and sometimes the help to make ends meet. They are capable of understanding the truth and the reality of our situation and contributing to the debate on new ideas, participating in decision-making and seeing why choices are made. They are tired of a parliamentary system where new ideas are frowned upon—and when I say 'they' I mean the people we represent—and they are tired of the same old stale politics. After all, we are supposed to be in a free-thinking contest of ideas.

As a crossbench member, I want to see this parliament living up to the expectations South Australians have of us and that is why I will be challenging the government and the opposition this year to lift the standard and to debate an alternative agenda of ideas for a better future for our state—an agenda designed to make sure transitions are smooth and to address pressing issues which, for one reason or another, are not being addressed, an agenda shaped with other members of the crossbench, which is particularly relevant to all: my north-east electorate of Florey, the north-east community as a whole, as well as across the state and the regions of the state.

The agenda I will pursue this year will be framed around four fundamental principles that my community has told me are important and are not being addressed to their satisfaction. They are helping to reduce pressure on household budgets by limiting rising costs; keeping our local services, especially keeping our health system healthy; acting to ensure their voice is heard and their rights protected; and standing up for a fair share for neighbourhoods in the north-east.

Living in the leafy beautiful north-east it can be just as hard as anywhere else to make ends meet, especially with ever-rising costs and flatlining wages. Despite best efforts and the polished spin, jobs are scarce. Big ribbon-cutting projects like Roxby and, dare I say it, submarines, are only part of the story. Unemployment and underemployment remain real concerns for many in the north-east area. In most parts of my electorate of Florey, average incomes are lower than the statewide average and, at 8.9 per cent at the last census, unemployment is a constant worry. All of this means that for the people of Florey, like many in the neglected north-east and across the state, rising prices for the essentials of life are a real and constant concern.

As a member of state parliament, I may not be able to increase people's wages or guarantee jobs, but I can try to make sure people are not being ripped off and protect their rights as consumers. I can help to support the truly local businesses that create local jobs. That is why I opposed the government's proposal in the last session for the deregulation of shop trading hours and I will do so again if or when the government decides to bring that bill back.

With a risk of retail oversupply in what is clearly a sluggish economy, loosening up trading hour laws would create an atmosphere for interstate big-box franchises to price out locally owned family businesses and the more local people they employ. The truth is there are already shopping centres and supermarkets across my electorate that are struggling. They do not welcome finding their business model under threat because of an ill-founded ideological crusade. Indeed, I will be acting after receiving feedback from retailers who tell me more needs to be done to protect small business from exploitation, and I will be looking to bring legislation forward that gives small traders in shopping centres a right to rent relief or an early exit if anchor tenants close up on site.

As other members would be aware, I have already given notice that I will be introducing a fuel watch bill in March to provide a 24-hour price guarantee in declared areas and for real-time price reporting everywhere else. In the past 12 months, fuel prices in South Australia have surged by up to \$30 a tank according to the RAA, while the ACCC has found Adelaide motorists can save up to \$300 a year by buying at the low point of our state's unusually erratic fuel cycles if they can find it. The fuel watch bill, which I am more than happy for the government to adopt as its own if it means it will be delivered sooner, will empower consumers to buy petrol when it is at its cheapest. Both major parties supported real-time price monitoring at the last election, so I look forward to seeing this legislation become law as soon as possible.

I will also be looking to develop legislation to improve taxpayers' rights to a wider range of payment options for government fees and charges and to ensure those who are unable to easily engage with the cashless economy are not forgotten while also looking out for those not ready to rely totally on access to online transaction systems. I will be looking to bring legislation forward to limit the constant fee hikes used by treasurers to gouge money out of citizens, the cost of fines and hospital car parking fee rises implemented by this government being amongst the most outrageous of recent examples, although there were a fair few examples coming from the other side when they were last in office.

When you need help, you should be able to depend on local services that are there when you need them. That is why I have always fought to make sure we keep local services open in the north-east rather than forcing local residents to take long trips into the city or to regional centres further afield. I have been a fiercely proud advocate of Modbury Hospital from the time I moved into the area some 40 years ago, firstly when its management was privatised by the Liberals and then when it was downgraded by Labor. I am pleased to see the government is acting on its commitment to restore acute care services, although I wish it would happen much faster than just in time for the next election and I would like to see assurances about staffing to keep all services in place and at an acceptable level. Unsurprisingly, I can advise you I will not stop advocating for Modbury Hospital and all the other services my community needs.

On the first sitting day of this session, I tabled a petition with over 12,000 signatures calling for the government to commit to keeping Service SA centres in Modbury, Mitcham and Prospect open beyond the promised two years, again just in time for the next election. I note recent media reports suggest the minister may still be open to closing these centres at some later stage, and I will be seeking assurances from the government, through the newly installed petitions response process that was legislated in my private member's bill last year.

Like many South Australians, residents in my electorate have been disgusted by further revelations of systemic maladministration in the health system. Sadly, however, we seem to have lost our capacity to be shocked against a backdrop where, for a number of reasons, it seems it is no longer possible to hope people will be in the circumstances to do their jobs properly or safely alert authorities when they see problems. After all, it is the workers on the ground who best know how a system works, when it is not working and how it might work better.

What is new, of course, in the most recent report of the ICAC commissioner, is a better understanding of the cost of the health rorts, waste and mismanagement that have been ongoing for years. My community in the north-east is looking for a much better government response to this report. Too often in recent years it has been cost-cutting imperatives rather than patient care driving health policy in this state, and South Australians can smell that sort of initiative a mile away. What is now clear is efforts to tackle the real cause of cost blowouts have been misconceived and misdirected.

Of course, the physical evidence of all these problems is there for us to see. Ramping of ambulances at hospitals across the metropolitan area has reached disastrous levels, such that, unforgivably, we have even seen some patients die before being admitted to emergency. It seems ramping is fast becoming the new normal, and I commend the work of the Ambulance Employees Association, who have been highlighting the problems of this practice for such a long time.

On an associated topic, my past efforts to deliver universal emergency ambulance cover such as exists in other states to ensure emergency ambulance costs are fully funded should be reconsidered. Such a measure will not see emergency cases increase. Our skilled paramedics can declare which cases are not or are emergencies when the cases present. The number of emergencies will not change because of universal emergency ambulance cover, but what will change is the burden of a huge financial cost at a time when a person or a family is least able to cope because of poor health and wage loss.

I have previously said as parliamentarians we may not be able to give people a wage rise but we can ensure they get the health care they deserve when it is needed. The continuing health crisis, the crisis that has been ongoing now for many years, offers the clearest evidence of a system that is not working. With a \$300 million blowout reported in the budget of the Central Adelaide Local Health Network alone, it is clear we need to root out the waste that bedevils the health system. We need a governance structure that is focused on performance, integrity, patient care and meaningful engagement with consumers and clinicians.

KordaMentha is still at CALHN, but how long does this expensive reform measure have to stay for CALHN and what are KordaMentha really doing there now? While I was prepared to watch and see how the establishment of governing boards would improve outcomes in the health system, as I was with the Transforming Health initiative, it is now clear much more must be done. As highlighted in the ICAC report, the health system is the largest component of our state budget and the largest single spending agency, accounting for 38 per cent of all state government procurement. But I am not sure what that figure means to us using the public health system or how it is arrived at when I have been told for many years that health will soon consume the entire state budget.

There have been calls since the release of the ICAC report for a royal commission to be initiated. If the government were willing, this could be worthwhile, but we all know terms of reference can be drafted to deliver recommendations already decided. As we have seen with ongoing scandals in the banking sector and now in aged care, a royal commission is a long exercise with no guarantee of a long-term change. My own view is that a one-off inquiry is not the best approach. A budget of the size of health requires more than just the usual tools of oversight. It requires an ongoing system

that monitors the integrity of public spending and administrative practice. We do not need to hire corporate liquidators. We need reform that is ongoing.

The range, scale and frequency of rorts, waste and mismanagement in the health system require culture change that will hopefully take fewer years to change than it did to entrench—another case of business as usual not passing the supermarket test anymore. I will, therefore, be looking to bring forward legislation to establish a new monitoring unit within the health portfolio with an oversight responsibility within the health system and a new unit headed by a statutory officer—a cost neutral initiative when you consider the savings that could be made.

I note also the government will be bringing back its health governance legislation and I intend to bring forward the amendments I filed last year. These will see the role of the Health Performance Council maintained and strengthened with a new systemwide health performance charter. The new charter made by the minister will set out policies, priorities and targets for the health system and guide the chief executive of the department in developing service agreements with governing boards and other health providers.

This will help ensure devolution of decision-making in the health system will not result in a lack of systemwide direction and it will ensure the Minister for Health and Wellbeing remains clearly accountable to the parliament for systemwide health policies and not able to deflect responsibilities or problems to governing boards.

I will also be moving separately to retain health advisory councils for each local health network, which the government has proposed to abolish in the metropolitan area, in a bid to provide greater transparency and restrict the ability of the government to dissolve incorporated hospitals and most importantly prevent the privatisation of public hospitals and public health services without parliamentary approval. With proper rigour in place, there will be no need to wait to find funds for important measures like universal ambulance cover. It is clear, if we root out the rorts and waste in the health system, we will be able to afford this and other important reforms. So I will again be introducing legislation to put this issue squarely on the parliamentary agenda.

When I was first re-elected as an Independent member, my new seat included suburbs I had not previously represented. The syndrome of the safe seat had taken its toll. I recall vividly the words of one former Labor voter at the local shopping centre who told me that he was voting for me but urged me not to forget Ingle Farm and Pooraka. These are two of the largest of the new suburbs I now represent, along with the suburb of Walkley Heights, and now also all the parts of Valley View and Para Vista and some parts of Northfield. These, along with the parts of Modbury and Modbury North I still represent, are all suburbs that have not been getting a fair go for far too long.

Despite high levels of public transport usage by residents of these suburbs, there have been no significant investments to increase services and support those commuters. Despite low incomes and higher than average unemployment, investment in local schools falls far short of what is needed. Despite clear need, local sporting clubs and community groups keep missing out on the grant funding they need to survive and grow. Little has been spent on infrastructure in these communities for years and more recently all we have seen is cuts to local services. Under the former government, it was the downgrading of Modbury Hospital. Now, under this government, we see nothing to stop the closure of our TAFE campus, the attempted closure of Service SA and the axing of the additional park-and-ride station to service the O-Bahn.

The constant threat to services in the north-east is not acceptable and is counterproductive. The more you axe services, the more you create problems in other areas of public policy. A recent study by Flinders University's Southgate Institute, headed by leading public health expert Professor Fran Baum, has reinforced my concern about how infrastructure funding and planning effort is being misdirected, to the disadvantage of some communities. In a detailed review, the institute's report found planning agendas, such as the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, with a focus on promoting livability, are in practice tending to favour inner city areas and draining outer suburbs of the investment and focus they need. I quote from the report:

Outer suburbs, which are disproportionately populated by people who are less well-off, have worse health status and would benefit most from more 'liveable' suburbs, but are not often afforded the same attention or potential resource investments into liveability.

The report goes on to make a direct connection between lack of services and poor health outcomes. Regrettably, this trend remains evident in the infrastructure pipeline, as we yet again see precious little being spent on suburbs in the neglected north-east.

I am the first to support an arts and culture strategy, but do we really need to locate everything in the city? Surely we can consider opening a new gallery or campus outside the square mile. When any side of politics starts to talk about big ticket items like building a new stadium, I really do begin to wonder about priorities. Surely, if we are spending billions on the north-south corridor, can we not invest a bit in renewing our public transport system? Think of what we could do with some of the \$5 billion plus that project is estimated to be costing if we put some of it into public transport.

I congratulate the government on proceeding with electrification of the Gawler line, but there is room for improvement in public transport. Why not deliver a rail spur or light rail link to Ingle Farm or invest in urban renewal for Pooraka? These areas are ready for governments to give them some opportunity. I note the government indicated in the Governor's speech it will be continuing with its proposed privatisation of our trains and trams. I for one cannot see how this will do anything to improve public transport for South Australians or for the people of my electorate in the north-east. As Professor Baum's work suggests, the continued focus on ribbon-cutting projects centred around the inner city comes at a cost for quality of life, for health and for social equity in the outer suburbs.

The government makes much of its delivery of a new planning system, but nothing suggests the trend of investment in the more affluent inner city will help residents in the north-east. I am aware that the City of Salisbury has written to the minister about the draft Planning and Design Code noting the engagement process 'falls short of what would be reasonably expected for a major planning reform process'.

I see the government has at last listened to the overwhelming concern being raised by councils, communities and the development industry, who are all concerned about the poor quality and rushed consultation for the Planning and Design Code, by announcing that the process will be extended. That is a step in the right direction, but far more needs to be done, which is why I will be introducing legislation to rebalance the infrastructure agenda, planning legislation and public transport direction. Among other matters, after reviewing the work of the Expert Panel on Planning Reform, it is clear to me the legislation the former government introduced does not align with the legislation we now have.

In my view, if all the recommendations of the panel had been taken up, we probably would not be facing the problems we now are. I will be looking to work with my crossbench colleagues to bring forward amendments to address obvious faults. It might be worthwhile for the minister to note there is a growing movement of people who find what is happening far from what was originally promised. I will also be looking to engage with the government to talk about the needs of the north-east neighbourhoods, with a focus on how we can undertake community-led urban renewal that improves the quality of life for local residents.

The catastrophic fire season this year has been a stark reminder of life's priorities. There will of course be much more to say about the bushfires, particularly those that have devastated the Hills, Kangaroo Island and Keilira in the South-East. For now, I would like to thank and congratulate the South Australian community for what has been an outstanding response. It is an example of the slogan I have long stood under: community counts. I would also like to applaud the way members from government, opposition and crossbench have cooperated and acknowledge the work of local MPs whose electorates have been directly impacted, in contrast to the extraordinary lack of national leadership we have seen this summer.

Too often, residents in my electorate of Florey feel they are locked out of the political process, that their voice does not count and that, when they voice their concerns, all they get is lip service. Their feedback is reinforced by the recent Australian Election Study, which revealed that, in the wake of last year's federal election, the level of discontent with our political institutions is at its highest in half a century. It is incumbent on all of us as parliamentarians to consider carefully whether and how we might be contributing to this evident alienation and discontent and how we are working to reinforce the importance of democracy and the value of the vote.

Rebuilding trust in politics is far from easy when shortcuts backfire. Sadly, over the break, we have had some examples of this. Firstly, the outrageous moves demonstrated with GM crops continues with a new regulation made despite the evident will of parliament to take longer to debate the issue. In every other parliament, there are measures to ensure this would be an unacceptable way to change the law.

I will be moving a bill to amend the Subordinate Legislation Act so this cannot happen again. When parliament disallows regulations, no minister should be able to reintroduce them just because neither house is sitting. That is not good government; it is the type of political game-playing that brings government and parliament into contempt.

We have also missed an opportunity to lead societal change in workplace behaviour. Although the parliamentary workplace is unique, we must be models within society and make sure processes are in place so any incidents are better handled for all involved.

I will also be moving a bill to guarantee the rights of travellers to declare fruit to fruit fly inspectors at a quarantine station without penalty. Like many MPs, I have found the important zero tolerance policy implemented by the government to be well meaning yet fundamentally misguided and badly implemented. My bill will seek to address this.

In the Governor's speech, the government has recommitted to the privatisation of the remaining elements of our public transport system, another example of a cost-cutting ideology coming ahead of providing services to commuters. This comes off the back of the privatisation of the Remand Centre and the threatened privatisation of SA Pathology, and with the corporate liquidators running Health, who knows what will come next?

It is, of course, a shame the former government failed to close a loophole in the Passenger Transport Act that enables privatisation to occur. I have been proud to stand with workers, and in this particular case bus drivers, when their jobs and conditions are under attack and will do so again in the future. In my view, all significant privatisation should be subject to oversight by parliament and I will be moving legislation in due course to ensure this is the case.

Ideally, this measure would be brought in as part of a refined parliamentary committee structure, a topic which I note is being examined by a select committee initiated by my crossbench colleagues in the other place and to which I have made a submission. I look forward to seeing the outcomes of the inquiry and I hope to work with the crossbench and the government to deliver a vastly improved system of parliamentary committees as a result.

This has been my opportunity to promote my agenda. It is an agenda I will pursue on behalf of my community to the utmost, in conjunction with the measures I can support in the government's agenda, as outlined in the Governor's speech. I commend, for example, the Aboriginal arts and cultures gallery, which is a project of special interest to the Premier and many within the community who will, I hope, be part of the process of the establishment of this facility.

Also, the proposal to legislate to deal with single-use plastics is a great measure which will eventually stand beside container deposit legislation, and the removal of plastic bags in supermarkets is critical for the environment and truly groundbreaking leadership. I commend the government's continuing commitment to renewable energy, which should rightly set South Australia up to lead the nation and be a global pacesetter.

The space sector has an extraordinarily strong proponent in the Premier. With the observatory at The Heights School built on the work of parents of my vintage, we have an important STEM facility, which I hope will now be better utilised by all in the future. I commend the sentiment that no-one's future should be limited by the suburb, town, region or nation in which they reside.

I acknowledge the hard work of the staff of the Florey electorate office in serving the community and look forward to working with all members on ensuring the ideals in my reply speech are reflected in reality—if not in legislation when it comes into this place, then most certainly when it is on its way through.

The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (16:18): It is my pleasure to rise today in support of the member for Kavel's motion in reply to His Excellency the Governor's

address to both houses of parliament on 5 February 2020. South Australians are very fortunate to have His Excellency, the Hon. Hieu Van Le, Companion of the Order of Australia, as our Governor—a wonderful man, a wonderful family and a great contributor to our society. His Excellency has served tirelessly as the South Australian Governor since 2014 and through his hard work and dedication continues to make our state a better place for all South Australians.

Before reflecting on His Excellency's speech, I also wish to recognise the hard work and dedication of the member for Kavel over the recent Christmas break through some of his community's darkest days. Indeed, I acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all members in this place whose communities were either directly or indirectly impacted by the recent bushfire disasters.

I would also like to take a moment to offer my sincere congratulations to my parliamentary colleague the Hon. Andrew McLachlan CSC from the other place on his recent election to a new place: the Senate of the parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia. I wish Senator McLachlan every success in his parliamentary career in the federal government. I also acknowledge and congratulate the Hon. Terry Stephens MLC on his election to the position of President of the Legislative Council.

Every day I am honoured to be here, and I am grateful to have the unique opportunity to serve the people of my electorate and, indeed, the entire state of South Australia. I think that is one thing that all members in this place would agree on. Over the past six years—or 2,167 days, to be specific—it has been a privilege to be a member of the South Australian parliament and to represent my wonderful community in the electorate of Gibson. Much has been achieved, but there is still plenty more to do.

In his speech to parliament, the Governor outlined the government's Growth State plan. As we heard from His Excellency, the Marshall Liberal government was elected on a mantra to create more jobs, improve services and reduce costs to households and businesses—and we are delivering. As the local member for Gibson and as a member of the Marshall team, I am continually focused on helping shape a better South Australia. In my electorate, I am proud to have worked on and delivered a number of fantastic initiatives for our local community, and what a wonderful community it is.

One of the great things about South Australia is that everyone talks about their different electorates and the features they have in their electorates, and I am at pains to point out in my electorate in particular—and I am sure all other MPs would say the same thing—that in South Australia we have wonderful places and wonderful spaces but, more importantly, we have wonderful people. That is the reason that I do this job in this place, and I am sure that many others have the same opinion. I must stress the point again that I believe that we have the best people here in South Australia, and I am very proud, privileged and honoured to be able to serve them.

When I am out and about, constituents often approach me and share the praise about the completed \$174 million Oaklands crossing project. This has been a massive win for our community that has been four years in the making. There was a great community campaign. The people came together and mounted this campaign and we lobbied and fought, and again I thank the federal member for Boothby, Nicolle Flint, for initiating this program by putting money on the table. To be able to deliver this has been a wonderful win for our community—again, delivering what our community needs after such a long wait.

Since July 2019, motorists and surrounding residents have finally been able to reap the long-awaited benefits including, at the Oaklands crossing, improved road safety, eased traffic congestion and significantly reduced travel times during morning and afternoon peak hours and, equally as importantly, greater interconnectivity for that local community. The barrier is no longer there, and people can cross the train line, use the facilities on either side of the rail and enjoy one another's hospitality in that localised area.

The next major infrastructure project on my agenda is delivering a solution for the removal of the Hove level crossing. It is very important to work with the community and take them on this journey, as we did with Oaklands, and to have engagement with people on the Hove crossing to deliver good outcomes for everyone.

With an average of 37,000 vehicles travelling through this level crossing on Brighton Road each day, we need to look at developing long-term solutions, reducing these travel times for motorists, increasing freight productivity, ensuring reliability of buses using Brighton Road and the trains along the train line and improving connectivity and livability for surrounding residents—a vitally important facet. The completion of the Hove crossing will be another major win for our community, and I look forward to keeping the house updated on its progression as we work through this with our local community to get the best solution.

I thank the Governor for outlining in his speech the government's commitment to addressing the state's infrastructure challenges. For the first time in a long time, South Australians have a government that is committed to working with the federal government to support groundbreaking investment in major transport and road infrastructure projects. As we know, in the 2019-20 state budget, the Marshall government announced investment projects to improve the quality of South Australian roads and road safety to the tune of over \$2 billion, including \$1.1 billion on regional road projects and transport infrastructure upgrades, which is very important for road safety and very important for our regions.

That money is committed and those projects will be delivered—and they are quite long overdue. There is \$834 million to improve road safety in metropolitan and regional areas. Again, that is something that was left to go to rack and ruin over a long period of time. We are very proud to be investing that money, that is, \$402 million on level crossing upgrades, as I have already mentioned, and \$305 million to upgrade metropolitan intersections. I commend the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure for his hard work in this space.

I also wish to note a number of major school upgrades across my electorate, supported by the Marshall government. As part of the Marshall Liberal government's Building Better Schools program, Seaview High School will receive \$16.2 million, an injection to develop and evolve the high school into a world-class education hub. It is a wonderful school that has gone ahead in leaps and bounds over recent years. It is a school that people want to attend, that people are driving to attend. Their international student numbers are growing.

Some of their programs, including dance, are drawing people from right around our community and the wider community around South Australia and beyond because their programs are outstanding. I commend all the teachers and the leadership group involved with that school for the great work they have done. I also commend the Minister for Education, the member for Morialta, for his support and vision for this fantastic initiative. Again, to make that contribution of \$16.2 million to Seaview High School is greatly appreciated by my community. More importantly, this funding injection brings our state's education system into the 21st century, in line with other states and territories.

Other schools in my electorate that will receive a boost from the Marshall government include Brighton Secondary School, which will receive \$13.8 million, Brighton Primary School, which will receive \$5 million and Warradale Primary School, which will receive \$7.5 million. It is great to be injecting money into our local schools.

Aside from looking to the future, it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to note a number of commitments I have already delivered on the local front. Some of these things are big and some are small, but they are all appreciated by our local community. They include a wombat crossing and radar-operated flashing lights outside Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, a fantastic, long overdue initiative completed in December last year to improve pedestrian safety. We know the summer season continually draws a large crowd to Brighton beach, SA's best beach in my humble opinion, especially during the Brighton jetty sculptures and Brighton Jetty Classic.

I do get down to this beach quite a bit, as it is right in the heart of my local area. Speaking to a number of the people at the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, it was raised with me on a number of occasions that having the club with the road between it and the beach always made it quite dangerous and quite hairy, if you like, for the people organising the surf club, especially with the juniors having to get across the road to get to the beach and do their activities to compete and, more importantly, to help save lives. The suggestion of this pedestrian crossing with flashing lights was put forward, and I thought it was a great idea. We acted on that and we have delivered that. I am

very proud to have worked with the club to deliver that, and I think everyone in that local area sees the benefit of that commitment being fulfilled.

Another fantastic local initiative is the Brighton Oval redevelopment. Construction is still underway and due for completion in a few months' time. It will be a staged completion. I am sure you will hear much more about that in the near future. The rugby club is almost ready to be opened; that is nearest to Brighton Road. I know the club is working with a number of other key stakeholders to grow the impact they can have on our community by bringing in more community groups.

The football and cricket clubs are working to potentially develop a netball club there to get more people playing. We know numbers are growing in football and cricket, with women's football and cricket coming on board, so we need to make sure there is a facility there that can facilitate that, remembering, too, that looking to grow into netball is equally important. We want to make sure the facilities are there for the community to keep playing their sports and being active in our local area.

Another one is lacrosse. With their new facility, they are looking to bring in and engage more people in the local area, including other community groups that can utilise the facility. It is a wonderful facility that reaches over to the Brighton Primary School as well, and the interaction and the opportunities between those two groups are immense. I know the community is very happy with the outcome of that redevelopment, and we look forward to it being completed later this year.

I am also proud to have worked with the City of Holdfast Bay to secure Bowker Street Reserve as a recreational facility for the community for the long term. This contract was coming up, and I made sure, and I made a very firm commitment, that this space would be kept for the community. They play soccer there. Athletics is very strong there as well, but it is a great community space also. I know the local primary school play their school sports there, football and the like, during the school sports season. It is a great space that is used by the local community. Recently, they set up a community garden there as well with state government funded money to make that happen on council land. It is a great asset for the community to use going forward. I know the people who use it love it immensely.

Lastly, but by no means least, I also secured commitments for a \$40,000 upgrade to facilities to install a three on three basketball court, working in conjunction with Marion council, at Crown Street Reserve in Dover Gardens. This has been a great boost for that local area, as this park was being allowed to run down. We are still working with the council to upgrade and improve the grass around there, making sure that it is getting watered and that the community has that wonderful aspect.

The extra basketball court, netball court and water drinking fountain are all encompassed in that. It gives young people, and older people for that matter, somewhere to go. I was caught having a few shots around there. It was not very impressive. I tried to land a few three pointers. It is a great community facility. A modern toilet facility has been put into Hamilton Park Reserve, and that has really kickstarted the upgrade of that park as well. They are some great results for our local community. If it sounds like we have been busy in my local electorate, that is because we have been delivering for the people in the electorate of Gibson and the suburbs within that community.

There is also plenty going on in my ministerial portfolios of police; correctional services; emergency services; road safety; and recreation, sport and racing. It is a busy portfolio area, but plenty of work has been happening there. It has been keeping us absolutely flat out because in police and road safety, in particular, at the last budget the Marshall Liberal government announced more than \$52 million for building South Australia's security. Let me say that again: \$52 million. That is a significant injection into making sure we are doing all we can to keep South Australians safe. So 2020 will be another year of delivery for community safety by the Marshall Liberal government.

We will shortly see the activation of SAPOL's security response section, also known as rapid response. I joined with the police commissioner at the SAPOL training facility in the Adelaide Hills last week to meet members of course 5 who are completing the training. It was very impressive, very impressive indeed. This \$9 million investment from the Marshall government increases SAPOL's capacity to prevent and respond to terrorism-related incidents, domestic high-risk taskings and to safely manage major events in South Australia. The quality and the number of people within SAPOL

who applied to try to get into this group was phenomenal. Every one of them looked outstanding through the training that I was lucky enough to see.

As I said last year, we promised South Australians that we would build them a safer state, and we are delivering on this pledge. Front-line policing will also be evolving, with the government's injection of \$18.6 million for stage 2 of the commissioner's District Policing Teams. This will be happening very soon, and these teams will work alongside the new response teams to further improve the ability of SAPOL to position police in the local community more effectively. That is what we want to see: more police presence out there on the streets, making sure that we are keeping people safe. These initiatives will improve response times and increase focus on crime prevention and reducing recidivist offending.

Devastatingly, during 2019, 114 lives were lost on South Australian roads. This is entirely unacceptable to this government. Throughout 2020, police will be continuing to target dangerous road users and to remind people that road safety is the responsibility of everyone. There are a number of elements to road safety. I have talked about the significant infrastructure spend we are doing to catch up on what has been neglected on our roads over many, many years under the previous government, but we are also investing billions and billions of dollars to improve the road network.

In 2019, SAPOL took a greater role in promoting road safety, and the feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive. These are the people who are on the front line. They know the issues that are happening. We talk about the fatal five all the time, and they are out there policing. If anyone is doing the wrong thing and they are pulled over by police, they only have themselves to blame.

What we are doing through our targeted messaging is urging road users to think—think about the actions when they hit the road and think about road safety because, as well as police doing their work and as well as improving the roads, which we are committed to doing and we have committed the funding for, it is the responsibility of every individual to make sure that they are doing the right thing when they get behind the wheel. They are responsible for themselves, they are responsible for those in their vehicle and they are responsible for those around them. We urge everyone to make sure that when they are behind the wheel they are thinking about everyone around them.

In response to the rising level of death and injury from motorcycle accidents, legislation will shortly be introduced to make significant changes to the motorcycle graduated licensing scheme. This will include raising the minimum age for obtaining a learner's permit from 16 to 18 and night-time restrictions on learner riders. Of course, this will take into account that the regions need to be treated differently. We look forward to bringing that into this parliament.

In Correctional Services, the government has committed to the largest infrastructure investment in our correctional system in a generation. An amount of \$200 million has been allocated to the upgrade of the Yatala Labour Prison and the Adelaide Women's Prison. The expansion will include 270 high-security beds at Yatala and 40 new beds at the Women's Prison. At the Adelaide Remand Centre, 160 cells have been upgraded to a safe cell compliance standard following a four-month renovation project.

There has also been a big investment of dollars into iSafe, a new computer system that will better oversee people as they move throughout the custody system and go through their corrections journey, so that they can be monitored right the way through and we can do all we can to make sure that they do not return to our justice system and that they get back out into the community and contribute by getting a job, earning a wage and paying taxes, like everyone else.

In our emergency services space, support for volunteers and staff has never been stronger. All South Australians are in awe of the courage, dedication and commitment of our firefighters and other emergency services workers, volunteers and staff who stood side by side serving selflessly and tirelessly to help minimise loss of life and property. I was immensely grateful that, in recognition of their efforts, the Governor included representatives of the Country Fire Service, Metropolitan Fire Service, State Emergency Service and National Parks and Wildlife Service in the honour guard outside on the opening of parliament and in the gallery to hear His Excellency's speech. I thought it was a great touch, a great way to acknowledge people who have worked so incredibly hard over the summer to keep South Australians safe.

The government has provided funding for a long overdue new emergency services command centre to be established at Keswick. For the first time, executive and senior management teams of the Metropolitan Fire Service, the Country Fire Service, the State Emergency Service and the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission will be co-located with more than 300 employees as well as volunteers. This is an exciting new facility. It is an earthquake-proof facility, one we have needed for a long time. It was ignored by the previous government, but we are delivering this for South Australians. It is great to see our emergency services all working in the same direction, and they all do an outstanding job.

This will considerably enhance our state's emergency response capability. During the last session of parliament, I introduced legislation to modernise the arrangements under which our fire and state emergency services operate. Many of these changes are long overdue, including incorporation of the Country Fire Service and State Emergency Service volunteer charters in the legislation we have delivered. The legislation was subject to widespread review and community engagement through a select committee of the House of Assembly. It has now been reintroduced in the Legislative Council, and it is my expectation that it will shortly be progressed by those in the other place.

On recreation, sport and racing, for 2020 the Marshall government has three priority projects to deliver in sport: (1) Game On, getting South Australia active, (2) the grants review, and (3) the South Australian sport and recreation infrastructure plan. Much has been reported of the Governor's comment that the government is actively planning additional major inner city sporting and entertainment infrastructure. There will be more to say once the state sport and recreation infrastructure plan is released.

This follows completion of the upgrade of the \$10 million Memorial Drive roof at the tennis centre, which has delivered immediate economic and tourism benefits through the attraction of leading international tennis players to compete in Adelaide last month at the Adelaide International. Next month, of course, we have the Davis Cup tie between Australia and Brazil coming to Memorial Drive. This event was a huge success and a real credit to Tennis SA, Tennis Australia and the team at Memorial Drive for bringing this together.

The \$10 million roof was an investment we made because we knew it could bring that event to South Australia. It could give South Australia and Adelaide its only covered tennis venue so that young tennis players, emerging tennis players and general tennis players could actually play undercover. It is quite unbelievable to think that Adelaide did not have an undercover tennis venue—a city that has produced the likes of Lleyton Hewitt, Alicia Molik, Mark Woodforde and other greats of South Australian tennis in more recent times. Not to have that covered facility meant that it was hard to develop players of the future.

This investment will develop more tennis stars of the future. It gives us the event, the Adelaide International, of course won by Ash Barty, an absolutely fantastic Australian winning on Australian soil, the first time a woman has won an event on Australian soil for some nine or 10 years, and it was great to see her do it. The men's event was a great success as well, but for me the women's event was absolutely outstanding. It was great to see so many international stars here enjoying South Australia, enjoying our new facility and making the most of our wonderful state.

In supporting a healthier South Australia, the government is continuing to provide funding to build grassroots sport and recreation facilities that encourage people of all ages to participate. This includes provision of family-friendly facilities and sports change rooms, catering for female and male teams, while clubs whose facilities have been damaged in the recent bushfires are receiving grants of up to \$10,000 to kickstart the rebuilding process, so we are delivering for that grassroots program.

Our footy, cricket and netball program has been a huge success. By the end of this financial year, more than \$24 million of projects will have been enacted right across South Australia, delivering the facilities that our local communities need. We know that the boom in women's football, and women's cricket in particular, is just fantastic and changing the way our community clubs are operating. It is making them more family friendly, and we are making sure we are delivering facilities that are family focused because we know we have dads coaching daughters, mums coaching sons

and every other combination in between, and we want to make sure we have the facilities so families can utilise them.

Our grassroots footy, cricket and netball program has been a massive hit, and also our sports vouchers program has been absolutely phenomenal. We increased that; the previous government had no money put towards that program going forward. It used to be \$50, but they did not even have a budget for that going forward to the next election. We put \$100 on the table for families to help with the cost of living and to help pay for the cost of doing sport. We added dance to the program as well, which was a huge success, and we have now put swimming lessons in there as well.

We know that swimming lessons are not specifically a sport, but you cannot do the sport of swimming unless you learn how to swim, so we think that is a great initiative, and again it has been incredibly well received. The vouchers volume has increased by about 40 per cent, so more people are taking that up and more South Australians are getting active. In total, we have invested more than \$100 million into sport across South Australia in the two years since we have been in government. I am incredibly proud of that. We are making sure we are delivering the facilities that people need and want.

Before I finish, I would like to reflect again on the outpouring of support for South Australians and on what we have received from across the state and the nation during the recent bushfire crisis. The outpouring of support to all South Australians has been just immense and absolutely wonderful. If I may, I would like to share an email forwarded to me by the CFS chief from a chap named Barry, and it reads as follows:

Hello,

I felt very proud as a South Australian and human being today to see a number of Fire fighters from the British Columbia brigade board a flight from Sydney to Adelaide and being greeted by Mark Jones [the CFS chief].

How lucky are we that we can stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations and call on the help and expertise to assist in a significant unfolding climate event in modern Australian history.

I hope that South Australians embrace their presence as heroes putting their lives at risk to help the greater good and preserve this great land.

I felt it was necessary to share this experience today with you. I wish all CFS members and international members the best of luck and bravery in this challenging time.

Warm regards

Barry

That pretty much sums up the sentiment of what happened over the summer period and of the people who came to help out, be they from overseas or interstate, bearing in mind that we look back at the summer and, in particular, at the fires in Cudlee Creek in the Adelaide Hills and on Kangaroo Island. They were the two most significant and prominent ones. We know there was also a significant fire in the South-East, and that certainly will not be forgotten, and the season sadly started in Yorketown, with a significant fire there and there were some other smaller ones.

As we identify those fires in our communities, we also need to be aware that before this all happened—and this probably gets overlooked a little bit—the fires in New South Wales had started as well. Up until Christmas, our state contributed more people hours to helping fight those fires than any other state. We are not the biggest state, and we know that. Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria are far bigger, but our state contributed the most people hours to help fight those fires, and that needs to be commended.

I spoke to a lot of those firefighters coming back at the airport. I just touched base and checked on how they were going and how they found it, helping out in New South Wales. They got a lot of experience out of it, they got to put their skills to the test and they said it was like a preseason. Because of the goodwill and the efforts they gave, they got a chance to really put themselves to the measure and make sure they were up for it. It turned out to be a great result because, sadly, when our fires did come, they were prepped, they were ready, they were primed and they had had that little refresher. It was a great win-win situation. We got to help out New South Wales. We got our CFS volunteers primed and they did an outstanding job; we all know and acknowledge that.

But what it also did was pay it forward for South Australia. By that I mean that New South Wales have some large air tankers, some of those big planes that drop the pink-coloured foam retardant and water and, because we had done so many hours helping out New South Wales, when we had some times of crisis and we needed some help, we called them up and said, 'Can we borrow one of your large air tankers?' Bear in mind that they are theirs and that they need them for their own purposes. But when the weather conditions were right and they could release it, they sent it over to help our firefighters do their thing. That was in no small part because of the great work our fireys had done in going over, helping out and paying it forward, and that is just how this system works.

I worked very hard with the Premier and the federal government when they injected some more money into bringing more of the large aerial tankers over. We managed to get one based out of South Australia that is here, and it is great to have that reassurance throughout the summer period. But I thought it should be noted how wonderfully the people who came to South Australia were greeted and welcomed and how wonderfully the people from South Australia who helped out right across the board were greeted and welcomed. It must be noticed and be a key part of our fabric.

I also want to flashback to the first fire that started the season at Yorketown. I went there with the member for Narungga and he was all over it. He was at every point supporting his community. I commend him immensely for that great work he did. I know his community appreciated what he did. I was standing with him and the mayor of the local community, and the mayor made a poignant point that, as we look back on the bushfire season, we will sit with everyone. The mayor looked around the oval of Yorketown football ground where there were trucks parked around as if it was a football grand final—the oval was full—he looked at the names on the side of some of those trucks and said, 'There are people here from places I did not know existed in South Australia.'

That was the great work that our community did, coming together to help out on that occasion in Yorketown. Having the Salvos on the oval delivering and serving food, keeping our troops fed, was just a sight to behold. If you stood back and looked up into the grandstand, there was the team, or the cheer squad, if you like, and they were clearly barracking for an orange/sooty grey team. It could have been the GWS Giants because they were all sitting there in their kits, all a bit dirty. They had their eyes washed out with the saline solutions from the SAAS and St John's volunteers, and they were eating some food and filling their tummies, and deservedly so. It was a great sight to see and it depicted what unfolded across the rest of the summer with our communities helping one another.

Acting Speaker, as the member for Hammond, I know you do a wonderful job in your community as well. I will take the last few seconds to point out that you did this and you flew under the radar. It has not been talked about much, but I would like it to go on record in this place that you, as a CFS volunteer, headed over to Kangaroo Island, suited up and contributed on the fire front. You did not go out of your way to blow your bags or tell too many people about it, but it was noted and it was greatly appreciated by the people of South Australia. So we thank you for your wonderful efforts as well. We thank all our volunteers.

We are in for a very big year again. The Marshall Liberal government is looking forward to continuing to deliver for South Australians, as we have done for two years and will continue to do well into the future.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (16:48): It is a great pleasure to stand here today to respond to the Governor's speech, obviously written by the government of the day. I want to thank our Governor, Hieu Van Le, and Mrs Le, and their sons, Don and Kim, for the wonderful service they give to South Australia. They are a beautiful family and are always overjoyed to be out and about in the South Australian community, playing a real leadership role in South Australia. I think we have been very well served by a long list of governors in South Australia. They have done a tremendous job and I wish them all the very best for 2020.

When we hear these speeches written by the government, particularly after the parliament has been prorogued and we have been told about a reset, you expect some big ticket items to come out, but what we heard were a lot of reannouncements, some of which were so old that we announced and funded them. Some of those had lost their funding and some had had a haircut and the projects had been shaved down a little bit. It is interesting to hear the government of the day

trying to claim credit for things that we announced when we were in government up until two years ago.

Something that is particularly interesting to the people in the electorate of Mawson is what is happening with the duplication of Main South Road. In the 2017-18 state budget, when we were in government, we announced a two-stage duplication of Main South Road all the way from Seaford down to Sellicks to make that road safer and to answer the calls from the local community who said that that was their number one priority. We identified the number one priority in the area and we committed money to it. The then Liberal opposition was dragged kicking and screaming by a wonderful local group, the Main South Road Action Group, into a position where they finally admitted that they would match Labor's commitment.

The members of the Main South Road Action Group met with both sides. They presented us with petitions signed by hundreds and hundreds of local people who wanted it. When they pressed the then Liberal opposition, 'Are you going to stick to the same time line as Labor has promised?' they were told, 'Yes. Yes, of course we will. We will stick to what Labor has promised.' There was a commitment made by a frontbencher, the then shadow spokesperson for transport, that by the end of 2019 the bulldozers would be out working on the Main South Road duplication. We are now more than midway through February and no-one has seen a single bulldozer. In fact, the locals are telling me, 'It's all bulldust and no bulldozer,' because no work has started on the duplication of Main South Road between Seaford and Sellicks, despite these promises.

I do not know what this government has against Aldinga, but we also committed in the Mid-Year Budget Review \$2 million to go to the soccer club at Aldinga via Onkaparinga council. The new government came in and that \$2 million was taken away. That was not a promise: that was money that was in the Mid-Year Budget Review. That is the second strike: first of all, nothing has happened with the road that they promised they would match us by having the construction start by the end of 2019 and then there is the soccer club that had the \$2 million taken away from it without any explanation.

We also gave \$5 million to Aldinga Primary School. That \$5 million was committed to—again, it was not a promise, it was in the budget—in October 2017. The local school was pretty happy that they were going to get \$5 million. By the end of last year, that school community was doing fundraising for cleaning products to clean the toilets, which were meant to have been replaced with that \$5 million. They were so outdated and not fit for purpose that I had parents contacting me to say that their kids were getting sick because of the unhygienic state of the school.

It is pretty upsetting for a school community—I am talking about the parents of children—when they had \$5 million appropriated for their school for an upgrade in 2017. We had to write and write and write to the education minister to ask, 'What has happened with this \$5 million?' Finally, in December, we were told, 'We are going to spend the \$5 million.' The school is an excellent and very well-led school with great teachers, a great principal and great students. There is nothing wrong with the school. It is a tremendous school, except that the buildings that we identified as needing to be done up with the \$5 million grant had not been done up, so I am glad that it is finally happening.

The government is also out there making a big deal and a big announcement of the B-12 school at Aldinga. Again, that was announced by us in 2017. We have a sign now, which is good, and hopefully work will start soon on the development of that school. It is being built where we indicated our preference was for it to be built, which is next door to the Aldinga sports complex.

The Aldinga sports complex is home to netball, football, cricket, equestrian, dressage, soccer, hockey, lawn bowls and croquet. It is a real hub for the local area in Aldinga, so it makes sense to build the school right next door to those sporting facilities. It would also be a really good idea if the government, before they went out to tender, actually engaged with those sporting clubs to find out what they needed.

What we know about the netball club is that, even before it burnt down last year, it was one of the worst physical facilities in the state. The people at the netball club used to have to carry an urn up the stairs to the football club, fill it with water and then bring it back downstairs to the tiny little netball club so that they could serve some tea and coffee and try to raise a little bit of money. A lot

of money needs to be spent in Aldinga around sport and recreation, yet the \$2 million that we put for that has been taken away.

There were no meaningful discussions before the tender was let to build the school to actually work everything in together in the planning and design phase. That is the easiest time to do things. How do we go for car parking? It is a pretty narrow road in front of where the recreation and sport precinct is and where the school will be built—it is really narrow. What we know about government schools is that they do not have to provide any parking for their students; they do for the staff but not for the students.

If everyone is to park along the road, which is already too narrow and is about to have a school that will be home to 1,600 students and their cars every day, plus a new development of about 700 homes with all the extra cars that they bring out the back of the new school, how are we going to fit everyone's cars in if adequate off-street parking is not provided for the sporting complex, for the school and for this new development?

It is a really big concern and it goes to the fact that the government is not interested in doing the consultation. In fact, I organised a meeting with all the sports clubs. We had the mayor and the CEO of Onkaparinga Council there, but there was an empty seat because the office for rec and sport decided not to turn up at the last minute. That did not go down too well with the people who were there, who, after months and months of trying, really wanted to engage with the state government.

The public transport sell-off is causing huge concern in the seat of Mawson. I was very grateful that last week the opposition leader and the member for Kaurana hosted a public transport forum with me. Of the people at that forum, 100 per cent were totally against the Marshall government's plan to sell off our train and tram services to put them into private hands. They applauded Labor's approach, which is, if we are successful in the 2022 election, to undo that sell-off if it goes ahead between now and the next election. We will also have an inquiry into whether it is possible to buy back or bring back our bus services into government hands.

I have to say that, as a regular user of our train system, in particular on the Seaford line and sometimes the bus from McLaren Vale over to Seaford, it is getting less and less safe every time I catch that train. Last year, I came as close as you can possibly come to being assaulted by someone who was literally out of their mind on drugs and being a nuisance to everyone, using foul language and intimidating everyone in our train carriage.

When I asked them to stop their behaviour, I was threatened with physical violence. That was a train at 6.03pm, so we are not talking a late-night train. I was on there with the rest of the commuting public of the south who were heading home. That is not good enough because every time people are subjected to violence, or they have felt intimidated or unsafe, then it is one more person who is less likely to want to use public transport.

The latest news that there is an even greater reduction in the number of guards on our public transport is a real backward step by a government that does not care for commuters in South Australia—and down south we have a lot of those commuters. They are looking forward to a change of government in 2022 so that things can be beefed up and improvements can be made.

We will stick with Aldinga for a while because on Sunday we finally had our office opening, an electorate office in our electorate of Mawson. Who would have thought that it would have taken 21 months? A big crowd turned up and every one of those people knew that the line the government had been spinning about why I did not have an electorate office was not right. They said it took 21 months for me to get a new electorate office because they could not find any vacant office space. We had the opening in the Aldinga Central mall, where there were at least four—

Mrs Power: Your government knew what the boundaries were and didn't do anything about it. You had how long?

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL: —empty offices in the Aldinga Central shopping centre, and this government had 21 months to get me in there. We should have been in, as the election was in March. You find out who wins the election, you go to whoever the winner is and you say, 'Where in

the electorate would you like your office?' and within a few months, maybe three months max, you should be in there. If I were from the private sector and I wanted to move into the Aldinga Central shopping centre, I would have been in there probably in about seven or eight weeks because you do the deal and you get in there.

It was not a priority for these guys. It was not a priority for them to look after the people of Aldinga, Sellicks, Port Willunga, McLaren Vale, McLaren Flat, Willunga, Myponga, Yankalilla, Normanville, Rapid Bay, Cape Jervis, Inman Valley and Delamere. It was not a priority for this government to look after any of those people and to have an electorate office for the local member in the electorate, rather than 18 to 20 kilometres out of the electorate.

Aldinga has a lot of people who do not have a car or do not have a second car, so they cannot catch three buses to get to the old office in Hackham, nor should they be expected to. It was great to be there on Sunday with so many members of the Labor Party and for our leader, Peter Malinauskas, to officially open the new electorate office. Every time people walk past and they see my office, it will be a reminder to them of how uncaring this Liberal Marshall government is.

They took away the \$2 million for the soccer club, they did not spend the \$5 million that we had in the budget, they have not started the duplication of Main South Road, they have not discussed planning around the new school and how that would integrate with local traffic and the sports complex, and they have not started the work on the road. That all goes down as a big cross against the Liberal brand in the seat of Mawson and right throughout it because people know that that work has not been done.

When we look at the recreation and sport grants, we see cuts to lots of fantastic initiatives that we brought up, including the \$24 million female change facilities. That was a hallmark of our time in government, looking after the girls and the women who want to play sport and want to have the same sorts of conditions as the men and the boys. That has been cut. What we have seen is a lot of novelty cheques being handed out by Liberal Party candidates with no due process.

The McLaren Football Club had the 13th highest ranked sporting proposal in Australia—the 13th highest ranked. Did they get their funding? No. But someone who was not even in the top 2,000 did because they happened to be mates with a Liberal candidate, the Liberal Prime Minister Scott Morrison or someone else in the Liberal Party. That is not fair and people know that is not fair. I have written to the Prime Minister and I have asked for that \$50,000 to be sent into the bank account.

We do not need a novelty cheque. It just needs to be put straight into the bank account through an electronic funds transfer so that the good people—the volunteers, players and coaches, the kids—at McLaren Football Club can get the \$50,000 because they deserve it because they were ranked as the 13th best proposal in Australia. Let's have more honesty, more money going to where it should be going and fewer novelty cheques.

I want to thank all the volunteers in the seat of Mawson and indeed across our state. I was at the Aldinga Christmas carols the week before Christmas talking to some of the wonderful volunteers from the Aldinga CFS station. They were preparing to shoot over to New South Wales for New Year's Eve. They were not going to be on the harbour watching the fireworks, I can tell you. They were going to be somewhere in New South Wales battling a blaze that had been burning for weeks and weeks. That was the plan. Some had already done at least one tour of duty and were lining up to go back for their second or third trip.

Those plans changed later that week, when we had the Cudlee Creek fire that swept through large chunks of the Hills and the fire on Kangaroo Island that burnt 48 per cent of the 4½ thousand square kilometre island. They did not end up going to New South Wales to fight those fires, but they stayed here and fought and fought and fought and fought. They do it because they love helping their fellow South Australians. They do not do it looking for a financial reward, but they do appreciate it when people in power, like members of parliament, acknowledge what they have done and just say thank you.

I have spoken to a few, some from Kangaroo Island, some from other parts of Mawson, who were all fighting fires on Kangaroo Island, and they were pretty upset that their Premier, the leader of their state, did not have time to just say a quick 'Thank you; well done. We appreciate you not being home at Christmas and in the new year period with your kids during the school holidays

because you are over here fighting for your fellow South Australians.' It is not just our fireys. We have so many volunteers, people who put their hand up to help in some way the people who have been affected by fires.

There are people over there working for BlazeAid, and they are doing a tremendous job. It has been a real honour to get out and meet those people. A woman on the island I was speaking to last week said, 'I work in an office in Adelaide and I didn't really know whether I would be up for this or not, but I just wanted to do something, and here I am. They are putting me to work. You wouldn't want me necessarily making sure the posts are straight, but I am helping in other ways.' Some German backpackers spoke to me and said, 'Look, under the current rules, we can't get any credit for this because we are not working in agriculture; we are volunteering in agriculture.' So I was very pleased to see that the federal government changed those rules so that those German backpackers can now be acknowledged for the great volunteering they are doing.

There were also a lot of other volunteers involved in the fire who do not normally belong to any outfit but who are members of the community of Kangaroo Island. One person I want to mention is Mary-Lou Corcoran, who is the General Manager of the Ozone Hotel. I saw her pulling absolutely massive hours, as did many other volunteers, in the incident command centre on Kangaroo Island.

The incident command centre had to be evacuated itself from Parndana back to Kingscote on the really bad night of the terrible fires that burnt for 50 days. She had relatives who had lost everything staying with her at her house. She was still in that command centre at 2.30 or 3 o'clock in the morning. I said, 'Go home. I will take over and do a stint.' I only did a stint for about four or five hours, working the phones and trying to help out where I could, but people like Mary-Lou kept backing up day after day. We thank those people.

Shauna Black is over there as a director of Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers, but she put on the logistics bib as well because these people know the island. They know people who can get things done. Alice Teasdale, another great member of our community, has a signwriting and printing business, Big Quince Print, in the main street. She was there at 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning, ringing up trying to get accommodation for people who had been evacuated. For all the stress and upset, these people behaved in an incredibly professional way.

Let's not forget that they were working in Parndana. They had to get out of there as the fire came through. Three times Parndana came under threat. Three times Parndana was evacuated and these people just kept going in a different building in a town 50 or 60 kilometres away from the town where they started their shift as volunteers, and it all just worked like absolute clockwork. That is a sign of a bunch of dedicated and professional community members.

I cannot go through and name every single one of the people who volunteered in some way, but through speeches in the past few weeks I have managed to mention a few. I want to put on the record that, for everyone who helped out a fellow South Australian in their time of need during the fires, we very much appreciate it.

When you work on these disasters, you form a bond with people that never ever goes away. I get the feeling when I go back to Port Lincoln that I have a kind of family over there. As the member for Flinders knows, that community went through so much pain and agony back in the Wangary fire on 5 January 2005. The way the community pulled together after that fire was the real sign of a strong community. There are people years later who are still hurting from that fire and the damage that it did and the lives that it took. It robbed families of family members.

There is still that pain there now, but the way I saw that community come together in a fire that ripped from one side of Eyre Peninsula to the other in record time was so commendable. Another thing that happened in that fire was that we saw leadership from the government of the day. That fire went through. It was the Black Tuesday fire. We had been up most of the night and all that afternoon in emergency cabinet meetings. Mike Rann, who was premier; Pat Conlon, who was chief of staff; myself; and Euan Ferguson, who was head of the CFS, all flew over on that Wednesday morning.

Mike Rann, as premier, made a commitment. He said, 'For the next six weeks, we are going to have a government minister on the ground day and night,' and then he dobbed me in. He said, 'Biggles is going to stay here for six weeks and he will be chief of staff to provide continuity, and the

minister who is on the ground will have the power of cabinet.' So we did not even have to go back through cabinet.

Some of the examples I remember are things like national parks that had big trees where the roots were still burning underneath the ground or were hollowed out and still burning up the trunks, but they were significant trees, so the law did not allow us to go in and chop them down. Common sense told you that the safest thing to do, if the wind was going to flare up in a couple of days or if the trees could come down and kill someone or damage property, was to chop them down.

Having a minister on the ground—John Hill was environment minister then—he said, 'Of course, chop them down. People's lives come before native vegetation in a disaster.' But what I am seeing on Kangaroo Island is a total lack of leadership. I feel sorry for the public servants over there because they are telling me just how hard it is to try to look after people when there is no direction coming from cabinet level.

You cannot run a disaster recovery from hundreds of kilometres away, whether that is Port Lincoln, which is not that far to fly but a long way to drive, or Kangaroo Island. It is a remote place and a remote part of South Australia and you need to have a government minister on the ground to empower the public servants to do the right thing. I have had quarrelling departments talking to me about this clean-up that I have been complaining about.

It has taken over 50 days for the government to tell people, 'We will come in and clean up the crumpled burnt-out ruins of what was your house.' That should not go for 50 days. This is not the first time that we have had a disaster in South Australia. That should just be a given. They should have said, 'We don't know what it's going to look like, but we're going to pay for it, so rest assured there's one thing that you don't have to worry about in a world of pain where you're worrying about everything and you're stressed out about everything.' Take some of the pressure off.

What I am told by people on the ground is that the EPA were in there early and they worked with local contractors. They identified where pits could be dug and all this rubbish that was people's homes could be stored, and even the asbestos stuff could be stored or disposed of safely. They were working on that for a couple of weeks. They were at the point of being ready to deliver and then someone in government decided that a different arm of government, Green Industries, should be running the process. Of course, as we so often see in government, new people come in and they do not want to take over where the other ones left off, so they go back to zero and hit the reset clock and that is where you get delays.

If you have a minister on the ground who is actually seeing what is happening and listening to the people who are suffering, those poor home owners, then you get that. Other public servants have complained to me that they do not get to spend enough time on the ground over there. They are being rotated in and out so quickly that they just start to get their head around the situation, and just start to build up the trustful relationship that you need with victims of a fire, and then they are sent home and someone else comes in.

Again, it is not too late. I know it is day 61 of this bushfire emergency, but it is not too late for the Premier and cabinet to tell the people of Kangaroo Island—just like Mike Rann told the people of Eyre Peninsula—'We are going to have a minister on the ground day and night for the next six weeks, or as long as it takes, to help get people back on their feet.' What we know is, whether you pay for things or you do not pay for things, there is always a cost to society. The payment might be \$5 million to clean up everything, but if you do not spend that \$5 million what is the cost in the mental health damage that is done to a society?

Deputy Speaker, you will remember that people were saying, 'What are you guys doing here? We are never going to vote for you, you are the Labor Party.' We said, 'We are here to get you back on your feet as quickly as possible because the quicker you get back on your feet the quicker your mental health improves but, just as importantly, the quicker the economy improves.' We know that regional South Australia is the absolute powerhouse of our economy, whether it is tourism or agriculture. Again, I implore the government to do everything they can to help out all our areas that have been affected by bushfires this summer.

Mrs POWER (Elder) (17:18): I rise to give my Address in Reply to His Excellency Hieu Van Le's speech that marked the opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth South Australian

Parliament. I would like to begin by echoing His Excellency's heartfelt thanks to all those who have been supporting the rescue, recovery and relief efforts after the devastating bushfires we recently experienced in both the Hills and Kangaroo Island.

I also acknowledge the impact of the bushfire crisis on our great nation and extend my deepest sympathies to those who have been directly impacted and faced loss of life, homes or livestock. It has been an horrific time. As the Governor outlined, as a state government we are working hard to support the rebuild and recovery effort and will continue to do so through this second session of parliament.

As His Excellency has also highlighted, we formed government with an unwavering commitment and plan for more jobs, lower costs and better services. It was clear from His Excellency's speech, that that is exactly what our government is delivering and it is what we will continue to deliver for all South Australians.

In relation to more jobs, as His Excellency highlighted, the Marshall Liberal government is helping to unlock business investment and job creation in a number of ways. We have slashed payroll tax, which is often described as a tax and a barrier for businesses to employ more people. We have established Infrastructure South Australia and the SA Productivity Commission to not only deliver the infrastructure that our state needs but ensure a continued pipeline of job opportunities.

We have also developed a clear map to growth in South Australia with our Growth State plan, which aims to lift South Australia's export performance for the long-term and generate more jobs. This plan provides a road map for government and industry to work together to ensure and to secure more economic opportunities for South Australia in the areas of defence, space, energy and minerals, food, wine and agribusiness, international education, tourism, high-tech, health and medical industries and, importantly, the creative industries.

My vision as the state member for Elder and as a member of the government is an abundance of meaningful jobs that create a state where people, businesses and companies want to establish roots and invest. I believe that jobs are about more than just statistics and figures; they are about giving South Australians the dignity of work and a chance for a better life. It is about creating opportunities where workers want to show up, dive in and stay at it. It is about unleashing talent and building reservoirs of skills and knowledge in our great state of South Australia. We as a government are working to create the right environment in our state that will see an abundance of jobs.

With regard to lower costs, we know that every little bit helps and that is why we are committed to easing cost-of-living pressures for all South Australians. As His Excellency detailed, our government is lowering costs for individuals, families and businesses. We have slashed the emergency services levy, with households saving \$145 each on average—imagine what you can do with that. We have provided families with \$100 sports vouchers for primary-age schoolchildren. The cost of car registration is coming down with reduced compulsory third party insurance. We have made screening checks for volunteers free, and we are reducing the cost of electricity and power bills.

Last week, two separate reports by electricity regulators showed how electricity prices in South Australia are set to fall further for households and businesses this year. The recent approval of the South Australian-New South Wales interconnector is a milestone in a project that will deliver cheaper, cleaner and more reliable electricity to South Australian households and businesses. It is key for our Marshall government's energy policy and will be the first interconnector built in Australia for 15 years.

In further savings ahead for households, new homebuyers in South Australia will now be able to have solar and battery systems installed for no additional cost during the construction phase. This latest development in the \$100 million Home Battery Scheme aims to boost the take-up of home solar and battery systems to deliver huge savings in electricity bills for new home owners. Already thousands of South Australians have slashed their electricity bills by installing a home battery, so it is great news that the scheme is now accessible to people purchasing a new home.

The Marshall Liberal government is also delivering lower costs for low and fixed income South Australians with a number of concessions to help, including an energy concession, a

cost-of-living concession and a water concession. We are encouraging low and fixed income South Australian households to find out whether they are eligible for water and sewerage concessions paid quarterly in SA Water bills as there may be more savings available to them and we want them to be able to access them.

In the 2019-20 financial year, approximately \$54 million in water and sewerage concessions are anticipated to be issued to South Australians who need bill relief. For people living in the electorate of Elder, I know reducing cost-of-living expenses is very important for them and I also know that the inroads we have made with household bills have been very much welcomed.

In relation to better services, in his speech His Excellency outlined so many of our actions and achievements to date as a government that are delivering better services for South Australians. In my electorate, we provide South Australians with a clear, strong alternative to Labor's betrayal to close and sell the Repat. As a part of the Marshall Liberal government, I have worked alongside my colleagues to consult with residents, community leaders, clinicians and key stakeholders to develop a master plan for the Repat site that will see us deliver on our election promises and maximise the use of the site as a healthcare precinct.

We have already reopened the hydrotherapy pool. We have opened 40 beds—20 beds currently in the rehabilitation building and ensured that 20 beds are kept open in the ViTA precinct. They were originally planned for closure by Labor by the end of 2018. Last month, we began construction on an Australian first neurobehavioural unit for people living with the most extreme symptoms of dementia. This 18-bed unit construction will create dozens of local jobs and is part of a wider vision to complement the new dementia village. In partnership with HammondCare, the dementia village will include specialist care units and cottages. These services will also operate alongside a repurposed Ward 20, which will care for patients with both complex dementia and acute medical conditions.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Repat is abuzz with activity. You would have heard just last week that we announced that construction has begun on Ward 20. I gave a very token effort of smashing down a wall as my contribution to the demolition. We are very excited. We know refurbishing and modifying Ward 20 will provide a 12-bed ward that will move these complex needs patients out of general hospital wards so that they can receive more appropriate care and support at the Repat.

There is still more we are delivering on this site. We are building a 26-bed care transition facility to create a South Australian hub for people living with dementia and transitioning to home or an aged-care facility following acute care treatment. As a part of returning the Repat to a thriving healthcare precinct, our Marshall Liberal government is also establishing a veterans wellbeing centre and refurbishing the SPF Hall, which I know for many people has come as very welcome news. We are ensuring the Repat chapel, Remembrance Garden, museum and SPF Hall will be protected and preserved for future generations.

We are also developing a town square community hub and outdoor flexible spaces in the heart of the Repat, including a new sports gymnasium. The Minister for Health and Wellbeing is also currently working to develop a plan for surgical procedures on the site. In total, the Marshall state government and the Morrison federal government have combined to commit almost \$110 million so far to rejuvenate the much loved Repat site. We are improving South Australia's health services to ensure all patients receive the care they need in the most appropriate setting.

By saving the Repat, we have been able to provide additional capacity in the health system that was gutted by the former Labor government and its failed Transforming Health policy. In delivering better health care for my local residents and all South Australians, the Repat is just one piece of the puzzle. The Repat is integral to the government's \$86 million Southern Health Expansion Plan. Moving patients with dementia and complex care needs from Noarlunga Hospital to the renovated Ward 20 will mean higher needs patients can receive end-to-end care at Noarlunga Hospital.

As part of the Southern Health Expansion Plan, the Flinders Medical Centre emergency department will be expanded by 30 more treatment spaces to become one of the largest emergency departments in South Australia. This plan is expected to prevent up to 1,000 ambulance transfers per year from Noarlunga Hospital to Flinders. The increased capacity within the Flinders emergency

department will also ensure doctors, nurses and allied health professionals have more spaces to treat patients faster.

Some of the feedback I got when I was out doorknocking was how important it was for people to be able to access care close to home. For those who had family members who needed to access care, they wanted that to occur close to home so that they could visit them without having to spend hundreds of dollars on a taxi fare. This Southern Health Expansion Plan certainly comes as welcome news and will help ease pressure on emergency departments.

Further, our health system right across the whole state is being restored, with The Queen Elizabeth Hospital being redeveloped and Modbury Hospital being upgraded to increase surgical capability—something I know the member for Newland has been key in driving—and we have funded long-overdue maintenance and other work in our regional hospital network, which have been neglected for far too long. This means better health services for not just the residents of southern Adelaide but all South Australians.

His Excellency highlighted the work the government is doing to combat domestic and family violence, which will see more cohesive services to better respond to the feedback from the sector and, most importantly, the needs of people experiencing domestic and family violence. The Premier demonstrated from the very beginning that he is committed to reducing the prevalence and impact of domestic and family violence when he created the state's first-ever Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention immediately after forming government. This is a role that I am honoured to serve in.

Our government committed \$11.9 million over four years to help deliver vital initiatives in our very first budget to combat domestic and family violence. We expanded the operation of our specialist Domestic Violence Crisis Line to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The line had been operating for 30 years, but unfortunately only during business hours Monday to Friday. We know that domestic violence does not just happen during business hours Monday to Friday. People need to be able to access that line 24 hours, seven days a week when they need it, and that is exactly what we have done.

We have also introduced a new women's safety app. With the Minister for Human Services in the other place, we have held six round tables for domestic, family and sexual violence stakeholders around South Australia, which included a focus on our regional areas and their unique needs. Our election commitment was for just one round table, but we recognised the significant value of this consultation and expanded our plan to include six round tables to ensure that we implemented our policies in the best way possible to maximise the impact and to work alongside the sector both here in metropolitan Adelaide and out in our regions.

Our regional round tables significantly informed the planned establishment of our commitment to nine safety hubs throughout South Australia. Each hub will be tailored to the different needs of each region. Two are already open and operating in Murray Bridge and Berri. Safety hubs are designed to support women and communities with advice and connections to specialist support services, such as counselling, police, housing, drug and alcohol services, legal aid, financial counselling, mental health support and/or health services.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the organisations to date that have attended our round tables, shared their expertise and wisdom with us, helped shape the implementation of our policies and, importantly, formed partnerships with the government and enabled the improved delivery of our policies and the delivery of holistic support for women through these safety hubs.

Our Marshall Liberal government has also provided funding to the South Australian coalition of women's domestic and family violence services so that they are now able to function as a fully supported peak body. With this funding, the first of its kind, they have recently undergone rebranding and review of their purpose and are now known as Embolden. In the two short years we have been in government, we have also rolled out a statewide trial of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

The scheme enables a person who may be at risk of domestic violence or experiencing domestic violence to get information about their partner or a former partner to help them make

informed decisions about their safety and the future of their relationship. A request for information can be made by either the person who is feeling unsafe in their relationship or a person concerned about the welfare of someone they know, maybe their daughter, their sister, their friend. If there is relevant information to disclose, it is normally disclosed in a meeting by police to the person in the relationship.

In the first 14 months of operation, the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme received 316 applications and 17 people were assessed as being at imminent risk of harm. The disclosure meetings were held urgently. Importantly, the disclosure scheme is also an avenue to connect people experiencing or at risk of experiencing domestic violence with specialist support services. After all, even if there is no information to disclose regarding one's history, the application has been made due to some concern.

I believe that this is one of the greatest strengths of our trial, and the data confirms this, showing that 60 per cent of people accessing the scheme had never received support from a domestic and family violence service. As an early intervention tool, the scheme works to change the trajectory of a potentially violent relationship and provide better services to enable people to stay safe.

We have been leading the way and working with the Office for Women as well as a number of other organisations to deliver our domestic violence initiatives, including our commitment of 40 new crisis beds. People fleeing domestic and family violence will be safe with these crisis accommodation beds and connected with support services. Of these beds, 17 will be located in the regions because we listen to our regions, we act and, as the Minister for Regional Development often says, #RegionsMatter.

We have also put in place plans for trialling something truly innovative. Following direct feedback from the community and from the sector, a total of nine beds will be used for a state first—and we think potentially one of Australia's first—perpetrator intervention pilot programs. This pilot will allow women and families to remain in their family home if it is safe to do so, causing them less disruption at what is already a very stressful and traumatic time. As you can imagine, experiencing domestic and family violence is traumatic enough without having to then relocate from your family home and from your local community. We want to prevent that trauma in cases where it is safe to do so.

Instead, the perpetrator will be removed and housed in the accommodation. Oversight of the perpetrator by support services will ensure the safety of women and their children. This trial is an opportunity to explore what interventions work best, with perpetrators having the opportunity to engage with services to help them change their behaviour. This is very important. As the Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention, I have a very clear focus when it comes to domestic and family violence and that is, of course, preventing it from occurring in the first place.

That is why I am proud our Marshall Liberal government recently announced \$1.86 million from South Australia towards two national primary prevention campaigns. This is part of the Fourth Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children, including a new campaign that focuses on preventing sexual violence. We are delivering on our commitments and we are taking them further.

Last year, we released a new policy framework to ensure the work to combat domestic violence continues, called Committed to Safety. This framework shapes an across-government, safety-driven approach to tackle domestic, family and sexual violence. It sets out clear commitments with short, medium and long-term time frames to implement change. It is built around three key focus areas: primary prevention, service and support, and justice. This framework is a working, living document.

As a government, will continue to be flexible and agile to respond to issues and new ideas and ways of thinking as we go forward. Working to prevent violence against women and providing suitable support may look different for different population groups, so it is vital that we continue to provide tailored responses and support, and this new framework will do just that. One of the key actions in the Committed to Safety framework relates to women's participation and employment.

This year, consultation with our business sector has been underway so that we can finalise a new women's employment and leadership strategy. Ensuring that women are financially secure and active in our society is crucial in the prevention of violence. Another key element of prevention, of course, is education. It is vital in changing attitudes and norms that lead to violence. As mentioned, we are delivering on our promises to address domestic and family violence, but there is more to be done and there is more we will do.

In replying to the Governor's speech, I want to acknowledge that there was a strong focus on the environment, and that is because our government is working hard to address the challenges of climate change, going beyond activism to developing and delivering practical solutions. Last year, we released our Directions for a Climate Smart South Australia, which will guide South Australia to reduce emissions by more than 50 per cent by 2030 from 2005 levels, potentially contributing twice as much to the national target as other states.

His Excellency also highlighted our focus as a government on the environment in terms of pursuing unique opportunities to harness the potential of our precious natural environment to grow the economy by reinvigorating our parks system. We are also implementing a Blue Carbon Strategy and a Hydrogen Action Plan. Our Marshall Liberal government is indeed focused on pushing further ahead with our national leadership in renewable energy. Households within my electorate will be the first residents to be serviced with hydrogen-blended gas.

This is a more environmentally friendly gas supply, and it is being produced at the Tonsley Innovation District, which is also in the great electorate of Elder, with no change to costs for customers. This hydrogen project received a \$4.9 million grant from the Renewable Technology Fund and, while there are several hydrogen projects in planning right across Australia, this is the first of its kind to supply residential customers—around 700—in households in Mitchell Park. What an achievement for our state. Another important initiative for our state includes Green Adelaide.

Green Adelaide offers an integrated approach to managing our urban environment. Our Marshall Liberal government is focusing on increased efforts to green and cool our backyards, streets and neighbourhoods, enhance biodiversity and create open and healthy green spaces for everyone, particularly in metropolitan Adelaide. Our government has been providing greener neighbourhood grants to metropolitan councils for focus on street planting and water-sensitive urban design to help create greener and cooler neighbourhoods. I have been encouraging the City of Mitcham and the City of Marion, the two councils in my electorate, to apply for one of these greener neighbourhood grants.

Open, public and green spaces are so important to the fabric and identity of a local community, whether it is in metropolitan Adelaide or a regional town. This funding targets projects that provide a diverse range of open spaces with both active and passive opportunities, and it promotes urban greening and climate change resilience. The creation of Glenthorne National Park is a once in a lifetime opportunity to preserve and revitalise a large area of existing open space in our southern suburbs and turn it into a thriving environmental and recreational precinct for the whole community. Certainly, for those residents living in my electorate, Glenthorne National Park is right in our backyard.

The new park will demonstrate the importance of access to open green space for the health and wellbeing of the community so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all South Australians. We envisage picnic areas, heritage buildings, walking and cycling trails and 200 hectares of native revegetation, creating an urban forest that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

I am proud of the work our government is doing to protect, nurture and care for our environment. I believe in our natural environment to restore, refresh, soothe, heal and enliven us. We need sustainable and stunning environments that will endure, nurture a sense of adventure and create joy. Such futureproofed environments will add to the livability of our suburbs and preserve our natural heritage.

A number of people commented on the Governor's speech and how long it went for. Someone suggested that it might be the longest speech a Governor has given to mark the opening of parliament. Given how much has been achieved in the last two years of the Marshall Liberal

government, I can understand why it was one of the longest speeches. We have hit the ground running since we formed government after the election. We have delivered on our election promises and we are continuing to look ahead to the future.

We are a government that is delivering more jobs, lower costs and better services for all South Australians. As the member for Elder, I look forward to continuing to work with my local residents to ensure that our local community and state are the best they can be.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

At 17:47 the house adjourned until Thursday 20 February 2020 at 11:00.