

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 20 February 2020

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

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

### *Bills*

#### **THE WYATT BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION INCORPORATED (OBJECTS) AMENDMENT BILL**

##### *Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:01):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend The Wyatt Benevolent Institution Incorporation Act 1935. Read a first time.

##### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:02):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I am pleased to introduce The Wyatt Benevolent Institution Incorporated (Objects) Amendment Bill 2020. The Wyatt Benevolent Institution Incorporated is a significant philanthropic and charitable organisation providing assistance to thousands of needy South Australians each year. The institution was founded in 1881 with the objects of carrying out the trusts of the will of Dr William Wyatt. In 1935, the institution was continued through enactment of The Wyatt Benevolent Institution Incorporation Act 1935 to provide for its ongoing incorporation and to make provision for the administration of the institution.

However, the qualifications contained in the objects of the act and Wyatt Trust reflect the circumstances of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and have caused difficulties for the institution. The objects refer to assisting 'persons above the labouring class' and persons of 'good moral character'. Delineating people by class and making subjective judgements of character in order to decide whether to provide assistance are not in keeping with contemporary values and standards.

The institution requested that amendments be made to modernise the act and ensure that it can maintain its deductible gift recipient status for the purpose of the commonwealth Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. The bill broadens the objects of the act so that it applies to all people in poor and needy circumstances and removes the out-of-date references to class and moral character. It provides greater flexibility to the institution in managing its funds and making grants.

The institution has four priority areas: employment, education, financial wellbeing and housing. In the 2018 financial year, the institution made grants of \$3.4 million, partnering with more than 80 partner groups to deliver support and assistance to over 5,000 individuals. The institution has granted over \$50 million in funds over its history.

Like other charitable trusts members may be aware of, some of which are under the umbrella of the statute of this parliament, we acknowledge and appreciate the support that they give to so many South Australians. The amendments in this bill will enable the institution to continue to assist many disadvantaged South Australians. I commend the bill to members, and I table the explanation of clauses.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Brown.

**STATUTES AMENDMENT (BAIL AUTHORITIES) BILL***Introduction and First Reading*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:06):** Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to amend the Bail Act 1985, the District Court Act 1991, the Magistrates Court Act 1991 and the Supreme Court Act 1935. Read a first time.

*Second Reading*

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (11:06):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I rise to introduce the Statutes Amendment (Bail Authorities) Bill 2020. This bill amends the Bail Act 1985 to address the inefficiencies arising in relation to the hearing of bail applications before the court. The bill also amends the Bail Act 1985 by changing the point at which bail can be revoked where it is suspected that a person has breached their bail conditions from the point at which the court makes the order to the point at which the person is arrested.

Part 2, clause 4 of the bill amends the Bail Act 1985 to make the District Court and Magistrates Court general bail authorities. Parts 3, 4 and 5 amend the Magistrates Court Act 1991, the District Court Act 1991 and the Supreme Court Act 1935 to provide the courts with express power to make rules relating to bail applications. Any necessary limitations on which court a bail application ought to be heard by will be provided within the rules of court instead of the legislation. This change aims to improve efficiency in the justice system and our courts, a key tenet of the government's justice agenda.

The practical difficulties encountered for bail applications and the resulting inefficiencies were identified by the Chief Justice. I understand these are particularly problematic for bail applications made in the period after committal but before arraignment for indictable offences where the Magistrates Court commits a defendant for trial in the District Court. Those bail applications must be heard by the Magistrates Court because the District Court currently is not a bail authority under the Bail Act 1985.

These amendments will allow for bail applications made between committal and arraignment to be heard by the District Court. This is the most efficient way of resolving the issue and improving case flow management. Beyond this key amendment, the bill makes a further amendment to the Bail Act. In an effort to better protect witnesses and victims of crime, clauses 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the bill respond to an issue regarding breaches of bail conditions occurring after a bail agreement has been revoked.

Let me explain. Upon the granting of bail, a defendant enters into a bail agreement, which sets out a number of conditions upon which bail is granted. One important condition often included in a bail agreement identifies a person or persons whom a defendant must not contact or approach whilst on bail. Understandably, members will appreciate that these can be witnesses and, of course, victims of the alleged crime.

Such conditions are protective in nature and designed to guard against harassment and intimidation, particularly of the class I have referred to. Presently, when a bail agreement is revoked, a defendant's right to be at large is revoked; however, so, too, are the conditions of the bail agreement. Accordingly, any breach of conditions occurring after the revocation of the bail agreement, including any contact made with a victim or witness, does not constitute an offence under section 17(1) of the Bail Act 1985.

These amendments change the point at which bail is revoked from the point at which the court makes the order to the point at which the person is arrested. Currently, the court may revoke bail under sections 6, 18, 19A and 19B of the Bail Act 1985. All are amended by the bill to change the point of revocation to the point of arrest. However, clause 5 is drafted so that the power of the court to revoke a bail agreement immediately is reversed.

There are occasions when a bail agreement is revoked and it is later established that no breach of the relevant bail conditions has in fact occurred. The amendments included in this bill provide for such circumstances. Where there has been no breach, the bail agreement is not taken to

have been revoked and the defendant will be released unconditionally. 'Unconditionally' in this context means that no new bail conditions are imposed. However, the deemed revocation of the bail agreement is effectively reversed and the conditions of the original bail agreement will continue to apply.

The efficiency and accountability of our courts and justice system are crucial. This bill also seeks to resolve the two issues which have arisen in our courts and have been identified by the Chief Justice. I thank him for his consideration and advice on these matters. I commend the bill to members and table the explanation of clauses.

Debate adjourned on motion of Mr Brown.

*Address in Reply*

#### **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

Adjourned debate on motion for adoption.

(Continued from 19 February 2020.)

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (11:12):** I appreciate the opportunity to be able to address the people of South Australia—

**The SPEAKER:** Are you are the lead speaker, leader?

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Yes.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** I take the opportunity to be able to address the people of South Australia through this all-important forum of the Address in Reply. It is an opportunity to put on the record a number of thoughts that I have as the leader of the Australian Labor Party in South Australia and, accordingly, the Leader of the Opposition. I would like to start by passing on my best wishes to all members in this place in this new parliamentary year, including you, sir. Politics is a tough business. It can be uncompromising and rather gruelling for all concerned, particularly members of one's family. At the beginning of this new parliamentary year, I wish members all the very best throughout the course of parliamentary year 2020.

It is also an opportunity to be able to address the people of South Australia after what has undoubtedly been a very difficult summer. We have seen our nation gripped by the circumstances around bushfire, and South Australia was not immune to this incredible challenge. Commencing primarily on 20 December last year, we saw two particularly horrific bushfires start, in Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island, and that really set the tone of the Christmas and summer period.

Many Australians and South Australians have been affected by those events, but what has made us all so proud is the response that we have seen from so many people: everyone from our emergency services in particular, particularly those people who are unpaid volunteer emergency service workers, right through the rest of government bureaucracy at a number of different levels—local government, state government, federal government—everyone from the Army at the commonwealth level, everyone in state government whether it be in SA Water or other relevant government departments who had to be thrust on the front line in ways that would have been unexpected otherwise during the Christmas period, and also a contribution from local government should be acknowledged.

I think we have seen our leadership come to the fore in a number of different areas throughout the bushfire crisis. I acknowledge other contributions from a number of local MPs in this place, on both sides of the aisle, who have represented their communities with gusto. We saw local MPs from the government doing their bit for their local constituencies, principally around the Cudlee Creek bushfire, and on this side of the aisle I think we have seen outstanding leadership from the member for Mawson in representing his affected community on Kangaroo Island.

The bushfire crisis, in terms of the immediate threat of the fire itself, has clearly passed for the time being, but that is where recovery now must be the focus, and that is where the decisions at the political level of government—namely, around the cabinet table—are just so fundamentally

critical. The cabinet has an immediate role to play right now to make sure that those people, those communities, those industries and those individuals who have been affected by these bushfires have every last one of their needs met.

I am very proud of the fact that the opposition has been able to play, I think, a relatively constructive role in that effort by putting on the record, publicly and privately to the government, suggestions that it could take up to address those recovery needs. We in opposition do not have our hands on the levers of executive power, which should respond quickly in these circumstances, but we can make suggestions to the government and we welcome the fact that a number of those suggestions have been taken up thus far.

However, we are undoubtedly of the view that there are still urgent needs out in the community, urgent needs that sometimes the government cannot meet, but often can. Where they can be met, they must be met, and this must be done quickly with immediacy and purpose. Sometimes the only way to be able to achieve that through the Public Service is through leadership at the cabinet level, at the Premier level, and that is something that we will continue to advocate for on this side of the chamber, to ensure that those people in those affected communities have their needs met.

At the heart of that effort, of course, is this issue of leadership. I would like to reflect on why we are giving an Address in Reply in the first instance. It is unusual, on one interpretation, to have a reset of a government agenda only two years after government is elected. That in and of itself is, I think most would accept, slightly peculiar. What underpins the need for a reset from this government is this question of leadership. Do we see leadership being provided for this state government and vis-a-vis the state of South Australia? I think that is a live question that I intend to critique, having the opportunity to make some remarks during this Address in Reply this morning.

The bushfire crisis rounded out a tough year. It started on 20 December but, when you look at the course of 2019 and what our state generally had to deal with, it was an extraordinarily difficult calendar year. Throughout the course of last year, we saw challenges right throughout our state. Challenges are presented sometimes that are not necessarily of the government's making. I think that is obvious, and the bushfires are an example of that. No-one in their own right can individually take responsibility for the bushfires occurring. I think there are a number of factors that potentially exacerbated the bushfires themselves, but clearly government is not responsible for starting bushfires per se.

However, there are other events throughout the course of 2020 for which the government must take responsibility. A true sign of leadership is taking responsibility for those things to which you actively made a contribution. The responsibility for a number of things that occurred throughout the course of last year falls fairly and squarely at the feet of this government and its leader, namely the Premier, the member for Dunstan.

Let's work through what some of those things are. I think what is most important ultimately to South Australians, particularly those who are struggling to get by, day by day, is their relative living standard that is informed by the South Australian economy, and I think 2019 for the South Australian economy can be described as a bad year. One might say it was a bit of a stinker year, but it was certainly a very bad year. I think the most elementary representation of this is what was going on within the labour market in South Australia throughout the course of last year, because on any interpretation, on any objective analysis of the facts, 2019 in South Australia within the labour market was a disaster.

Let's start with seasonally adjusted unemployment. Last year, the unemployment rate in this state finished at 6.2 per cent. That represents largely the worst unemployment rate in the federation, something that was not the case at the election of this government in 2018. This government inherited a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.6 per cent and, by the end of last year, they managed to take it right up to 6.2 per cent—more South Australians unemployed as a result of this government's policies, as a result of a lack of leadership.

We have seen jobs growth throughout the course of calendar year 2019 collapse. Jobs growth inherited by this government at the point of the last election was at 2.3 per cent. Jobs were

growing in South Australia at 2.3 per cent before this Premier became in charge. At the end of last year, jobs growth was sitting at 0.1 per cent.

Mr Speaker, do you know what has occurred in relation to the full-time employment rate in South Australia throughout the course of 2019? You will be surprised to learn, because we constantly hear the Premier trying to tell South Australians that everything is going well, that full-time jobs in the calendar year 2019, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, went backwards—fewer full-time employed people at the end of last year than at the beginning. That number went backwards to the tune of 9,000 South Australians—9,000 fewer South Australians in full-time work at the end of last year in comparison to 12 months earlier.

What does this Premier say to those 9,000 people who no longer have a full-time job? What does the Premier have to say about the fact that jobs growth has collapsed under his leadership? What does the Premier have to say about the fact that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in this state has gone up quite dramatically throughout the course of last year? Under questioning from a journalist, he said there was no problem whatsoever. The very opposite of leadership is denying a problem exists when there are people who are suffering—people who are incapable of providing for themselves and, more importantly, for their families.

I speak to these South Australians. Over the course of the summer I had more than one conversation while out and about, talking to people, hearing of their firsthand experience about how this economy is struggling and how that is compromising their ability to enjoy a standard of living that they had otherwise become accustomed to. And what is this Premier saying? That there is no problem whatsoever—a violent act of denial of reality, one that is starting to come through in people's perceptions of this Premier because all of that is inconsistent with what the Premier said before the election. He gave a crystal-clear promise to improve the South Australian economy. He promised more jobs. Well, the number of jobs that he is delivering is substantially less on a number of measures than was the case before he became Premier.

Let's take youth unemployment. We all care about future generations. All in this place have a mandate and a desire to genuinely hand over to a future generation of South Australians a better world than the one they inherited, a better state than the one their parents had. Yet what we had in this state was youth unemployment going up throughout the course of last year. Again, the youth unemployment rate inherited by this government was 11.5 per cent. At the end of last year, it had become 14.3 per cent. It had gone up by three percentage points. That is more young South Australians not in work.

Now, 14.3 per cent sounds like a stat, but let's actually drill down to what it means in the number of people that we are talking about: 22,000. There are 22,000 young South Australians who currently do not have a job, who were actively looking for one at the end of last year. They are real, young people who live in all our electorates, young people who want to do everything we tell them to do: go to work, start to earn a living, start to save, be a productive member of the economy, enjoy all the dignity that work provides—and yet they cannot find a job.

And what does the Premier say to them? 'No problem whatsoever.' Well, I think it is a problem, and the mums and dads of those kids think it is a problem, and I think we would do well to have the Premier acknowledge that that problem exists. A failure to acknowledge that the problem even exists inevitably means a failure to address it, and that is something we would all collectively be concerned about.

The Premier and his government would say, 'Well, there are other factors here at play beyond the government's control.' Yes, occasionally it is true that there are a number of global factors that will inform the performance of any economy. The question is not: what excuse are you running towards to address it? The question is: what policies are you instituting to address the problem? And what is the answer from this government? Let's start to analyse what the government's policy was throughout the course of 2019 when it comes to economic policy.

On the back of the previous year, they decided to cut 29 job-creating programs. They came into government and within months they could not help themselves, so they cut 29 programs that were creating jobs in South Australia, with effect. Who would be surprised that if you cut

29 job-creating programs you might end up with fewer jobs and a higher unemployment rate? It is hardly surprising. It seems like a logical consequence of such a decision.

However, the problem is that it actually was a lot worse than that. What we saw in terms of the other major economic policy settings throughout the course of last year was an absolute disaster. Some of those that surprised us most on this side of the chamber, and I think surprised South Australians more generally, was this government's tax policy. This is a government that went to the election offering a pretty orthodox—

**Mr Pederick:** And lowered payroll tax.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** —conservative agenda of trying to lower taxes, yet last year they did the exact opposite. The member for Hammond interjects suggesting that there are tax cuts that the government have delivered. Yes, they delivered a payroll tax cut, but that is nothing new. They did not think of that. Labor in government did that seven times, so come up with something new, I would say to the member for Hammond.

They cut ESL in their first budget and ever since then they have been trying to claw that money back from the hip pockets of South Australians in the form of other taxes. The member for Hammond might have heard of the bin tax. That has been rolled out progressively. He might be aware of the fact that fees and charges in South Australia have come from a long-held formula that connected the increase in fees and charges to the rate of inflation and other considerations like public sector wages growth. This government, this Premier and this Treasurer decided to break that nexus for the first time in decades.

Why did they break that nexus? Why do they want to cancel that formula? Because they wanted to increase fees and charges for all South Australians to the tune of over \$500 million in last year's budget. So the member for Hammond and the Premier and everybody else on this side may well espouse the virtue of lowering taxes, but if you lower taxes on one hand and then jack them up by even more on the other, that represents an economic policy that puts a burden on South Australian households and families.

The *pièce de résistance* of the government's tax policy last year, of course, was their land tax policy. The member for Hammond is fumbling around pretending to read something, and I do not blame him. I can tell you what he is not reading, Mr Speaker: it is report after report after report on the land tax.

**Mr Pederick:** Ask the member for Taylor how well he got on.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr Pederick:** Ask him!

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Hammond! I might have to chuck him out today.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** The land tax policy from this government throughout the course of last year was an unmitigated disaster. We all know it, and I dare say those members opposite desperately know it, because what we saw was a policy that was made up on the run. The person who you would think would be most interested in such an event is the Premier himself. He went to the people of South Australia at an election saying he was going to take an axe to land tax.

I would have thought that, when the time came to sit around the cabinet table or at the budget cabinet committee meetings where the Premier would be scrutinising the detail of this central policy of government in the form of the budget, particularly economic policy, and flicking through the papers before those meetings and stumbled across the page that said 'big land tax increase', that might have grabbed the attention of this Premier. It might have jumped out off the page at him, and he might have said, 'Hang on! That's not consistent with what I am supposed to be about. That's not consistent with what I promised at election time.'

Apparently, the Premier did one of three things: he looked at it and said, 'No problem, sounds good to me,' or he looked at it and said nothing, or maybe of course he did not look at it at all. Maybe it was one of those meetings that this Premier neglected to turn up to. Maybe he was doing something else more important than paying attention to the creation of the government's central policy, the

budget, and decided either not to pay attention or to consciously break a promise. Either way, we ended up with a land tax policy that was a disaster.

The Premier went on leave last year; I think it was in July. That is utterly reasonable, and there is no objection from this side of the house. It is perfectly reasonable that members—all of us hopefully are hardworking—take leave from time to time. But during the course of the Premier's absence in July last year the land tax policy debacle went from being a little bit warm to hot to eventually reaching boiling point.

I think we all reasonably anticipated that the Premier would come back from his overseas holiday and say, 'Time for me to exercise the function of leadership; that is what premiers are meant to do,' and then respond accordingly to the hundreds upon thousands of South Australians who were crying out against the land tax disaster, everyone from senior business leaders in this state to those people who have a reputation that precedes them in advocating for the property industry, the Premier's own colleagues, his own former political staff and of course, most importantly, thousands upon thousands of South Australian middle-class families who have been nothing but aspirational and worked hard and played by the rules.

All these people were telling the Premier it was time to act and time to show some leadership. He came home, got on the radio and I think all of us expected the Premier to show some leadership and say, 'Enough of this land tax shemozzle. I have to kill it now. I am going to institute some sort of independent review and put on ice this policy that is already not just overtaking the life of the government but actually having a material impact on the South Australian economy.'

Instead, what did the Premier do? He doubled-down. He doubled-down and told everyone that he was sticking to the policy in its current form. He was going to get it done because he thought it was right. If he thought it was so right, it begs the question: why did the policy end up changing after that point something like seven more times? Why did the policy that ended up passing through this parliament, unfortunately, end up being fundamentally different to what the stated objectives were at the beginning of that exercise? I will tell you why: because they are making it up as they go along. They are making it up as they go along.

There is no thought-through policy here. There is no economic objective. There is no recognition of the calamity over which they are presiding in the form of the South Australian economy and there is certainly no leadership, and that is at the heart of South Australia's economic malaise that we are currently experiencing—a lack of leadership.

There are other variables that must inform the South Australian economy though beyond this government's shambolic tax policy. They cannot work out if they are tax cutters or tax increasers. There is no coherence and no consistency, but there are other issues and one is infrastructure. We on this side of the chamber have long believed that during difficult times state governments have a role to play in stimulating the economy in the form of infrastructure policy. Building productive infrastructure does not just deliver a good end product that assists the economy in the long run; it creates jobs during the life of the construction phase.

This party does not just talk a good game when it comes to infrastructure: it actually delivers. Our record throughout the life of the Labor government over 16 years is exemplary, and that is particularly the case in the last four years when they were faced with the significant economic challenges caused by the conservative side of politics with the closure of Holden's and the like. The record is there for everyone to see.

Let's just take South Road itself, with duplication at the southern end of the Southern Expressway. As we move up, we saw the establishment of the Darlington project, with construction almost coming to an end on that project, creating hundreds of jobs. Further up the line on South Road, we have seen the Gallipoli Underpass, which was funded and delivered by the former Labor government. Heading north, there is the Torrens to Torrens project. That all essentially happened in the course of one term of government. It was funded and designed and construction was started post the 2014 election and then finally delivered not too long after the 2018 election.

Moving further along South Road, you have the superway—the superway is Labor to its core—actually delivered. Further along again, we have the Northern Connector project. I welcomed

the opportunity to see the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure at the Northern Connector family fun day last weekend. He was getting a sausage, presumably at the sausage sizzle. That is his contribution: the rest was Labor's. That is just South Road.

Let's take hospitals. Let's take health infrastructure, which does not have a bad record either. There have been hundreds upon hundreds of millions in investment across our hospital network, the centrepiece of which was a brand-new Royal Adelaide Hospital, which will be an outstanding piece of health infrastructure for our state for decades and for generations.

Notwithstanding difficult operational issues that occur at the RAH, we know of course that the majority of people who go to the RAH actually compliment the piece of infrastructure itself. It is a dramatic improvement on the old facility, one that this mob would still have us all in. They would still have us in the old RAH. There would be no Lot Fourteen if these guys were in charge because the old Royal Adelaide Hospital, which was old and decrepit, would be there.

*Mr Ellis interjecting:*

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** I welcome the member for Narungga's interjections; it gives us an opportunity to talk about a few other things that are topical at the moment. I dare say he will be silent from hereon in—let's see.

Regarding health infrastructure, we had a \$250 million investment down at The QEH signed, sealed and delivered by the former Labor government. I was very proudly part of that as then health minister. Likewise, at Modbury there was over \$90 million. The member for Newland is in the chamber, and I am sure he will be quick to congratulate the former Labor government and myself, being then health minister, who delivered that. It was \$90 million budgeted for, absolutely budgeted for. In fact, I have seen the press releases—

**Mr Pederick:** Tell us about what you did with the Repat, tell us that.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** I have seen your press release, and it is very similar to the one I put out—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** —sometime during late 2017. So in health there was a massive investment in infrastructure. Of course, there are other pieces of iconic infrastructure in this state that have added to it both culturally and economically, the best example of which is Adelaide Oval. There is just a snapshot of highly productive infrastructure that delivered real jobs in real time, with most of those projects on budget and delivering a great outcome for the people of South Australia.

Now let's look at this government. Let's look at what they have done for the last two years in infrastructure. One struggles to cite a project they have actually started to deliver on. What have they actually delivered on that is an idea of their own? It is a vacuum of activity. What they are currently doing is setting us up for an infrastructure valley of death. It has a lot of people in the industry—civil contractors, engineering, construction workers, a lot of blue-collar workers who, as we all know and I have always enunciated, are desperately looking for work—trying to work out what is next.

I know what they can look forward to. How about this government's central infrastructure program? Their number one policy, the visionary policy that they took to the last election, that was also promised at the last federal election, that was going to transform the state, going to 'change everything, literally' (I think they were the words the Premier used in his glossy videos) was GlobeLink. How is GlobeLink going? Dead, buried and cremated. Right there, next to WorkChoices somewhere, it is dead, buried and cremated. The government's central infrastructure program that they promised at the last election is gone—if it ever lived.

It is a disgraceful example of a now Premier, then leader of the opposition, going to the election so utterly desperate to get a W next to the words 'Liberal Party', to finally get a win, that he was willing to promise everything to everyone in the hope they would just win, and then deal with the



rest later. What are we left with? At the end of last year we had the highest unemployment rate in the nation, with nothing to look forward to in the form of infrastructure jobs. It is a joke.

*Members interjecting:*

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Members opposite might make light of the seriousness of the situation, but I do not think South Australians will over the coming months.

What else do we have to look forward to in infrastructure? That is right: they promised a new women's and kids' hospital. Where is that at? We have reports being buried and, two years into this new government, nothing, not a contract signed, not a hard hat to be seen, just a lot of people waiting. Meanwhile, down at the RAH we have hundreds of doctors signing letters talking about how much of a disaster it is. We will come back to health in a moment, but in terms of health infrastructure they have nothing to hang their hat on that is their own, apart from what the last government—namely, myself as the then health minister—set up for them, with Modbury being the best example of that.

I think there is a business case now being looked at that we are apparently going to get sometime before the end of this year. How this government is going to honour its pledge of delivering a new women's and kids' hospital by the year 2024-25—I think that was what the commitment was—is beyond everyone. It is not going to happen, not when they are fluffing around kicking the can down the road on decisions.

Talking about kicking the can down the road on decisions, the gold medal goes to the Premier, but if there is a silver medal it goes to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. Let's take South Road. What are they doing on South Road? Regency to Pym is not their project; I think we all acknowledge that. What we have here is this prevarication on decision-making when it comes to the rest of the project. We were promised an answer last year about whether or not we were going to have tunnels on the remaining part of South Road. What have we heard since? Just more kicking the can down the road, no activity.

We have seen front pages talking about \$10 billion and all this new money for South Road, but when you actually look at the federal budget papers the amount of money coming into South Australia for road infrastructure in the out years goes down to \$79 million. It was over \$490 million; now it is down to less than \$80 million. It is a collapse—a collapse—in money coming from the commonwealth on road infrastructure programs, because they do not exist. We are facing an infrastructure valley of death. This government inaction, its kicking the can down the road on all these projects, is coming a cropper. Time is running out, time that this state does not have.

Let's take another important source of jobs in this state, the naval infrastructure program. We are facing the prospect of the greatest opportunity this state has ever had in the form of jobs being missed—a missed opportunity that would literally break the hearts of us all here, I would have thought. There is so much legitimate hope and aspiration riding on the naval infrastructure program of works coming our way at Osborne.

That is something that we should all be genuinely excited about, but if it ends up being a missed opportunity as a result of this government's inaction, this Premier's lack of leadership, that will hurt us all long after the lives of all of our respective parliamentary careers. It is a genuine risk, a risk that needs to be mitigated quickly with serious political action. Instead, what we are seeing from the Premier again is an absence of leadership.

Let's take the full cycle docking program. If that is lost, that represents 3,000 jobs overall: hundreds and hundreds of direct jobs and then thousands more indirect. We cannot afford to lose one job, let alone thousands. That would represent a disaster for our state's economy in an urgent time of need. When we were promised the Future Submarines and the Future Frigates there was never an asterisk that said, 'By the way, you might lose these hundreds of full cycle docking jobs over there as well.' That was never part of the deal. What we need is a premier who is deploying the same tactics, skills and resources that the former premier did to actually get those subs built here in the first place.

We all know that those subs were gone. They were off to Japan under former prime minister Abbott, and the only reason those future subs jobs are here is that we had a state government that decided that, rather than copping it sweet because we were getting something else, we were going

to fight for every last one of those subs to be built right here in South Australia. We took on the fight. We had no knowledge of whether it was a fight we were going to win; in fact, all indications were that it was a fight we were going to lose. But we took up that battle because it was the right thing to do for the long-term interests of South Australia, and then we won, despite all the odds—all the odds.

We were up against a conservative commonwealth government that seemed to have their hearts set on denying manufacturing jobs here in South Australia, but it was a battle that we won. Ultimately, the then federal government capitulated to extraordinary political pressure, including the prospect of the then member for Sturt losing his seat. We saw a dramatic about-face, and a decision was made to have that work here. That was welcomed. That was the right outcome, not just in our state's interests but more importantly in our national interests as well.

But once that battle had been won, we knew that another one was coming. That battle was to make sure we got all the jobs that we were promised. Since then, since March 2018, we have largely had silence. Slowly but surely news has been dripped out: full cycle docking at risk, and now we learn, with the Future Submarines program, that Naval, who are acting in their legitimate commercial interests, are doing everything, every last thing they can, to maximise the number of jobs being delivered in France.

Then, during the midst of the bushfire crisis, when people were rightly paying the most attention to that issue, we saw a story appear in the *Financial Review* from the Australian National Audit Office that showed that Naval has made a decision that parts of the hull of one of the first submarines is going to be done in France. This is not some esoteric part of the submarine that anyone has suggested we do not have the capacity to do: this is part of the hull of the submarine. If that is not supposed to be built here, I am not too sure what is. Of course, in that first sub every bit that is done overseas and not here is one less bit of skills transfer and skills development that we desperately need.

People know that first of type in class is always the most difficult build. It certainly was the case in Collins and it was certainly the case in the AWDs. You get a lot of knowledge and know-how and skills from that first build and then you learn and progress from there. Now we are finding out that part of the first build, namely the hull, is being done in France. And what have we heard from the Premier regarding that outrage? Nothing. Silence. He does not want to upset the apple cart with his mate the Prime Minister or the defence minister.

What we need is a premier who will stand up and make the argument and say, 'Hang on a second. Not only is that not consistent with what we were promised, not only is that not in the national interest, because we are supposed to be having a sovereign submarine-building capability here, but it is also not in the interests of, most importantly, South Australia,' which is fairly and squarely the responsibility of the Premier to advocate for.

Silence on full cycle docking, silence on the hull, and then silence when Naval comes out and says, 'Oh, yeah, by the way, this is happening. We're trying to maximise the work in France. We don't think the South Australian industry is up to it.' How does the Premier describe that event? Think this through. The leader of Naval, clearly an intelligent man in a highly strategic organisation with a track record, appears on the front page of none other than the national broadsheet saying, 'We're going to be putting work over into France,' and what does the Premier say? 'It's a miscommunication.' Give me a break!

Then yesterday in parliament—and I think this is telling about how much this Premier pays attention to detail; he skipped over the land tax part of the budget papers—we heard the Premier talking about how we do not have minimum mandate or local content requirements in these contracts. In fact, in *The Australian* on 14 February, in an article written by David Penberthy, the Premier is quoted as saying:

The reality is I don't think there has ever been anything in writing on any naval contract whether it be under a Liberal Government or a Labor Government.

Well, guess what? The Premier was not paying attention because in April last year, it was put on the record in Senate estimates by none other than the First Assistant Secretary Ships division within the Department of Defence, Mrs Sheryl Lutz, when Senator Patrick asked, in regard to the Future Frigate

program, 'What's the target percentage for local content for this vessel?' First Assistant Secretary, Mrs Lutz, said:

It's contracted over the duration of the whole contract at 58 per cent. BAE have publicly stated that they believe they can achieve [between] 65 to 70 per cent.

Senator Patrick asked, 'I remember the tender had a number in it of 50 per cent,' and Mrs Lutz replied, 'It's 58 per cent for the head contract. For the design and production phase it's 54 per cent.' There it is in black and white: the local content requirements.

**The Hon. V.A. Chapman:** Read the contract.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** The Attorney-General says, 'Read the contract.' Have you read the contract? Have you read the Strategic Partnering Agreement? I think not.

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** In February last year, the Premier of South Australia went over and was omnipresent, right there, smiling away when this Strategic Partnering Agreement for the Future Submarines project was signed. The newly minted Prime Minister Scott Morrison was there, defence minister Christopher Pyne was there and the Premier (member for Dunstan) was right there smiling away as his contract was signed.

Upon his return, I distinctly remember questions being asked regarding local content requirements and minimum mandates within that agreement. There was nothing—silence. It turns out that was largely what was happening behind the scenes as well, because if this Premier were exercising the function of leadership he would have been saying to his close mate, to a political mentor, I understand—the then member for Sturt, the defence minister Christopher Pyne—'What's in this contract that guarantees local work?'

Was he advocating any of that, publicly or privately? Clearly not. Nothing, niente, zero leadership on behalf of the people of South Australia, who are literally dependent upon this work coming down the line. Now what we have read in recent weeks, through drip feed, is that acquiescence of leadership is now resulting in our not realising this opportunity that I would have thought all of us wanted to see maximised to the benefit of the people of this state. That represents an economic challenge, not just in the short and medium term but, most alarmingly, in the long term.

There is a jobs problem in South Australia. There is an economic problem in South Australia, and we have a premier who is failing to show leadership and failing to deliver a consistent economic policy. Whether it be taxes, infrastructure, subs jobs or debt, you name it, this government is rudderless. It is leaderless and the people of South Australia are paying the price.

Worst of all, all these policies go directly to the Premier's character, because at the last election the Premier made promises to the people of South Australia about the economy—they appear to be broken—and also about services, costs and privatisation. Again, in each and every one of those instances, the Leader of the Opposition at the time, the member for Dunstan, promised everything to everyone to achieve a political objective, and now we have broken promises.

This government may think that they are getting away with it. They may think that things are travelling well. That is certainly consistent with the way they talk about things, but the people of South Australia are hurting. At the women's and kids' hospital at the moment, people are hurting. That is on the record this morning, so let's talk about health for a moment. They went to the last election promising better health services. What has happened since then?

They have had a policy. Their policy was to cut 1,100 staff from SA Health. That included nurses and doctors, who they said before the election were immune from these sorts of cuts. They cut 1,100 staff. Guess what happens when you take 1,100 staff out of SA Health? Guess what happens? I will tell you what happens: hospital ramping—ambulance ramping—doubles.

They used to beat the drum before the election about ambulance ramping. What do they do? They cut 1,100 people from SA Health and ramping doubles. They close beds, which they have done, and ramping doubles. They said nothing before the election about closing beds. They said nothing before the election about cutting 1,100 staff. They said nothing before the election apart from saying they were going to fix this mess, and ambulance ramping doubles.

It takes an extraordinary lack of leadership to preside over that sort of mess. Meanwhile, the women's and kids' are promised a new hospital. That seems to have fallen by the wayside, and down at the current women's and kids' we have hundreds of doctors signing letters talking about the debacle that they are now having to face and deal with. That is this government's policy on health.

Then, of course, we have privatisation. This government went to the last election with a no privatisation agenda, and then last year was the year that we saw one of the most substantial broken promises in the memory of this parliament. They had a no privatisation agenda and now they are privatising trains and trams. This government have made a calculation that public transport is something they can get away with. Let me tell you something: public transport is an elementary service, which a state government is responsible for delivering.

In every other part of the world, we see local governments and subnational governments investing in their public transport infrastructure and investing in the quality of its service. In many other parts of the world, where governments have decided to go down the path of privatising public transport services, guess what they are doing? They are bringing it back into public control. They are bringing it back into public control because it has more often than not turned out to be a disaster. This government has not just broken a promise. Most alarmingly, they are going to deliver a policy that in other parts of the world has turned out to be a disaster.

One thing I grapple with is this idea that one would get elected to the parliament, one would seek to be a minister to be in charge of things and then, once they are finally in charge on a promise to do things better, what do they do? They make someone else in charge. They sell it off to a private operator. If you are the Minister for Transport and you do not think you can run public transport, then find someone else who can. Do not just sell it off to the highest bidder in a way that will inevitably leave South Australians worse off. That is why other parts of the world are bringing it back into public hands, as I said.

The worst part is that this government said that privatisation of public transport can work well. Let's just give some examples. Take London and take Melbourne. Mr Speaker, please! It turns out that those examples are not particularly crash-hot. Let's take the easy one, the one closest to home, Melbourne. Privatisation in Melbourne of the train network has been an utter debacle. The practice of station skipping has had many people bemused. You would be sitting at a train station in Melbourne and watching it fly past because the private operator wants to meet a time imperative so that they can avoid paying a fine at the end of it. Meanwhile, some poor person is sitting around in the cold and rain of Melbourne waiting for the next train to come past that hopefully, fingers crossed, might pick them up.

These are the sorts of operations that this government says are somehow a shining example of how privatisation can work. It is an absurd proposition. I do not think any user of public transport—in excess of 70,000 on the average week day—thinks it is a good idea. I would encourage those members opposite to go out to find some public transport users who think that privatisation is a good idea. They do not. They are worried about higher fares, they are worried about a diminished service and they are worried about a government that is not accepting responsibility for something that is largely elementary.

Of course, public transport is not just important to those people who use it, but everyone on the road travelling to and from work during peak hour is worried about congestion. Guess what? It is only going to get worse if we have fewer people on public transport. For everyone who is worried about climate change, apparently we have some new-found—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Converts.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** —converts to this cause. But if you are serious about climate change, public transport is a fundamentally important policy. Do not cut it by \$46 million, do not privatise it to someone who just wants to make a quick quid at South Australians' expense. Invest in it. Run it properly. Put in the time and effort. Pay some attention. Do not just sell it off to the highest bidder. Do you know what? How about just acting like a leader?

They broke the promise on privatisation. They broke the promise on services. They broke the promise of lower costs. They are delivering higher fees, taxes and charges, as I alluded to earlier: they broke that promise. They have broken the promise on the economy. So, come the end of 2019,

they were sitting around the cabinet table and it was time to make a decision about where we go from here. It is little wonder they decided to reset. If I was in their position, I would have reset, too. I would have got to the end of the year and thought, you know what, not this! We have to do something. There is that red button on the cabinet table, press it. Reset! Reset! Reset! So reset they did. They prorogued the parliament. We came back at the beginning of the new year.

**An honourable member:** They sacked the Leader of Government Business.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** They made a few changes, they moved a few deckchairs, they sacked the Minister for Education as the Leader of Government Business.

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Kicked him out of his office.

**Mr MALINAUSKAS:** Kicked him out of his office—that will do it. That will change a few things. If we just move these pieces around, that looks like a reset. Prorogue the parliament. Anyway, so we came back at the beginning of the year, and I thought, 'Righto, here we go.' I will be candid with you: in the opposition's office, we were thinking, 'Alright, here comes this reset. What are they going to do?' We started thinking about all the options available to a government.

They have all the levers of power and all the resources of the public sector. They have their own genius and ideology at their disposal. What are they going to come up with? Let's think this through. And then we come into the new year, we come into the reset, we sit down to listen to His Excellency's remarks that outline the government's agenda and, oh my word, we were somewhat surprised that this reset does not exist. It is a reheat. It is not a reset: it is a reheat of old policy that failed in the other place.

We hear about shop trading hours and we hear about rate capping, which, by the way, the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure ruled out coming back on the agenda only a few days earlier in the Messenger. He said, 'No, rate capping is not happening,' then they go down to the love-in, they come back and say, 'Oh, yes, rate capping is happening.'

This reset is a reheat, and then there is the central policy of the reset, which I am not too sure how that came about, if it was actually an announcement of policy or not because I confess that in the Governor's address I skipped over the fact that apparently there was a new city stadium at the centre of it. Someone had to point it out to me via InDaily. I applaud Tom Richardson; he picked up on it. Apparently there was a new policy in this and it was the city stadium.

So we go back to the office that afternoon and say, 'Right, they are doing a city stadium. What is it going to be? It is going to be announced in the paper tomorrow, presumably. They have foreshadowed it in the Governor's address. Presumably, the next day in the paper we are going to see all revealed of the new city stadium, their new plan, the centrepiece of the reset. What is it? Is it going to be basketball? Is it going to be soccer? Is it going to be next to Adelaide Oval? Is it going to be west of the Morphett Street Bridge? What is it going to be?' It turns out that the next day, when we read the paper, they are saying, 'Oh, we don't know what it's going to be. We are doing a review at the moment. We are doing an analysis. That analysis was set up in the context of the Commonwealth Games bid. That is dead, yes, sure, but we have some new city stadium plan. We are working through all our options.'

They were asked, 'What sport is it going to be?' and they said, 'We don't know.' 'Where is it going to be?' 'We don't know.' 'How is it going to be funded?' 'We don't know.' 'What is it going to cost?' 'We don't know that either.' That is the reset! That is the new policy! If the alarm bells are not ringing in the corridors of government, that is one thing, except for the fact that all this actually matters. It actually does matter because, as I outlined at the beginning of my remarks, there is a whole range of statistics that I have gone through, but they represent a material impact on people's lives.

The whole reason we fight so hard to be in this parliament, to be able to get our hands on the decision-making authority that executive government provides, the whole reason we pursue this, is so that we can actually do some things that might improve people's lives. When government is not doing that, the opportunity lost represents people missing out on jobs. It is represented by people being stuck in the back of an ambulance. It is represented by someone not being able to get a bus

to work early in the morning so they can go and do a minimum wage job on a shift that they have been crying out for. That is the material consequence of this.

While we criticise the government—and those opposite will review it is some sort of political speech—the truth is that all the things we do in here actually matter. That is worth thinking about. From the opposition's perspective, we have to make sure we do not repeat the same mistake, and I impress this upon my colleagues all the time. I have said before in this place and I will say it again: opposition is not purgatory; opposition is actually an opportunity. It is an opportunity to go away, to think about what it is that you would actually like to do given the opportunity, the privilege, that the current government has to be in charge. That is the work that we are undertaking as we speak.

In 2020, our focus is policy development that we can take to the next election so that if we are fortunate enough to get the keys to the car, if the people on this front bench and the people on this side of the house get their hands on the legislature, the executive power of government, if I am fortunate enough to become the Premier, I want to know exactly what it is that we plan to do with all that responsibility and authority invested in us.

We have the keys to the car and we want to know exactly where we are driving it. We do not want to be making it up as we go along. We do not want to be reaching out for the reset or panic buttons only 18 months or two years after being elected and after being in opposition for 16 years. We have to treat this period of opposition as an opportunity and that is what we are doing.

We will continue to scrutinise this government with our every last breath, but it is not what we live for. What we live for is defining our own ambitious policy and our own vision for this state that addresses the real-life concerns of people and realises that we are part of a globe that does have a number of challenges within it, whether it be the economy, whether it be climate change, whether it be the way that we treat each other generally. These are challenges that we believe a government must meet. These are challenges that require leadership and we are determined to deliver exactly that.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (12:10):** I rise to consider matters in response to His Excellency's speech in the Legislative Council, setting out the parameters of this government's—indeed, his government's—agenda in the forthcoming legislative period.

I wish to acknowledge both His Excellency and Mrs Lan Le for the extraordinary work that they have continued to undertake and for which they deservedly have the love, respect and admiration of South Australians. That really came to the fore and shone during the most recent period of bushfire tragedies in South Australia. They made repeated visits to the affected areas and gave sympathy and support to those who needed his and her counsel. That has been an extraordinary effort and I particularly thank them for that, in addition to all the other vice-regal duties that they undertake on our behalf.

I also acknowledge the Welcome to Country from Uncle Mickey O'Brien. I particularly acknowledge this year the Chief Justice and other justices of the Supreme Court for their attendance at the opening of parliament. Members may have noted that His Honour Mark Livesey QC was recently appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court and was the first judge appointed to the newly passed, as approved and acclaimed, Appeal Court, which is yet to commence its operations. When it has its full complement, that will progress, we would expect, in the next 12 months.

A special thanks goes to them for their attendance. They remind us of the significance of the role that we have in democracy in South Australia. Embedded in our constitution are the arms of executive, this parliament and the judiciary and their interdependence together with the respectful distance between our roles.

The passing of the Hon. Sam Bass, Steve Condous, John Cornwall and Bryant Giles was duly recognised and I wish to also remember them in this chamber. They have provided service in different governments and parliaments and that should not pass without recognition. The budget outlines the proposals of the government, led by the Governor, as to aspirations for implementation of law reforms, of policy initiatives and of decisions that have been undertaken by the government.

I wish to just also acknowledge that as a local member of parliament, the member for Bragg, I am very pleased to recognise here in the chamber the work of many volunteers from my electorate. Whether they be members of the Country Fire Service, in particular the Burnside CFS, members of our MFS—we have one at Glen Osmond in my electorate—or members of the police force, together with other emergency agencies they all, worked hand in glove with local people and the ADF during the significant fires that we have had over the summer.

Probably most of the members in the house will have experienced occasions of fundraising activity by people in their electorates. We hear heartwarming stories of schoolchildren in Western Australia, who combined their small money to make a very generous contribution, across to major benefactors such as Twiggy Forest through his foundation towards the efforts of recovery.

The carnage in relation to wildlife in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island has not escaped international attention and there has been an enormous outpouring of work and financial contribution towards the rehabilitation of our natural environment. No small contribution and attention has been given to the plight of our koalas on Kangaroo Island. At the local level, I can say that we have accommodated a number of koalas at Cleland National Park and they are suitably housed there.

We also have a large number of koalas currently on Torrens Island under quarantine, which will again be introduced to help develop and expand the gene pool of koalas in South Australia. These are not koalas that have sustained any direct damage to their limbs from fire or that are under treatment, these are healthy koalas, but they are also being rescued because of the loss of their food source on Kangaroo Island particularly. It is fair to say that they are disease free. Unfortunately, not all our native fauna population is disease free. Koalas from Kangaroo Island are chlamydia free and they do not carry the equivalent of koala AIDS. It is pleasing to know that out of such adversity we can have some benefits to enable us to assist in other areas.

I also wish to acknowledge from my own department the work of the Law Society and the Legal Services Commission and their strategy to provide legal advice. In my department, the Crown Solicitor's Office, Consumer and Business Services and Births, Deaths and Marriages have all in different ways made a direct contribution to assisting people in fire-affected areas. We have also undertaken a considerable amount of work as quickly as possible to enable liquor licensing permission and processes be progressed to support fundraising and the like in different ways. People working in the Attorney-General's Department and even lawyers, not often recognised, are giving their assistance.

The destruction of someone's birth certificate or occupational licence, which may be necessary post-fire to be eligible for benefit and support, in addition to being able to seek other employment, is critical. This may be small to some but is very important to those who are affected. Through our government departments, we must all do what we can. I am proud to say that agencies such as the Legal Services Commission partnering with the Law Society provide legal advice for people to understand what their entitlements are in relation to an insurance policy, so that they are able to navigate forms in relation to eligibility or challenge to financial benefits and support, and there is a team of literally hundreds of lawyers and firms who are signed up to this strategy. It has been implemented, I think, three times since 2011. I take my hat off to those who have made a contribution in that way.

Across all our electorates, people are supporting fundraisers. A local business community in my electorate held an event last Saturday night. Sally and her team from the Burnside precinct area had put on a large event. There was local entertainment from Seymour College and Irish dancing by a local dance school and, to my eternal embarrassment because I participated in this later in the night, Bollywood dancing was brought to Burnside. The dancers were exceptional, except of course when people like me joined in.

In any event, in every way, we have to do what we can to support people during these difficult times, of which we have had a few. We have obviously had the bushfires, which have been well recorded, and the recovery has been well supported. We have also had the continuing drought across large parts of our state and, more recently, the economic and human impact of the coronavirus. These things will continue to have significant financial impact on our state.

Notwithstanding the contribution made by the Leader of the Opposition as to the plight of our state, I think he perhaps missed the opportunity to read that in January unemployment in this state was down to 5.7 per cent. Or perhaps he did and was not impressed by it. That is an impressive development. These statistics do come and go, but I think he should acknowledge when the state is progressing.

I think that is now the third lowest unemployment rate in the country. That is a far cry from that horrible period under the previous administration when we were repeatedly neck and neck with Tasmania on almost every single indicator and performance level when compared with the rest of the country. I am very proud that we have been able to reset the agenda, and that I have the privilege of being part of that team.

The Leader of the Opposition might say that we have a 'jobs problem' in South Australia. I think his only problem is that we are not supporting the jobs that he wants. Let me place this on the record. Whilst he might be critical of this government's program, we had an election in March 2018 and, despite whatever fantastic contribution he thinks his former government—of which he was a member for a number of years—won for South Australia, the South Australian public said, 'No, it's not acceptable. It is not a standard.'

Frankly, to come in here and talk about health, given what his government failed to do in relation to providing health services to South Australians, is an embarrassment. Rather than spout what his government had done, the opposition leader, if he were genuine about his position, should reflect on how fundamentally he failed South Australians by closing the Repat Hospital. That would just be the start of the list, but let me progress to a couple of other matters I would like to discuss.

I am proud to be part of a government that has made some hard decisions. In relation to law reform—in particular, the justice law reform agenda that we have set—there will be a continuing commitment to modernising our laws. As has been reflected upon by His Excellency, I will be progressing law reform in relation to abortion. There was a significant debate on this issue back in 1969, when the abortion law was first presented to the parliament.

It was controversial then, but it was an area of law that was placed in our criminal law. It is no less controversial today. We receive annual reports to this parliament that tell us around 4,000 terminations are undertaken in South Australia each year. I would ask members to look at that report. It is only a short one. It gives us a profile of this procedure and is accountable to this parliament every year.

It gives an age profile. It tells us a very interesting story about a very significant number of women who undertake terminations who are both married and over the age of 24 or 25. It is an area that we need to address. I will be progressing this, and we will need to consider it. It is not going to be easy, but I hope that members will look at how we might deal with the termination laws in the contemporary 21<sup>st</sup> century and the health procedures that are necessarily regulated in relation to the offering of this medical procedure and how we might accommodate the situation now, which was not available back in 1969, of a non-surgical option in relation to the termination of pregnancy.

I will not shy away from these issues. I am certain that, as part of the government's justice reform agenda, we will pursue other matters as well, including the difficult barnacle of dealing with provocation in our murder laws. We must address this issue as well, from the provocation law of the last century and the century before—around protecting usually men who, in a jealous rage, would kill the lover of their spouse or sister—to a 21<sup>st</sup> century understanding of violence that is provoked, which includes exposure to and learning of sexual abuse of children or domestic violence.

These are the modern areas that are now out from behind the cupboard and that we are addressing. Again, it is an area of protection particularly for children and domestic violence victims, and we must address these issues. I am proud that our government will be advancing provocation law reform. Again, it will not be easy. I will ask members to come to those debates on the clear understanding that it is time we modernised some of these matters.

Another area, which has had some attention as a result of the incident at the Christmas party last year here in this parliament, is the question of how we deal with the protection of people in the workplace. That has had some attention most recently for reasons that are now well known. The



incident in question has been under review by the Speaker. That is currently suspended as a result of an announcement that there was a report to police on the matter.

I would hope that everyone in this house would ensure that we do not act in any way to cut across that inquiry and proper investigation. However, it does focus our minds on what we need to do in relation to workplace protections. In recent times, we have had a suggestion by an honourable member in the other place, the Hon. Tammy Franks. I am just trying to think of the name of the commissioner. She mentioned it again in parliament yesterday. It was to have something like a conduct commissioner deal with a model of MP to MP circumstances.

Because the government have already indicated that we are looking at this, I will just traverse for the purposes of the members here that, if people do have a particular view on how we address this as a parliament, I would be happy to hear from them. I have already had conversations with, and the helpful advice of, the equal opportunity commissioner, because obviously she has had some experience in dealing with workplace concerns that have been raised. She has a process, under legislation, for conciliation and, if necessary, for referral to the equal opportunity tribunal.

The circumstances and processes in relation to MPs in this workplace, as well as elected members in councils, local government and judges, is different from other workplaces. Everyone here in this house has people in their councils; I think even the member for Stuart does. I know he has something similar to a council, but parts of his electorate have councils in it. Under the Equal Opportunity Act, for example, access to that program for the purpose of support during an incident that is the basis of a complaint is not available to those people in the same way that it is for the general workforce.

It is important that we look at these matters, and I have had a meeting with the equal opportunity commissioner to briefly discuss those. I have explained to her that I have obtained preliminary advice in relation to any constitutional impediments to how we might go forward. I have also explained the different reasons that we have some exclusion in these areas, for example, elected members of councils and judges. We have a process where the Chief Justice has to receive any referral in relation to alleged judicial misconduct and then there are other process that can flow. So we do have some areas that are not covered. It is 2020 and we do need to consider how we address those. I thank the equal opportunity commissioner for her advice to date on that.

The constitutional issues in relation to us particularly, and parliamentary privilege specifically, are complex, so there is no simple answer, but that does not mean that we should not deal with them. It should not mean that we do not re-look at what our position is, and that is precisely what I am doing on behalf of the government. I also thank the Hon. Michelle Lensink for her helpful advice to date in relation to this, as our representative in respect to women. As I have previously explained in relation to the matters pertaining to last year's incident, I remain available as Attorney-General to receive information from any members who wish to add to that.

We will work through this; we must do so. I propose at my next meeting with the Chief Justice to canvass with him, on a preliminary basis, how he might like us as a parliament to consider different models of how this might be addressed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Obviously, that will need to be considered. I expect the Local Government Association will also want to have a say on this. I assure members of the house that none of this should in any way impede the particular incident that is currently the subject of inquiry by the police, but I will report to parliament in due course as to how we might progress that.

As I said, the Hon. Tammy Franks has identified her proposal. I recall now that she was proposing a standards commissioner. I have not seen any particulars of the model of that but, again, we must address these matters and we must look at how we can not only protect people in any of our workplaces but also preserve and protect the issues, principles and laws that we are here to honour and support, and that is to make sure that parliamentary privilege is not impeded.

Can I say for the record, especially for new members, that parliamentary privilege is not a privilege belonging to us as members of parliament; it is a privilege of the people of South Australia. The reasons they have it are manifold, but if I can put it in the most simple layman's terms that I can express, probably clumsily, what is important is that people in South Australia, through us, have an

opportunity to present their cause, their views or their aspirations in relation to the laws that we make and change here, as well as the important issues that we discuss here.

They must feel that they are protected against any impediment to us, as their representatives, in being able to freely and frankly present that to the parliament in our debates. It is a protection that is there for them, not for us. It is the same reason that we have rules to say that Her Majesty, or her representative, cannot come into this chamber while we are here debating our business. It may be historical and it may be a very different potential influence from that of 400 years ago, but these rules are there for good reason and we must work hard to ensure that we protect them because we are providing protection to the people of South Australia—not us. We need to deal with the difficult issues, which we will.

I should announce at this stage that I am the lead speaker, not that I am proposing to speak all day, but I should make mention of that to you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Attorney, I think you are limited to 30 minutes on this occasion.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The other matters I wish to address relate to succession law, sentence discounting and major indictable reform. Again, they are all areas that are difficult, but we are going to address them and they will be on our agenda. It is fair to say that there are a few things that I would like to say that I am deeply grateful for the cabinet endorsing, and my colleagues' hard work in doing. Again, we are in 2020 and we need to understand what we are doing, which is to set a new restart button for South Australia.

The permanent lifting of the prohibition on the growing of GM crops I think will be a very, very significant advance for South Australia. We have been trapped in a circumstance of mainland South Australia not being able to compete with the rest of the country. Everyone else has moved ahead but we have not. Fortunately, we also have a geographical area of isolation which can be maintained, and that is Kangaroo Island.

When I first read the report on this by the Hon. Anne Levy AO (a former President of the Legislative Council), I thought it was excellent. She indicated that we should be moving ahead with GM but that we should maintain prohibition of it on Kangaroo Island. This will be a game changer for our state, a state which continues to be pioneering, very dependent on agriculture and horticulture and where, I remind members, we have the most prestigious university, I suggest, in the world, the Adelaide University's campus in relation to agriculture and genomics, and we ought to be promoting that.

The second area I single out is that of single-use plastics. People in my area have been delighted by the government's initiatives in environmental single-use equipment, and plastics and straws and things of that nature are back on the agenda. My experience is that certainly the younger generation is very keen for us to advance this. They are not always good at turning off lights when they go out of a room and saving power, and they are not necessarily always good at worrying about whether they fly everywhere or drive a car and use diesel or anything else, but they are conscious of making sure that we do not blemish our environment, and that includes protection of our oceans and rivers from plastic.

**Mr Cowdrey:** And our coastline thanks you for it.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** And, of course, the member for Colton reminds me of the coastline and how we might protect that. This is an important issue for South Australians, and I commend the Minister for Environment and his department for progressing this worthy work.

Finally, can I say that one other area which I am really, really excited about is, of course, the rebirth of space. Members will know that, come 1970, the then prime minister, Gough Whitlam, decided that we would not be in the space industry, which is a prerogative of governments. We moved out of it. An agency that we established in 1961 in Australia closed. Well, 50 years later the reset button has started, and we have a chance to be able to have, obviously, the development of critical and complementary industries and services. It is very exciting, very inspiring and will be, I think, a game changer for South Australia.

Congratulations to the Premier on the state dinner the other night in welcoming a number of people here. I am proud to be South Australian. I am very proud to be part of this government. I thank

His Excellency for his splendid outlining of the objectives of the new government, and I for one am confident that we will be able to advance for the betterment of all South Australians.

**Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (12:40):** I rise to speak on the Address in Reply to the speech by His Excellency the Governor, Hieu Van Le AO, at the opening of the Second Session of the Fifty-Fourth Parliament of South Australia. We are fortunate to have a Governor who is so genuine, so hardworking and has a real understanding of some of the challenges members of our community face, in particular, our multicultural communities. I recall His Excellency saying on one occasion that, on his journey to Australia, he and his amazing wife, Lan, carried with them little more than a suitcase full of dreams, and so it is for many of those from other countries who have made their own journey and now call South Australia home.

Sadly, for some families in Australia the magnitude and the devastation caused by the recent bushfires across Australia, and particularly our state of South Australia, proved to be heartbreaking. For some, it ended their dreams. From as early as last September, fires have caused havoc in Queensland and vast regions of New South Wales. More recently, they have impacted Victoria and, as we know all too well, South Australia. People living in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane have not needed to be anywhere near the fires to get some understanding of the impact, with a smoke haze blanketing these cities for days and weeks at a time.

Australia has seen catastrophic bushfires before, including the devastating Ash Wednesday fires of 1983 and the Black Saturday fires that claimed lives in Victoria in 2008, but we have never seen them last this long. While the fires did not burn for as long in South Australia, the impact has been devastating. The Kangaroo Island bushfires of December and January were fiercer than anyone could have imagined. They brought normal life and business to a standstill, resulted in a loss of life, destroyed homes and businesses, devastated wildlife and livestock and wiped out an iconic Australian tourist resort.

Fires also caused devastation in the Adelaide Hills, from Cudlee Creek to Lenswood, Lobethal, Woodside and as far as Mount Torrens. The Kangaroo Island fires destroyed 89 homes, 300 more structures, a rising figure of more than 50,000 heads of livestock, and they claimed the lives of legendary Australian bush pilot Dick Lang and his son Dr Clayton Lang.

On both Kangaroo Island and in the Adelaide Hills, there was a massive loss of native animals and livestock. An estimated 25,000-plus koalas were killed on the island alone. The Cudlee Creek fires destroyed more than 70 homes, thousands of hectares of rich farmland and vineyards and 400 more sheds or outbuildings. They also had a human cost. Much-loved grandfather and respected member of the Charleston community Ron Selth died as a result of the fires.

It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of these fires. The stories told of the eight Kangaroo Island bushfires, which just kept gaining strength when they appeared to be under control and joined together at different points to become super bushfires, are terrifying. We heard about the walls of flame, the unparalleled speed of these fires, heat that wiped out wild and domestic animals where they stood, and the frightening roar that was heard across the island.

We heard about the hundreds of people being forced into sleeping in whatever makeshift lodgings were available, with many leaving the island. We learnt that the \$0.5 million, 750,000-litre fire defence system designed to protect the Southern Ocean Lodge was just helpless in the face of the 100-metre-high fire wall that consumed it. Experienced CFS firefighters said they had never seen anything like these fires in their 40 years.

My colleague and member for Mawson, Leon Bignell, was the type of representative voters needed at such times. He was on the ground, in his local electorate, on Kangaroo Island throughout much of the ordeal, helping out, listening and just being there. He did some amazing things. He spoke in this place about a tourism business whose revenue went from \$190,000 a month to less than \$10,000, resulting in jobs being lost. You can multiply that many times. It is just one of many businesses devastated by the fires or the fallout from the fires.

A bushfire recovery centre was set up at Parndana, and emergency and hardship grants are being made available. Grants are also available for residents, businesses and primary producers,

but there is only so much these can do. The ramifications of the fires will be felt for a long time, and it is our responsibility to do everything we can to get Kangaroo Island working again.

Businesses have been destroyed. Many that have not been destroyed have suffered a massive downturn for varied reasons, from loss of infrastructure and stock to a lack of customers, including tourists, who understandably have assumed that the island is closed. However, the island most definitely is not closed. We need to support the people of Kangaroo Island not just in government assistance and greatly needed and welcome community aid but by getting behind them and visiting the island.

Despite the damage, there is still so much to see even on the western side of the island. I think it is important to let people know that Kangaroo Island is resilient and trading again. Kingscote, American River and Penneshaw escaped the fires, and it is business as usual for their restaurants, hotels and accommodation. We would like to think it is as usual, but of course the numbers are not there. Seal Bay Conservation Park and KI Wildlife Park are trading and so are wineries in Kingscote, Cygnet River and Dudley Peninsula. Even Flinders Chase National Park, which was heavily impacted on the western side of the island, is open again.

The list of reasons to visit Kangaroo Island continues: Admirals Arch, Cape Borda, Emu Bay, the Cape Willoughby lighthouse, the pristine beaches, the jagged coastline and the friendly locals. South Australians should be congratulated on getting right behind the upcoming Kangaroo Island Cup weekend. It shows great support for the island and its residents, but it should also be remembered that, whether it is for a race meeting, a weekend in a hotel or a bed and breakfast, camping out, snorkelling or the endless photographic opportunities, the island is worth visiting.

Nobody expects people to take a holiday that they do not enjoy, but we need to remind people that Kangaroo Island is open for business and that there is plenty to do. We can all help by buying KI products and produce: the free range eggs, Kangaroo Island Fresh Garlic, Dudley Wines, Kangaroo Island Spirits, Island Beehive products, crayfish and other fresh seafoods, Kangaroo Island Source products, Clifford's Honey Farm products and the list goes on. If you are not visiting the island, the products can be bought at the Kangaroo Island stall in the Adelaide Central Market.

It is a similar story in the Adelaide Hills. The impact of the fires will be felt after the fire danger has passed, but life has to continue for the sake of the region and its people. Many parts of the Hills fortunately were left untouched while others were ravaged. The fires came within minutes and metres of consuming Lobethal. This is clearly evident, driving into the town from Woodside, with the blackened hill providing the sobering backdrop to the old Onkaparinga Woollen Mill, which is now a business hub. Within that precinct, a bushfire recovery centre is operating.

Nearby Cudlee Creek provided a very visible example of the unpredictability of these bushfires. Two Cudlee Creek cafes, which most of us know when we drive through or stop at these locations set a couple of kilometres apart, were untouched but, just back from there into the Hills, massive areas were burnt out and houses and farms destroyed. A man lost his life. Native animals and livestock were lost. Then at the next farm or just over the road, homes escaped. The tireless, selfless work of our firefighters cannot be overstated. We hardly need to say what a remarkable job they have done for months, but we need to tell them anyway.

The people of Kelly Road, Cudlee Creek, certainly felt the need to express their gratitude, which was beautifully demonstrated after the fires were brought under control by anyone driving by. They put a notice next to the roadside that simply said, 'Thank you CFS. All our Kelly Road homes saved. Bloody legends.' Of course, other homes were not so fortunate but, when you travel along Cudlee Creek Road, you wonder how so many homes were saved.

Driving to Woodside, the damage is very visible. The fields are black. While both the town centres of Woodside and Lobethal escaped the fires, the surrounding areas were hit hard. The Adelaide Hills is home to more than 100 wineries and around 50 cellar doors. Many of these were hard-hit. Approximately one-third of the Hills vineyards were destroyed, and some thriving wineries were lost and may never be replaced.

It has been heartwarming to see so many South Australians continue to buy Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island products. Well after these fires were extinguished and we returned to some sort of normality on the mainland, and on Kangaroo Island, we want to say thank you. We want to

acknowledge the tireless efforts of the CFS, MFS, SES—local, interstate and from across the world—ambulance, police, Army Reserve, the Defence Force, farm fighting units, Wildlife Rescue, locals and all who volunteered. To all who have been affected by these devastating fires—my friends on Kangaroo Island, who I will soon be visiting, the businesses on the island and the community groups—we want you to know that we stand with you, and we will be sending visitors your way.

On a much brighter note, we have much to celebrate in our beautiful state of South Australia, and that can be seen around every corner in the city right now as the Fringe and the Adelaide Festival bring huge numbers of people to South Australia, along with WOMADelaide and Writers' Week. Over the coming months, these events will attract thousands of visitors from interstate and around the world. Our festivals really drive home the fact that the arts sector, including the performing arts, has a place in government budgets because the arts is something to be embraced and nurtured and because it can be a significant economic driver.

I have great pleasure in showing off our thriving Adelaide city centre to interstate and overseas visitors, those who once lived here or who moved or those who are visiting, particularly at festival time, and explaining that it is almost exclusively the work of Labor governments. The Festival Centre, the Riverbank Precinct, the fantastic Adelaide Oval redevelopment, the North Terrace Cultural Precinct, the footbridge (that so many on the opposite benches did not want) and the vibrant laneways were all under Labor's watch. We have so much to be proud of here in our state.

The South Australian Film Corporation, established in 1972 by then premier Don Dunstan, has been the leading light of the South Australia's screen industry for more than 40 years. Its relocation in 2011 under Labor to premises within five minutes of the CBD has two sound stages, a Dolby Premier 7.1 Mixing Theatre, ADR and Foley studio, and a 100-seat screening theatre located alongside a creative hub of more than 20 Australian screen businesses and screen practitioners. The Adelaide Film Festival—an international film festival held biennially over two weeks with briefer events in the intervening years—has a strong focus on local South Australian and Australian-produced content. It was established under Labor's watch.

It is difficult sitting on this side when those opposite stand up and claim what previous Labor governments have put in place as though it was their doing. What is even more difficult is seeing the devastating impact of the mean-spirited measures that the Marshall Liberal government has made in its first two years. Like many of my residents I have spoken to, I dread the damage that they will cause in the next two years.

In the lead-up to the last election, the Liberal opposition leader, Steven Marshall, and his team, made so many promises to the people of South Australia—promises that, if elected, they would deliver more jobs, promises that they would deliver lower costs and promises that they would deliver better services.

On Tuesday, I was listening to the shadow minister for health, the member for Kaurana, who was pointing out that over the past two years we have seen ambulance ramping more than double, giving us the worst ramping ever seen in South Australia. Then, we hear there are cuts to doctors, cuts to nurses and cuts to staff at SA Pathology. The only increase we see for these dedicated workers in our hospitals—the nurses, the cleaners and other hospital staff—is a dramatic increase in their car parking fees, an increase that will see them fork out an extra \$725 each year just to park their car. Patient and visitor car parking fees are up by 25 per cent.

But it does not end there. There are more increases. There is the bin tax, where ratepayers have seen increases in their council rates, stemming from the Marshall government's increase in the solid waste levy, of up to 40 per cent. There is the small bar tax, which was not so small. We have seen an increase in public transport fares; driver's licence renewal; motor vehicle registration; registering a trailer; the cost of accessing certificates from Births, Deaths and Marriages; plumbing, gasfitting and electrical tradie registration fees; and individual contractor licences.

We have seen cuts in victim support services that support victims of sexual and domestic abuse, including the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service. We have seen cuts in funding for prison rehabilitation programs, and we have seen cuts to ongoing secured funding for community radio 5EBI. There are cuts and closures involving JusticeNet SA, RecFish SA,

Brand SA and the Fund My Neighbourhood program, and some of our busiest Service SA branches are targeted for closure: Prospect, Modbury and Mitcham.

I have spoken in this place many times before about my passion for education and the importance of our state government supporting our education system. After the 2018 state election, the minister announced that several TAFE campuses would close. Tea Tree Gully, Parafield and Port Adelaide have already closed. At this stage, a few campuses, including the Gilles Plains campus in my electorate of Torrens, have been spared that fate. However, I do fear for the future of this site, with the planned redevelopment and the sale of the Strathmont land. Renewal SA contracted a company to do a preliminary site investigation, looking at the Gilles Plains TAFE campus site, with a view to having it rezoned residential.

I will be watching this very closely, as access to further education by students in the surrounding areas in the north-east is crucial for their future. I would like to take a moment to thank the dedicated teachers, lecturers and support staff who have all persevered through the current round of TAFE cuts by the Marshall Liberal government and those who have contributed to the improvements in training delivery for South Australian students.

Cuts and closures are marks of the Marshall Liberal government. Heading into the 2018 election, the then opposition leader told South Australians on television, 'We don't have a privatisation agenda.' He is of course today the Premier. One wonders if that would be the case had he laid out his plans for South Australia—the cuts, closures and privatisation. We are now facing the privatisation of trains and trams, which experience in other places (we have already heard, in London and Melbourne) shows will likely lead to increased fares, decreased reliability, cuts to services and job losses. We have seen the privatisation of the Adelaide Remand Centre, Modbury Hospital patient transfers, and there are privatisation plans for SA Pathology.

It brings me no joy to be standing here in this house two years down the track saying that, following being elected to government, the Marshall Liberal government promises have in many cases proven to be empty promises, broken promises. Cuts and broken promises are what they have delivered. But we hear members opposite stand up and speak about what is being delivered in their own electorates. When the Minister for Sport stands up and says, 'We are delivering on election promises,' it appears the promises that they are delivering on are promises in Liberal-held seats. That brings me to that the promises were made by the Marshall Liberal government in the lead-up to the election that have not been met in Torrens. I seek leave to continue my remarks.

Leave granted; debate adjourned.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **PAPERS**

The following papers were laid on the table:

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

Natural Resources Management Board—

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Annual Report 2018-19

Alinytjara Wilurara Annual Report 2018-19

Eyre Peninsula Annual Report 2018-19

Kangaroo Island Annual Report 2018-19

Northern and Yorke Annual Report 2018-19

South Australian Arid Lands Annual Report 2018-19

South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Annual Report 2018-19

South East Annual Report 2018-19

South Australian Water Corporation—Charter 2019

Technical Regulator—Infrastructure Standard published by the Technical Regulator pursuant to the Water Industry Act 2012 Report 2020

*Parliamentary Committees***PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Mr CREGAN (Kavel) (14:02):** I bring up the 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> reports of the committee, entitled 'Main North Road intersection with Kings Road and McIntyre Road upgrade', Mount Barker High School Redevelopment, Parafield Gardens High School Redevelopment, and Salisbury High School Redevelopment.

Reports received and ordered to be published.

*Question Time***WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:03):** My question is to the Premier. When did the Premier first become aware of a letter sent by 215 doctors to the Women's and Children's chief executive in October last year warning that that hospital was on the brink of collapse?

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:04):** I thank the member for the question. The letter, which is obviously part of the public debate as of today, is I think—

*Dr Close interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The deputy leader is called to order. We have had the question; let's hear the answer.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** I think it's clearly symptomatic of some issues and, potentially, after 16 years of Labor, it's not surprising that there are some issues that this government has been grappling with in the health system. What this government has been doing, of course, is seeking to work with clinicians—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —and we will continue to do so in the months and years ahead.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Hammond! I think I will chuck him out if he continues to interject.

**WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:04):** My question is to the Premier. When did the Premier first become aware of a letter from 215 doctors to the chief executive last year?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:05):** I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his question. I don't recall the exact time and date I received notice of the complaints of some of the clinicians—

**An honourable member:** Some?

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —who work at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

**Ms Stinson:** Half the workforce.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Badcoe!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Can I report to the house how diligently we have been working, since coming to government with regard—

*Mr Brown interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Playford!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —to matters that were left—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —to us to clean up when we came into government. When I look at our performance in terms of the Women's and Children's Hospital, I can only see the fact that we have invested significantly more money in terms of the operational budget each year. We have committed capital to consistently upgrade the facilities before we move to the new hospital, and we have actually put half a billion dollars into the budget here in South Australia and committed half a billion dollars to begin the work necessary to create a co-located Women's and Children's Hospital with the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

This is in line with what the clinicians have been asking for for a long period of time. In fact, it was a position that the previous government—as you would be more than aware, sir—did commit to and then they reneged on their commitment and said, 'No, we're not going to give you a co-located Women's and Children's Hospital, we're not going to listen to the clinicians, we're not going to pay attention to what best practice looks like right around the country.'

They said that they knew what was best. Well, we have been listening to the clinicians with regard to that matter, and when I look at some of the areas of increased budget it is quite startling compared to the previous government. In fact, when we came into government—

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Well, I'm speaking directly to the issue of the Women's and Children's Hospital—

**The SPEAKER:** I'm listening.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —and the work the government has done in this area, and I'm very happy to. Others don't want to listen to that of course.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** When I look at the budget estimate when we came into government, the budget for the Women's and Children's Hospital was \$442 million per year. In our first budget, that increased by—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order, sir: this information is before the house already in the budget papers. The question of relevance here is when did the Premier first become aware.

**The SPEAKER:** The point of order is for debate. I have the point of order. I'm listening carefully to the Premier's statements; if he does get into debate, then I will pull him up. The question, the way I took it, was almost accusatory. It spoke about a 'collapse', so I'm going to listen carefully—

*An honourable member interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Yes. So I'm going to listen carefully to what the Premier has to say and if I need to, I will step in. Premier.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** Thank you very much, sir. Far from collapse, in fact we have been building up the wreckage we inherited—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!



**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —in terms of health in South Australia—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my left! I am trying to hear the Premier's answer.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —when we came to government. In the first state budget, we increased the budget for the Women's and Children's Hospital by 7.8 per cent, or \$34.5 million, in the 2018-19 year. In our most recent budget, we increased the budget again by 6.7 per cent, or \$31.8 million, in 2019-20.

As can be seen and evidenced by this, we have been making substantial investments in three critical areas. One is into the recurrent budget, with significant increases since we came into government—7.8 in the first year and 6.7 in the following year—and a substantial increase in the capital budget, a \$50 million commitment to make sure that the standards of equipment and the provision of services at the hospital are of the highest standard as we transition to the new site.

The capital budget increase has been at \$50 million, and in addition to that we have already put half a billion into the forward estimates for the transfer of the Women's and Children's Hospital to the new site to be co-located with the Royal Adelaide Hospital. I think that is evidence that we are continuing to work with the Women's and Children's Hospital and their staff there. It is not without its problems. The entire health system in South Australia has been—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —left in a perilous state by the previous government, but we are doing everything we can to fix the problems and do it as quickly as possible.

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the member for King, I call the following members to order: the member for Hurtle Vale, and I warn her; the member for Light; the member for Playford, and he is warned; the member Taylor; the member for Ramsay; the member for Kaurana, and he is warned; and the member for MacKillop.

### INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

**Ms LUETHEN (King) (14:10):** My question is to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Planning. Can the minister update the house on the major transport and road infrastructure projects the Marshall Liberal government is delivering?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:10):** I am very happy to rise to answer this question from the member for King—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader! The leader is still here. He will get the next few questions.

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** The member for King, I am sure, took great delight, as I did and as all South Australians did, in the Northern Connector open day on Sunday, an opportunity for people to be able see, touch and feel—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** —their \$885 million worth of road that they paid for. I did see over the weekend some tweets, some tiles, that may not have put the Labor Party logo next to the phrase 'northern connector'. It was quite interesting. I didn't realise that the Labor Party from its own coffers

actually put money into that project. It actually wasn't theirs: it was the taxpayers of South Australia who actually helped build that road, and it is why it was exciting that they got to see what they got for their money, and certainly they came out in their thousands.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Some 5,000-odd of them rocked up. Basically, we had eight buses on loop being able to show people the road that they paid for. But, more than that, one way that we need to think about delivering on our record investment in transport and road infrastructure is about the skills and training opportunities that we provide as part of these projects.

Back in late 2018, the Minister for Innovation and Skills helped to upgrade the industry participation policy requirements to include training and apprenticeship outcomes as part of the 15 per cent requirement for nominated hours to go towards—as well as other things, like Aboriginal employment and long-term employed people—providing opportunities as part of tender processes for every project over \$50 million to include outcomes for trainees and apprenticeships.

This is an extremely important step forward because not only do we want to create jobs for today but we actually want to help create the jobs of tomorrow. Over the course of the next four years, as we roll out our \$12.9 billion worth of infrastructure investment in this state, there are a whole host of projects on which we are going to see the benefits of this policy come to the fore, such as the Regency Road to Pym Street section of the north-south corridor where the contract has already been awarded. That project is underway, a \$54 million project that is already training and upskilling people in Adelaide, in South Australia, to be able to deliver our road projects locally.

We will very shortly award contracts in relation to the Joy Baluch Bridge at Port Augusta, as well as the Port Wakefield overpass and duplication—two great projects in regional South Australia that are going to provide benefits for locals, not only the jobs of today but jobs for them for the future.

As we go over the course of this year, whether that be the Torrens Road-Ovingham level crossing grade separation in the member for Croydon's electorate, or whether that be the Hove level crossing in the member for Black's electorate—and I note the member for Gibson also has a pretty keen interest in that one—we will see opportunities out there. Whether that be the Portrush Road-Magill Road intersection, the Fullarton Road-Cross Road intersection, or the Goody/Springbank/Daws roads intersection, these projects are all going to see people being skilled and trained to be able to make sure that we get as much work as possible here for South Australians, not just for today but for the future.

We are doing all we can to make sure that the \$12.9 billion of taxpayers' hard-earned money that this government is choosing to spend on infrastructure projects delivers back to people by making sure that they get the training and skills outcomes that help to skill South Australia and making sure that we provide them with the economic benefit and the society they deserve.

**The SPEAKER:** I only gave the leader two questions, but I will even it up now.

#### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:14):** My question is to the Premier. Did the Premier become aware of a letter from 215 doctors regarding the women's and kids' hospital before or after the report in *The Advertiser* this morning?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:14):** My understanding is that the health minister has been dealing with this for quite some time. In fact, my understanding is that the health minister—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Wright!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —met with representatives—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** My understanding is that the health minister met with people from the medical staff society, SASMOA—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —and the CEO and the board chair of the Women's and Children's Health Network on 28 January—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —to discuss this matter, and a range of issues were discussed at that meeting.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Members on my left, I ask that these interjections cease because I am trying to listen to the Premier's answer. Before too long, I will probably get a point of order about debate or something similar and it is very hard to adjudicate when I can't hear the answer. Premier.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** As I said, I am aware that the health minister met with representatives at the hospital on 28 January this year to progress issues that have been raised but, as I outlined earlier to the house, I am satisfied that, despite the fact we inherited some real complexities across the health sector in South Australia when we came to government, we have been making progress, especially at the Women's and Children's Hospital. One of the key issues that we discussed at the meeting on 28 January, and in all of our meetings, quite frankly, with clinicians across South Australia but in particular at the Women's and Children's Hospital—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader is called to order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** One of the key things that we are discussing with the clinicians at the Women's and Children's Hospital is the design of the new hospital. You might ask the question next—who knows—why are you dealing with the clinicians and talking to them about the design of the new hospital. That is because we know the consequences—

**Mr Malinauskas:** Are you in charge of anything?

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —of leaving clinicians out of the design of a new hospital because that is exactly and precisely what happened with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, with very significant flaws in terms of the consultation with the clinicians in South Australia—very, very serious outcomes because of that—and we don't want that to occur. We are very proud of the fact that we have agreed with the clinicians that they need to have a co-located, new, state-of-the-art Women's and Children's Hospital in line with national and international best practice. This was a commitment that the previous government made. In fact, it should have already been underway. They made that commitment, and I think there was a glossy brochure—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —that was flying through. There was probably a very expensive advertising campaign.

**The Hon. S.K. Knoll:** There was a comms plan.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** There was a comms plan.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** It is almost like—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** They probably learnt from the Royal Adelaide Hospital not to name it first before they actually spoke to a clinician.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** That was a problem. That was a problem with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital. What an embarrassing time for the previous government when, after calling it the Marjorie Jackson-Nelson hospital or as they often said 'The Marj', Marjorie Jackson-Nelson herself said, 'Please, can I take back the offer to have that hospital named after me?' So we're listening to clinicians. We're meeting with the clinicians. The Minister for Health and Wellbeing met with clinicians on 28 January. We're taking their concerns very seriously. We're putting more money into the budget because we want to actually have a much better—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —health system in South Australia and I am satisfied that the Minister for Health and Wellbeing is delivering that. He is working very diligently to clean up the mess, and I might say not just within the Women's and Children's Health Network but right across the LHNs in South Australia.

#### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Leader of the Opposition) (14:18):** My question is to the Premier. Is it reasonable for the people of South Australia to expect that, when a letter from 215 doctors to the health department says that the Women's and Children's Hospital is on the brink of collapse, the Premier would find out about it before *The Advertiser*?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Point of order, Mr Speaker: this question quite clearly offends standing order 97.

**Mr Malinauskas:** How?

**The SPEAKER:** By the insertion of facts. Given what has transpired thus far, I have let it go a little bit. I am going to give the Premier an opportunity to respond.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:19):** Thank you very much, sir, and I appreciate this opportunity to respond to the outrageous allegations that have been suggested by the Leader of the Opposition.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I have allowed the question; I'm going to allow the answer. Members on my left, be quiet.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** There was lots of comment in the question, but we don't mind because we are very proud of our performance in terms of health since coming to government. I have just been provided with some information—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The members for West Torrens and Elizabeth are called to order.

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —that looks at the number of people who were working in the Women's and Children's Health Network before we came to government and subsequent to coming to government, and I think it shows a very interesting picture and deals with some of the issues and the allegations being made by those opposite regarding numbers. In 2017, there were 2,614 FTEs

within the Women's and Children's Health Network in South Australia. That went up in our first year to 2,705 and it went up again last year to 2,718. There has been an increase in the number of people who have been employed in the Women's and Children's Health Network—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —since we came to government. We are very happy to be investing. As I outlined before—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** —there has been a very substantial increase in the budget for the Women's and Children's Health Network since we came to government, an increase of \$65 million, or 14 per cent, since we came to government. We are working very hard with the clinicians and, as I have said, it's not without its issues. We are not saying that we have been able to clean up all of the mess that was created by the previous government and their move to close hospitals in South Australia, to downgrade services in South Australia.

This is what we were left with when we came to government: lots of misinformation that was put out by the previous government in the lead-up in the last election, no coming clean with the people of South Australia regarding the precise financial mess that we were likely to inherit. It was a shameful situation, but the reality is that we have worked extraordinarily hard. We have put more money back into the health budget and put more people back in working at the Women's and Children's Hospital and have worked very diligently to upgrade facilities. We are very proud to be upgrading the facilities—\$50 million worth of upgrade, including the neonatal nurseries, the paediatric emergency department and surgical theatres. We are also very proud to have put money into the budget for the upgrade of the adolescent mental health ward.

It would have been very easy to say, 'We are going to move the hospital so what we will do is just let the hospital go to rack and ruin while we make this transition.' We could have referred to what happened at the Royal Adelaide Hospital when there was literally no money put in for an extended period of time while the new Royal Adelaide Hospital was being delivered. But we are putting the patients first here in South Australia. We are making sure that they have the very best health services that we can afford in South Australia. We are very happy with the work that is going into this area and we will continue on that trajectory.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order: the Premier informed the house that he was quoting from a document that had new information. Could he please provide that document to the house in full?

**The SPEAKER:** I don't believe the Premier did say that he was quoting, but I will revisit the footage at 2.22pm and, if he did, I may find differently.

#### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:22):** My question is to the Premier. Upon receiving the letter from 215 doctors at the Women's and Children's Hospital, what immediate steps did the Premier take to address the grave concerns that the hospital services are on the brink of collapse?

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:22):** I thank the member for the question.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** As the minister responsible for the Minister for Health in this house, it is reasonable that I take this opportunity to provide some response. The Premier has outlined a number of the steps already. On 28 January, the Minister for Health met with representatives from the medical staff society, SASMOA, the CEO and the board chair of the

Women's and Children's Health Network to discuss the matter. The focus of the discussion was the new Women's and Children's Hospital, and the importance of effectively engaging clinicians—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —in the delivery of a world-class hospital. The meeting also considered a number of existing service challenges and opportunities. They were significant when we came to government. We have, as the Premier has outlined, reinvested in health, and we have reinvested in the Women's and Children Health Network. We have capital money on the table and, indeed, compared to Labor's last year in office, when there was a 1.4 per cent reduction in the Women's and Children's Hospital expenditure, that expenditure has indeed increased in the first two years—

*Members interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —of the Liberal government. I am asked by somebody in the room who was the—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Morphett! What is it about that seat?

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —health minister who presided over that cut to the Women's and Children's Health Network? It was the Leader of the Opposition: j'accuse! J'accuse! It was the Leader of the Opposition. Frankly, we will work with clinicians respectfully. We will take their points of view seriously. We will work with them to deliver better outcomes—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —for clinicians, but, most importantly, better outcomes for the people of South Australia, the women, children and families who use that hospital.

**The SPEAKER:** I call to order the Minister for Education for being over excited. Member for Kurna.

#### WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**Mr PICTON (Kurna) (14:24):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier even care that 215 doctors have warned that services are on the brink of collapse at the Women's and Children's Hospital?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Point of order: standing order 97.

**The SPEAKER:** For argument, I uphold the point of order. Member for Colton and I will come back to the member for Kurna.

#### SKILLS TRAINING

**Mr COWDREY (Colton) (14:24):** My question is to the Minister for Innovation and Skills. Can the minister update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's nation-leading skills and training record and how we are delivering more opportunities for young South Australians?

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley—Minister for Innovation and Skills) (14:25):** I am very happy to do that. I thank the member for Colton for his question and also his interest in this matter.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** Just this month, the NCVET released the increases in the number of apprentices and trainees here in South Australia for the first three quarters—

*The Hon. A. Piccolo interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Light!

**The Hon. D.G. PISONI:** —of 2019, a 17.1 per cent increase in South Australia compared with the same period a year earlier. What was the national increase? It was 2.7 per cent. We have a nation-leading increase in skills training here in South Australia. I make the point that each and every one of those apprentices and trainees is paid a salary to learn. That's one of the beauties of the vocational education system. These are not the government's figures, these are not my figures, these are national figures from the NCVET.

I have some other very encouraging figures about the work we undertook when we came to office, which is now paying off. Remember the wreck that skills training was in South Australia under those opposite? A 66 per cent drop in the number of apprentices and trainees since 2012. TAFE was in disarray, failing every random audit from ASQA. We had a board with a CE who jumped before he was pushed. There were two investigations into the conduct of the management of TAFE.

What do we have in contrast here in South Australia? We are nation leading in the number of apprentices and trainees in the 25 to 44 age bracket—a 15.9 per cent increase. What has happened nationally—6.8 per cent. The trainees and apprentices 45 years and over, 13.6 per cent and 7.1 per cent nationally—nearly double what is happening at a national level.

I congratulate my colleague the Minister for Education because the number of apprentices and trainees at school has increased by 55 per cent. What has happened nationally? It has dived, a negative 9.1 per cent. These things are happening in South Australia because we reset the dial when we came to office. We promised more money for skills training and we are delivering more money for skills training.

A few days before these NCVET figures came out, we learnt of the Report on Government Services. For the first full year of the Marshall Liberal government, \$54 million extra was spent by the state government on skills training here in South Australia compared with the member for West Torrens' budget one year earlier—a \$54 million or 38.4 per cent increase. This is nation leading. It was the highest increase in state funding in the nation on percentage points.

We have also seen over the last 12 months a growth of full-time students in South Australia, 8½ thousand more full-time students in South Australia than there were 12 months earlier. Why is that happening? Because we are seeing a 14 per cent growth in the number of VET students here in South Australia outside of apprenticeships and traineeships because we are funding VET training in South Australia because we know how important it is to make sure that our workforce has the skills that industry needs to grow and deliver jobs here in South Australia.

#### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:29):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier spoken to the medical staff society, the South Australian Salaried Medical Officers Association or the management of the Women's and Children's Hospital since the October letter signed by 215 doctors at the women's and kids'?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:29):** As I have already outlined to the house, I am aware of a meeting that was held on 28 January this year between the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and those groups you mentioned earlier. I have every confidence in the minister's ability to understand the issues that are being raised by the clinicians and that he will be able to respond in an adequate way.

*Mr Brown interjecting:*

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

#### **WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:29):** My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier intervene and immediately put a halt to the next round of front-line staff cuts at the Women's and Children's Hospital?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:30):** Well, I don't know whether the member was listening, but the reality is there has been an increase in staff at the Women's and Children's Hospital. There has been an increase—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

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

**Mr Picton:** The hospital admitted they're cutting staff.

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

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The member is right: there have been some voluntary separation packages. In the first round, there was a total of 12.1 full-time equivalent staff, and none of them were on the front line. My understanding is that in the second round it's a very small number. There has been an increase in the budget, a 14 per cent increase in the first two years of this government. It's up to the board how they apply that increased funding. They have more staff than when we came to government, so I am fully satisfied. Of course there are issues, and we will sit down in a respectful way and we will work through each and every one of them.

#### WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:31):** My question is to the Premier. Will the Premier intervene and reverse his planned 2019-20 budget cuts of \$6 million for the Women's and Children's Health Network?

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:31):** The member for Kaurna presents these accusations as facts, and many of them—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —when tested, meet the threshold. They have been throwing around—

*Ms Stinson interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, could you be seated for one moment. The member for Badcoe can leave for 30 minutes under 137A for interjecting. I am trying to listen to the minister's answer.

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

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** For example, earlier in question time we had examples of what were putatively put as quotes from letters, which were full of language and words that don't even appear in the letters. I don't accept the premise of many of the member for Kaurna's questions. I will talk to the Minister for Health about what extra things we are doing to support the Women's and Children's Hospital this year, as we have been every year since we have been in government and as we will continue to do on the road to what is going to be an outstanding new piece of infrastructure, a new Women's and Children's Hospital, which those opposite once thought—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —was a good idea until they didn't—

*Mr Hughes interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Giles!

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** —and until after an election they changed their mind. The fact is the member for Kaurna's credibility is weak on this. While I will indeed bring back further



information to the house, I don't accept for a minute the assertions that the member for Kaurna is making.

**The SPEAKER:** I remind the member for Kaurna that props are out of order.

#### **PLAYFORD TRUST RESOURCES INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (14:32):** My question is to the Minister for Energy and Mining. Can the minister update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's program for delivering growth in the mining industry through the Playford Trust scholarship for mining and petroleum engineers?

**The Hon. D.C. VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN (Stuart—Minister for Energy and Mining) (14:33):** Thank you to the member for Flinders for his question. This is actually very important. We have heard from the Minister for Innovation and Skills about the great work that he and institutions and industry are doing together with regard to skilling South Australians. We also know how critically important the mining and petroleum industries are for South Australia for jobs, for regional development, for the provision of necessary resources and for our economy as a whole through exports. In fact, a third of our state's exports comes from the resources sector, so it is terribly important and we are determined to grow that.

One of the ways we are going to grow that is through training people to participate in leadership of that industry into the future. I was approached by the Playford Trust, which is a tremendous organisation that seeks support from government, institutions and others for the provision of scholarships to people. It has certainly been unfortunate to see over the last several years that enrolments in our South Australian universities in petroleum engineering, mineral engineering, geology and other things like that have been on the decline. We are determined to change that.

With the help of the Playford Trust and with the help of industry we are contributing to a new set of scholarships for these tertiary studies, studies related to the resources industry. Our government has contributed \$1.2 million, and industry has committed \$880,000 plus some working opportunities as well, so that we now have \$2.1 million to provide scholarships to 100 students over six years, scholarships that on average will be \$20,000 per student. It is an outstanding opportunity for young South Australians to develop their careers after undertaking tertiary studies in these very important areas of learning here in South Australia.

We want South Australians to study in South Australia and work in the resources industry in South Australia so that they benefit, our community benefits, tertiary institutions benefit and, very importantly, our resources sector benefits. Our resources sector is so important, whether it be petroleum in the Cooper Basin or the South-East or whether it be minerals in the Gawler Craton or other places. This work that we are doing is in addition to the Accelerated Discovery Initiative, the program of \$10 million over three years to support new, innovative and productive exploration for minerals in our state, partnering also with industry, small companies and big companies. We are determined to make sure that the resources sector in our state grows and grows.

This is not just about the traditional concept of mining with big equipment digging big holes or big tunnels and getting big lumps of ore out of the ground. While that work has been incredibly important for South Australia for nearly 150 years now—and it will continue with a highly skilled workforce and more technology and better equipment—mining is also about new minerals, critical minerals. In fact, I had a discussion with somebody from the US Department of State not too long ago who was saying, 'We are looking at Australia. We want to release ourselves from the dependence we have on some other countries for the supply of these critical minerals. We want to partner with Australia for these critical minerals, which are so important for new technology and a cleaner world.'

The resources sector has an enormous amount to offer in the continuation of more traditional markets and in participating in very new and exciting ones.

**WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:37):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier think it's acceptable that the only additional resources provided to the Women's and Children's Hospital since the receipt of the letter from 215 doctors is the employment of a single trainee?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Mr Speaker, that question contained a lot of fact and assertion, an offence under standing order 97.

**The SPEAKER:** The insertion of facts, would the member for Kaurna like to seek leave to insert such facts—

**Mr PICTON:** I am happy to rephrase.

**The SPEAKER:** —or rephrase.

**Mr PICTON:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. My question is to the Premier. Is it accurate that only one single trainee has been hired to address the issues raised by 215 doctors in October?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:38):** I am very satisfied that since coming to government there has been a 14 per cent increase in the budget for the Women's and Children's Health Network. That's \$65 million per year. How that money is spent is an issue that is up to the board.

**The Hon. A. Piccolo:** So the answer is yes.

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Light is either talking to himself or interjecting, so he is warned.

**HOSPITAL FUNDING**

**Mr PICTON (Kaurna) (14:38):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier stand by his statement to the parliament on 8 November 2018 that, 'We made it very clear in the lead-up to the election that we wouldn't be cutting doctor and nurse numbers going forward'?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:38):** As I outlined to the house earlier, the figures are that there has been an increase in the number of staff at the Women's and Children's Health Network, and I am happy to make those figures available to the honourable member.

**MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:38):** My question is to the Premier. Does the Premier think it's appropriate that the member for Waite skips parliament and the scrutiny of the house and instead attends a Liberal Party function at a winery, attended by former prime minister Tony Abbott and John Olsen, former premier and current Liberal Party state president?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** Mr Speaker, this question also offends 97, but it also reflects on the attendance or not of a member of this place.

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, that is the case. I will let the member for West Torrens—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** May I ask a point of clarification, sir?

**The SPEAKER:** Yes.

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

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, be quiet.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The government has made public statements that the member for Waite is on parliamentary leave—

**The SPEAKER:** Yes.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** —so his absence is publicised by the house. So it is not offending that standing order.

**The SPEAKER:** I still believe that the question did offend standing order 97: a clear insertion of facts. I am giving you an opportunity to rephrase. Have another question; if not, I will move on.

**MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:39):** Thank you, sir. My question is to the Premier. Was the Premier aware that the member for Waite attended an event yesterday at a winery to hear former prime minister Tony Abbott and Liberal Party state president, John Olsen, speak?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:40):** That is not a matter that I am responsible to the house for: that is a matter for the member for Waite.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL:** The member for Waite is not a member of the Liberal parliamentary team, and I suggest that if you've got queries or concerns regarding that you direct them to Mr Duluk.

**NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

**Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (14:40):** My question is to the Minister for Environment and Water. Can the minister update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to deliver decentralisation of natural resources management across the state as part of its landscapes reform?

**The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Minister for Environment and Water) (14:40):** I thank the member for Heysen for his question. I know he is very interested in the decentralisation of natural resources management in this state and the creation of a series of regional landscape boards across the state to ensure that communities have the opportunity to feed directly into the management of their natural environment, which is so important to the sustainability of not only the local environment but also the social and economic aspects of regional communities, as well as ensuring that we've got productive, healthy, local landscapes where food can be produced and livelihoods can be upheld as well as being overlaid by the preservation and revitalisation of biodiversity across the landscape.

We went to the last election with a very clear promise. We had picked up that people in South Australia, particularly in regional communities, were dissatisfied with the centralised approach of natural resources management. We would create a new series of boards, called the landscape boards of South Australia, and they would put influence and power back into the hands of regional communities, and that is exactly what we are doing. Of course, the Landscape South Australia Act passed parliament late last year, and now we are in the process of implementing those very important reforms, the most substantial reforms to the management of our private landscape across the state over the last couple of decades.

We said we would get back to basics, focusing on water management, sustainable agricultural programs, pest control—pest animals and pest plants—and also ensuring that biodiversity has the space not only to survive but also to thrive across connected landscapes. We are now in a process where we have appointed the chairs of the eight regional landscape boards from one end of the state to the other. I am delighted that we've got a really diverse group of people who have come together to chair those landscape boards—people with practical experience in managing the land but also people with governance experience, people with financial management experience and people, of course, with strong links to the communities through which they will build on those and be able to effectively manage that natural environment.

This is a set of reforms that we know regional South Australia has been crying out for. We are really looking forward to seeing those boards come together. As I mentioned, we've got the chairs in place, but now we've got an active process for applications invited for people to be part of those landscape boards, and those are open at the moment. I would encourage people here to reach out to their contacts in their communities—people who are passionate about environmental management, people who have that local knowledge and understanding of the environment—to put their hand up and be part of these reforms.

This is a unique once in a generation opportunity, at least, to get involved and be part of shaping our natural environment and ensuring we've got that grassroots action in place with more money on the ground, partnerships—particularly with local councils, particularly with environmental

non-government organisations—so that we can get that landscape-scale environmental recovery, and we can also pair that in with a productive economic landscape, producing food and fibre for our South Australian economy as well.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:44):** My question is to the Premier. Can the Premier assure the house that he has provided all the information he has of a criminal nature, including the new allegations the Premier publicly referenced in his public statements regarding the member for Waite, to South Australian police?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:44):** I refer the honourable member to the statements that I made in the house earlier this week.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Torrens, I'm trying to give you another question but some of your colleagues are disrespectfully interjecting.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Is that as disrespectful as not answering a question, sir?

**The SPEAKER:** That is another matter.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:45):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier instructed his party room to immediately hand over any information they may be aware of of a criminal nature regarding the member for Waite to South Australian police?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:45):** Can I just clarify this for the house's benefit and the member. He knows, and I think everyone here in the house now knows, that there is a police investigation underway—

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

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

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —and that that is a matter that is ongoing. Indeed, you, sir, have made statements about certain activity that you have suspended in light of that. The importance of that for the house is to ensure that we understand our statement of principles, which is to ensure that we recognise that other agencies—courts and the police—who undertake their job are not impeded by even—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Privilege.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The member raises the question of privilege. It's more in the breach than the observance, I think, that he has done in this house in relation to that. I'm sorry for answering that interjection.

**The SPEAKER:** Could you please withdraw that, Deputy Premier? Could you withdraw that last part? That would help me greatly.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I'm happy to withdraw—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** That's three apologies in three days.

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

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —any concern that the member would have for asserting that breach of privilege was—

**The Hon. A. Piccolo:** Withdraw the comment, not the concern.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Light, catch up.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —more in the breach than the observance. I'm happy to withdraw that.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** The important matter now is that the police are seized of the matter. They are looking at it and should—

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The leader is on two warnings.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** —anyone in this parliament be asked to assist in their inquiries, and they have any concerns whatsoever about that, obviously they can obtain their own legal advice in relation to that. I would urge all members, in the circumstances where there is any police inquiry, that, should they be concerned about incriminating themselves or in any other way, they have their own advice but that in the meantime we do everything in this house to support that inquiry and to assist them in their work.

That includes being not just respectful but recognising that statements we might make in this house may even inadvertently cause some difficulty in that regard. Let's be reminded of what our obligation is here. Let's be reminded that, when matters are either sub judice or under investigation, we don't do something to prejudice that.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:48):** My question is to the Premier. Do the new allegations the Premier has become aware of in relation to the member for Waite involve the taking of inappropriate photographs?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (14:48):** As I have outlined previously, I am not going to be drawn on these allegations. I have made my statement to the house and I stand by those statements.

#### PRISONER SUPPORT

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (14:48):** My question is for the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services. Can the minister explain to the house—

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** The member for Kaurua can leave for the remainder of question time because he has been on two warnings and he keeps interjecting. I would like to hear the question again, if I may, member for Elder.

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

**Mrs POWER:** Can the minister explain to the house why reducing recidivism in the state's prison system will deliver better services and lower costs for the community?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (14:49):** I thank the member for Elder for her question and her dedication to and support for helping reduce recidivism, as this government is very focused on, and also her support for women offenders in the community. Getting people back into and contributing to society is a very important part of our corrections system. We know people in the corrections system and recidivist offenders put a burden on the cost to our community.

Recidivism costs the public hundreds of millions of dollars, and that is money that could go into health, education and emergency services, and back into better correction services—not to criminals. In 2018-19 alone, nearly \$200 million was spent by taxpayers accommodating individuals who had been in prison more than once. Almost \$100 million was spent by taxpayers on individuals who returned to prison within two years.

That is a cost to the community that we want to reduce. While there are some in the system who will never and should never be released, the government will continue to do what it can to ensure that those who go back into society stop taking and start giving.

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

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Ramsay!

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD:** The member for Elder, in her capacity as Assistant Minister for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention, is a champion of wanting to ensure people, particularly women, stay out of prison. Together we have established a women offenders working group, and I thank the member for Elder for chairing that group.

There is a wide range of people in this group who will contribute to helping us achieve our goals. I would like to inform the house of them because they are fantastic members and, again, with the member for Elder I'm sure they will get great outcomes: Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children and Young People; Nicole Dwyer, CEO of Workskil; Maria Hagias, the chief executive of Women's Safety Services SA; the Hon. Di Laidlaw; Sarah Paddock, an architect; Nerida Saunders, Executive Director of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation; Kerryn White from Edge Church; and David Brown, CE of the Department for Correctional Services. These are all good people doing good things to help achieve that goal and ultimately reduce costs to the South Australian taxpayer.

Chaired by the assistant minister, this working group met for the first time just a few weeks ago and received an update on a number of strategies the Department for Correctional Services has been working on for the past couple of years that I have talked about in this house previously. Importantly, a direction was set for what we hope to achieve in the next five years, understanding that the Department for Correctional Services cannot go it alone.

We need to continue to partner with the not-for-profit sector, service providers and industry leaders to ensure that women, regardless of whether they are serving time in custody or in Community Corrections, are supported, educated and assisted not to return to our correctional services system. Again, we drive that point that recidivism costs taxpayers. We want people back in the community contributing, serving, paying taxes and being part of our community.

I am pleased to say that the working group will have a focus on women in the community and how we can tailor services to best support the unique needs of women and their children. It is crucial we ensure women are safe, have access to services and are best able to reconnect with and care for their children and their family. Of course, we must also ensure that staff working in our correctional services system, whether they are working in our prisons or in Community Corrections, are also able to identify and address the unique needs of women offenders.

We are fast approaching the completion of an extensive accommodation upgrade at the Adelaide Women's Prison, an expansion that has seen facilities at the Adelaide Women's Prison go from the worst in the country to the best. Delivering these better facilities will deliver better services and help us reach our target of reducing recidivism which, as we said, will ultimately help save money for taxpayers.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** Before I call the member for Frome, I welcome to parliament today the former member for Schubert and the Baron of the Barossa, Mr Ivan Venning. Welcome to parliament.

#### *Question Time*

#### **TAFE SA PORT PIRIE**

**The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Frome) (14:53):** My question is to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. Can the minister advise the house if there has been any discussion or development of any plans by your office or your department, or by any member of staff in your office or the department, regarding utilising any of the current space available to Port Pirie TAFE campus for use by your department?

*Ms Bedford interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Florey!

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (14:53):** I thank the member for Frome for that question. It seems in its construction to be very similar to the question the member asked the other day of the Minister for Education. I think the member may be referring to the fact that at one point

Renewal SA owned the campus but no longer does. As part of the last budget that was transferred back to the Minister for Education. I know he was taking this on notice, and I am more than happy to make sure he and I inquire together to get an answer for that.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:54):** My question is to the Attorney-General. Have detectives from South Australian police contacted the Attorney-General or her office to seek an interview with the Attorney-General in relation to the criminal investigation into the member for Waite?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:54):** No, and I am not aware of any approaches that have been made to my department, or, indeed, to any other minister.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:54):** I have questions for the Premier. My question is to the Premier. Have detectives from South Australian police contacted the Premier or his office to seek an interview with the Premier in relation to their criminal investigation into the member for Waite?

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN (Bragg—Deputy Premier, Attorney-General) (14:55):** In relation to that matter, I will take that on notice.

#### MEMBER FOR WAITE

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (14:55):** My question is to you, sir. Who has financed the Speaker's private investigation, what was the total cost to date and under what authority were those funds procured?

**The SPEAKER (14:55):** I do believe, for part of the question, that I have spoken to the house. In terms of the exact cost, I am happy to come back to the house at the relevant time.

#### SCHOOLS, YEAR 7 REFORM

**Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (14:55):** My question is to the Minister for Education. Can the minister update the house on the Marshall Liberal government's commitment to transition year 7 into high school?

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (14:55):** It is a terrific question from the member for MacKillop, as it gives me an opportunity to talk about the way that the Marshall Liberal government is delivering for the people of South Australia, delivering on our election commitments and actually, most importantly, delivering already a better opportunity for young children in our schooling system, particularly at the three pilot schools, which have now for the last month had year 7s in that high school environment for the first time.

As the member for MacKillop knows, and indeed many members around the house would know, particularly in regional and rural areas, probably just about every member has a school in their electorate where year 7s have potentially for a long time been operating very happily in that high school environment, as indeed the Curriculum is designed—the Australian Curriculum that we signed up to with that year 7-8 high school curriculum.

There are area schools in the member for MacKillop's electorate that we visited quite recently at Meningie and Tintinara where we were able to meet with staff and students. I have met with staff and students at schools around South Australia with many of the members in the house, where year 7s have for many years been operating perfectly well, indeed better than they were in the primary school environment, as well as our area schools, our R-12 schools, the Catholic education system and the majority of our independent schools where this is an available option. It is going well.

What I am even more happy to update the house about is that the three pilot sites are for the first time this year offering year 7. At John Pirie Secondary School, Mitcham Girls High School and Wirreanda Secondary School things are going very well indeed. We know that when the opportunity

was made available last year to enrol children in year 7 in these schools for 2020, they were subscribed to capacity.

We have 159 students at Mitcham Girls High School and a cap of 86 students at Wirreanda Secondary School negotiated with the local primary schools. Indeed, what started at a lower number at John Pirie Secondary School I am informed as of this morning by the principal is up to 109 year 7 students at John Pirie Secondary School, because what is happening is that the buzz in the community, and the positive feedback in the community, is so strong that parents are asking the schools whether they can move their students out of primary schools and into the secondary pilot now.

Six students in the first term already have moved from local primary schools to the John Pirie Secondary School, and they are integrating really well. At Wirreanda, it is so popular, and I know that the member for Hurtle Vale will be interested to know, as she is a good supporter of that school. At Wirreanda, there is such confidence in the community that more than 50 families have already registered their current year 6 students to be in the year 7 program at Wirreanda next year. A month into the school year we are already getting those sorts of results, that sort of feedback.

Talking to the principals, they report very high levels of enthusiasm, indeed in some of the things that they weren't even seeing as the drivers behind the move—for example, the enthusiasm with which the school community has received the year 7s, and the positive ways in which the year 7s coming into the school have improved the school cultures in these high schools, and indeed the new ideas, the focus on the middle schooling pedagogical philosophy, or junior secondary, I should say, I think is the terminology we are now using. Having some of those teachers coming into the system has been very positive.

All the schools have had a significant level of interest from local primary teachers and other teachers to come into these new positions. Local primary teachers have done well over the first month in these new roles. Some of them have had new training, new professional development opportunities, certainly earlier inductions in term 4 last year, and they are thriving in this secondary environment, as are the students.

The system will move in 2022 and it will be to the benefit of our students. It would have been better if we had done this years ago, but those opposite refused to do it. We are getting the job done because it is going to help our students be the best they can be for South Australia's future.

#### **MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:00):** My question is to the Premier. Has the Premier been interviewed by South Australian police in relation to the investigation into the member for Waite?

**The Hon. S.S. MARSHALL (Dunstan—Premier) (15:00):** No.

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

#### **MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:00):** Thank you, sir. My question is to you. Are the evidence, transcripts and documentation collected and compiled by the private investigator into the member for Waite covered by privilege?

**The SPEAKER (15:00):** I thank the honourable member for the question. Let me just say this: I of course will cooperate with SAPOL. I have not been contacted by detectives from SAPOL about this specific matter. I refer the honourable member to my earlier statements on this issue.

#### **MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:00):** My question is to the Minister for Police. Has the minister been briefed in regard to criminal investigations into the member for Waite by South Australian police?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:01):** No.



**MEMBER FOR WAITE**

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (15:01):** My question is to the Minister for Police. Has the minister recused himself from all matters relating to the criminal investigation into the member for Waite by South Australian police?

**The Hon. C.L. WINGARD (Gibson—Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (15:01):** I thank the member very much. I'm not a detective. I'm not involved in police investigations.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members on my right! I don't know how the Minister for Innovation knows so much about the CFMEU, but he is called to order. The member for Florey is seeking the call.

*Mr Malinauskas interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Leader!

**YAMBA QUARANTINE STATION**

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:01):** My question is to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development. How many of the approximately 7,400 fines issued at the Yamba quarantine station would not have been issued under the previous policy approach, and what is the value of fine revenue under the new policy to date?

**The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:02):** I thank the member for Florey for her question. There would have been no fines issued under the previous regime at Yamba because the fines were never enforced. We have not introduced the fines; we are just enforcing the fines now. If we are talking about what is the collective, the amount of money that has been issued for those fines, that is something I will have to speak to Biosecurity SA about and come back to the member with.

**YAMBA QUARANTINE STATION**

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:02):** Supplementary: since the introduction of zero tolerance, how much fruit has been seized at the Yamba quarantine station and has this differed in any way from the normal amounts of fruit declared in preceding years?

**The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:03):** Again, I thank the member for a very important question because this zero tolerance approach was in response to the continual outbreaks of Queensland fruit fly. What we've seen at the Yamba quarantine station or the Yamba roadblock has been a decrease in fruit that has been collected. We have seen a decrease in fruit in the collection bins, but we have also seen an increased number of collection bins.

In coming into government, we gave a commitment to South Australians that we would increase the collection bins by three. We've done that. Those bins have been on the Lindsay Point Road, another bin has been on the Mannum Road and we've also seen another bin on the Wentworth Road. Those three extra collection bins now cover all the arterial roads coming into the Riverland, and that was done so that we could actually have full coverage of people travelling with fruit or vegetables or prohibited materials into that area—that fruit fly free area I might add—so that they could voluntarily dispose of fruit.

What I would say is that what we have seen since the zero tolerance approach has come into play is that unfortunately people are still coming to South Australia through the Yamba roadblock with fruit and vegetables and prohibited materials. That is unfortunate. We have put extra signage coming into South Australia. We have increased our random roadblocks so that we can actually send the message. We have put extra expenditure into signage, into education programs.

We have done that for the good reason that we are protecting a \$1.28 billion horticulture industry in the Riverland. That is about protecting exports and it is about protecting the livelihoods of

those fruit producers, those food producers who rely on exports. They rely on that clean green fruit fly free image they have spent so many years building.

I might say that there have been concerns about fines issued, and I have received a number of letters from members of parliament because they are representing their constituency. But if those constituents read the signs, if they take keeping South Australia fruit fly free seriously, they won't bring fruit and vegetables into those pest-free areas that will put our horticulture industry at risk. I know that I have received letters that these fines, and this zero tolerance approach, are frivolous. I think it is outrageous that we have MPs who are treating this zero tolerance approach with contempt.

I have given every opportunity for those people to declare their fruit with the bins, and if they don't do that then they receive an on-the-spot fine. That on-the-spot fine, again, is a deterrent, just as it is going into Western Australia, just as it is protecting any valuable food producing sector anywhere in the country. South Australia has a proud history of being fruit fly free, while we see the increase of fruit fly, particularly in our eastern seaboard with Qfly. We see the continual pressure on our western borders with Mediterranean fruit fly.

Those threats that come to our horticulture industry are now being met with fines. Biosecurity officers are issuing fines for very, very good reason, and that is to look after horticulture, to look after our reputation and to make sure that we can continue to uphold our image when it comes to protocol export markets.

**Ms BEDFORD:** I have a really important supplementary which will take two seconds.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Florey, the time has well expired.

**Ms BEDFORD:** Two seconds: have any of the 7,400 fines been waived by you or your office?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I move an extension for one minute of question time.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Florey, the time was well expired but, with the agreement of the other parties, I promise you that you will get the next question.

#### *Parliamentary Procedure*

#### **VISITORS**

**The SPEAKER:** I would like to welcome to parliament today students from the ethnic and Community Languages Schools in SA, celebrating International Mother Language Day, hosted by the Minister for Education. I have allowed them to take photos of the visit as well.

#### **QUESTION TIME EXTENSION**

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** I second the member for West Torrens' extension of time for one minute.

**The SPEAKER:** I am going to allow the member for Florey an extra minute. All of that opinion say aye and against say no: it's carried—an interesting precedent. The member for Florey has the floor.

#### *Question Time*

#### **BIOSECURITY FINES**

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:08):** A further supplementary to the Minister for Primary Industries: have any of the approximately 7,400 fines been waived by you or anyone from your office?

**The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:08):** The question was: have I or anyone from my office waived any of those fines? No, they haven't.

#### **BIOSECURITY FINES**

**Ms BEDFORD (Florey) (15:08):** Have any of the fines issued under the new regime been waived?

**The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (15:09):** I'm not aware, but I am happy to take that question on notice and come back to the member with an answer.

*Grievance Debate*

**WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**Mr PICTON (Kurna) (15:09):** Today, we have seen a shocking development in the state of our health services in South Australia with the release of an unprecedented letter from 215 doctors at the Women's and Children's Hospital, a letter which they wrote to the government in October last year but which they have now released publicly. They had to take this step because no action has been taken. They raise very grave concerns about the future of services at that hospital, about the state of that hospital and about the safety and quality of care, particularly for children, at that hospital.

This is a beloved institution. This is a key service in our state that almost every family has been in touch with at some stage or another. I think South Australians will be very concerned to hear that the vast majority of doctors at that hospital have lost confidence in the government's handling and ability to manage the hospital and to provide the resources those doctors need to provide the quality of care that South Australians should be able to expect.

The revelations in this letter are startling in terms of services on the brink of collapse in this state, potentially neonatal services and paediatric services on the brink of collapse, including paediatric cancer services; the fact that doctors have significant worries about the safety and quality of care; and the fact that they believe that the government's focus and the health services' focus is entirely upon savings and not upon providing the care that is required. They believe that the medical advice that they have been providing to the government and to the health administrators has been consistently ignored. All this is a damning indictment on the government two years into office. They are running the health system so badly that doctors have had to take this step.

Tonight, there is a meeting of those doctors on how they want to resolve this issue going forward, and what additional steps they are going to take to resolve it, because clearly raising it with the government has not been enough. What has happened is pretty much nothing. They have employed one extra trainee. The minister met with some of the doctors, but three months after the letter was received. Apparently he did nothing for three months and has done nothing since.

The Premier, who you think would be interested in the future of women's and children's health services in this state, has done nothing. He is more interested in photo opportunities than he is about the concerns from 215 public hospital doctors in this state. It is absolutely an indictment on his leadership that he cannot even confirm to this parliament whether he knew about this letter before it was published in *The Advertiser* today, some three or four months after it was received by the government. That is completely unacceptable.

This government has an agenda of one thing in health and that is cuts, an agenda on cuts when the Premier promised that there would be no reduction in doctor and nurse numbers across our health system. He would not reconfirm that today because what is happening is they are cutting doctors and nurses. They have handed out voluntary separation payments across different health services across the state to reduce doctors and nurses in our hospitals because that is their focus. As these doctors say, the focus is entirely upon cuts and not on providing the appropriate health care.

We know that at the Women's and Children's Hospital they have been spending money on consultants, bringing in KPMG consultants and Studer consultants from interstate to cut funding at the hospital at the expense of patient care. These doctors are ringing alarm bells about that. We know that in the state budget they are cutting funding this financial year for the hospital. The net service cost of the hospital is going down by \$6 million this year. The number of FTEs at the hospital is going down by 14, according to the budget papers this year. Clearly, this government is focused on cuts.

Just to add insult to injury, this letter comes out at the same time that the government is about to embark upon another round of terminations and voluntary separation payments at the Women's and Children's Hospital. On the one hand, you have the doctors saying that this is a serious

issue and services are at risk of collapse due to under-resourcing, but the government's response to that is to start another round of asking staff to go, and they will not be replaced. It is a focus on cuts of doctors, nurses and funding.

We see under the leadership of this government that ramping has doubled. They have no idea when a new hospital will ever be built; that project is completely off track. This government have just dismissed the concerns of these doctors today and they should stand condemned for it.

### INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Minister for Education) (15:14):** I am really pleased to be able to advise the house and the community that tomorrow, 21 February, is International Mother Language Day. It is a day that has been observed every year since 2000—

**The Hon. A. Koutsantonis:** Say it in Italian.

**The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER:** I won't do that. It has been put on every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity, multilingualism and multiculturalism in the community here in Australia and around the world. It is a UN initiative that was proclaimed by the General Conference of UNESCO in November 1999, and ever since it has been celebrated every year. It is celebrated because languages are very important and powerful tools and instruments in our community to preserve and develop our tangible and intangible heritage.

Moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. This is an area where South Australia has a very important history and trajectory, something that we can be very proud of in terms of our position in the world. We are, I think, a model that many around the world should aspire to and reflect on.

Our strong multicultural success story has not been an accident: it has been something that successive governments of all persuasions have worked towards. People in communities and people in government have also made their contributions. The benefits of multilingualism go even further than the benefits of multiculturalism; they add to them. We know that about half the world's population is multilingual to some extent, but in the English-speaking world we have not been as successful in encouraging many people in our community to learn another language.

It is an issue in South Australia and it is an issue around the world, but where we are here in South Australia, or indeed anywhere around the world where there are significant migrant communities, maintenance of mother tongues is one of the ways we can ensure that our general population has a strong bilingual and multilingual component. Part of the way we do that is through our ethnic and community language schools and our Ethnic Schools Association of South Australia. I want to recognise Darryl Buchanan, all the staff and volunteers and all the volunteers in all the ethnic schools around South Australia.

I am really pleased that we have students and staff from the Punjabi School, the Bulgarian Sunday School and the Port Adelaide Greek School able to be part of our debate today through observance in the gallery. They are fine young men and women who are working hard to continue the cultural traditions of their heritage, to know the stories of their families and to claim the linguistic heritage that is their birthright, which is also an extraordinary asset for the people of South Australia.

These young men and women, and young men and women right around South Australia, whether it is on a Sunday morning, Saturday morning or after school, do their work in their ethnic schools and the community language schools. That is part of South Australia's future social infrastructure. I want to thank the young men and women who are here and right around South Australia for that contribution. My children will learn from children like you in the playgrounds at school in the years to come, and they will learn the stories of each other's heritage. That is something that is beautiful and enriches our state.

To the teachers in our ethnic and community language schools, most of whom around South Australia are volunteers: it is an extraordinary gift that you give our children, your children and our state. I also want to particularly and passionately thank you for that work. Multilingualism benefits children in many ways. The benefits of multilingualism include a better innate understanding of how

language works. For children whose heritage might be from a non-English-speaking background but whose first language is English, an understanding of language will help them in their English communication as well as giving them the further benefits of multilingualism.

Being able to communicate in a community, being able to communicate with family and having the understanding of heritage are all important. One thing I really like is less mental decline in old age. That is a benefit of multilingualism, as are a more efficient and better developed executive control system in the brain, greater cognitive flexibility, improvements in learning abilities, more rational decision-making skills and a more perceptive understanding of the world. All the young people who are learning other languages and understanding their mother tongues have those things to look forward to.

Around South Australia we have good science in our ethnic schools. We had 20 ethnic schools teaching SACE subjects last year, up from 18 schools the year before. There were 94 students studying a SACE stage 2 language subject in 2019, up from 64, and 100 students enrolled in a SACE stage 1 language subject in 2019, up from 86.

Thank you to our ethnic schools for the work they do towards the broader South Australian message that learning a second language is great and that supporting mother-tongue learning is also a very important part of what we do.

### ENFIELD ELECTORATE

**Ms MICHAELS (Enfield) (15:19):** On this day last year, I was formally declared the winner of the Enfield by-election and the new member for Enfield. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve my local community of Enfield over the past 12 months. I wish I actually had more time today to acknowledge more of the people I have had the opportunity to get to know and work with in my area. It is an honour and privilege that I hope to continue for years to come.

I chose to stand for the South Australian Labor Party at the by-election because I believed and hoped that I could make a valuable contribution to South Australia through in-depth policy work and the development of new ideas to make this great state even greater than it is. This year, I look forward to making a contribution through the Economic and Finance Committee as one of the committee's newest members. I look forward to diving into the crash repair industry in its current investigations and making a contribution to that sector.

One thing that I have enjoyed more than any other aspect while being the member for Enfield is getting to know the community leaders and volunteers who strive each and every day to make Enfield a better, safer and more enjoyable place to live and work in. They are people who dedicate themselves to their local sporting clubs and community groups to build and improve these organisations, which in turn builds a stronger community across my electorate. Without their dedication, the Enfield community would not be the vibrant community that it is today.

The Enfield electorate is blessed with many great sporting clubs. These clubs provide a supportive environment for our young people to develop and learn life skills. The Broadview Football Club, under the supervision of its president, Shane Hodby, is a pillar of the Broadview community. The club fields numerous men's and women's teams, from juniors right through to seniors. I was lucky enough to sit down with Shane and Emma Short to hear about the club's vision for the future.

A bold master plan has been developed, which, if properly funded, will see the football clubrooms significantly upgraded, the creation of a tennis hub capable of supporting regional tournaments and improved artificial turf surfaces for the bowls club. These plans will ensure that those clubs can continue to build their membership and grow and support tomorrow's sporting legends.

The Broadview Football Club is not the only club with a bold vision for the future. The Gepps Cross Cricket Club's new president, Shane McMillan, has been developing strategies with his committee to continue to grow the club, despite the size limitation on their home ground. I recently presented Shane and the junior cricket team with an Active Club grant. Shane told me that the purpose of the grant was to purchase a Flicx Pitch, which will mean that more of the junior teams will have the opportunity to play at their home ground.

While Broadview and Gepps Cross are both in strong positions, other clubs in my electorate are not so lucky. The Kilburn Football and Cricket Club is fighting for its survival, despite its long and proud history. Its committee members are working to save the club, and its president, Dale Agius, is faced with a task from which many would have run. The club was in deep debt and has a shrinking member base. Dale and his committee have been grappling with the club's finances and negotiating with creditors to save the club. The club now has a women's team and is trying to develop a path towards returning juniors to the club.

These three clubs represent only a tiny fraction of the great work happening in the sporting clubs in the Enfield electorate. There are many others, including the Ghan Soccer Club, Enfield Tennis Club, Enfield Little Athletics and Enfield Harriers, Gepps Cross Rams and Prospect Broadview Bowling Club, and that is just to name a few.

When I hold street corner meetings, community safety issues are regularly raised with me. Thankfully, there is a small group of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who regularly meet to discuss these issues within their areas and liaise with SAPOL. People like Ron and Audrey White of the Clearview Neighbourhood Watch have been involved in that group for nearly 30 years. Barry Baker and other committee members at the Lightsvue Neighbourhood Watch group work tirelessly to promote safety in the new development and use the Lightsvue Chit-Chat Facebook page to promote the work of the group.

The work of these groups is invaluable, improving safety in our community. Without the dedication of the few people I have had the opportunity to mention today and many, many more in my electorate, Enfield would not be the community that we see today. So to each and every person in Enfield who supports our community through their work and volunteering, I very much want to thank them.

I also look forward to continuing to work with my local councils—Prospect and Port Adelaide Enfield—and thank their mayors, councillors and CEOs for the strong relationships we have built. I want to acknowledge my local community groups: everyone from our kindergyms to RSLs, charities, local schools and multicultural groups. I have been very lucky to have been warmly embraced as your local member.

### COLTON ELECTORATE

**Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:25):** I rise today to update the house on the happenings in Colton since the new year has begun. As I have previously mentioned here on multiple occasions, the electorate of Colton is certainly a very happening place over the summertime, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to highlight some of the fantastic events and community efforts that have kickstarted 2020 in the western suburbs.

In January, I was lucky enough to attend the Holdfast Bay and Charles Sturt Australia Day citizenship ceremonies. As always, it was exciting to see some of our newest Australians joining us for a fantastic celebration of their entry as citizens of Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them all to our fantastic western suburbs.

Kickstarting February, our surf lifesaving clubs head into full swing with their two major annual fundraising events with the first being the Big Row, hosted by the Henley Surf Life Saving Club. It took place on 1 February this year and it was a fantastic event. As I said, it is a major fundraising event for the club in terms of securing funds for the upgrade of their surf club, which happened a number of years ago. Every year they traverse the crossing from Stansbury to Henley Beach over a number of hours.

There is certainly a huge effort from the rowing teams, and this year required a bigger effort than most as the weather and conditions on the day were not quite as expected and a few interesting techniques were put in place as they rowed over to Henley from Stansbury. As always, the number of life members and others within the Henley Beach Surf Life Saving Club welcoming the rowers as they came up the beach was a fantastic sight to see, and a significant portion of funds were raised for the Henley Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Also, we had the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club Pink and Blue Swim, which raises money to support breast and prostate cancer causes—a personal favourite of mine. It gives me an

opportunity each and every year to jump back into the water and have a bit of a swim. It does not happen as much as it probably should these days. The surf club broke an amazing record in terms of their attendance and participation this year, with over a thousand people taking part in the fundraising event.

You have the opportunity to swim a short distance, a longer distance or to take a walk. I noted that this year the Premier chose to walk rather than swim. I am sure we will see that change, hopefully, in years to come. It was a fantastic effort by the surf club and the subcommittee of the surf club that look after that event. They should be incredibly proud. The now vast sums of money that have been raised for prostate and breast cancer over the journey of that event is immense. Each and every time they thank their sponsors, including the West End foundation which matches dollar for dollar the funds raised, so it is an incredibly important event.

The Bulgarian Educational and Friendly Society hosted their annual Zdravei Bulgarian Festival—a wonderful celebration of their food, culture and music. It has grown over the last number of years. They have fantastic clubrooms off Tapleys Hill Road in Fulham Gardens. Each and every year it is well adorned with trees and greenery from one of their sponsors, and the number of people attending that event in our local area continues to grow. Again, well done to the volunteers and the subcommittee of that fantastic club. I look forward to many more years of celebrating that Bulgarian festival in our local area.

We also had the St Michael's College academic assembly where they acknowledged the outstanding achievements of their class of 2019. It was a very impressive class, as so many students achieved excellence in their ATARs—whether that be over 95 or over 99. It was certainly a very successful year for them, and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours within our state.

I also recently had the opportunity to go down to the Toy Boys workshop off Military Road. They do a fantastic job building wooden children's toys for a vast number of charities, both in the local area and more broadly across South Australia. Recently, they were recognised by the local council in the Australia Day Awards for their distribution days. They build these toys from January to November every year and then have the opportunity to distribute them to a number of charities in the local area at a celebration just before Christmas. It is an incredible group, which has just recently moved into the Colton electorate and set up at the old Henley council depot on Military Road, and we are very thankful to have them join us.

It is a great start to the year. There is much more to look forward to and, as always, I am very thankful to have the opportunity to work for the great people of Colton.

### **TORRENS ELECTORATE SCHOOL AWARDS**

**Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (15:30):** In December last year, I had the pleasure of attending many celebrations in the electorate of Torrens. Many of those were at schools, and I believe it is really important to work closely with our schools to ensure that they are supported in the work they do. I present a number of awards and would like to recognise today some of the students who received Torrens School Spirit Awards, Innovation Awards and STEM Awards.

From Hillcrest Primary School, Percy Logan received the 2019 School Spirit Award. He was nominated by his peers for being a kind, honest and trustworthy student who consistently displays the Hillcrest values. Logan has been described as always ensuring that students are treated with respect and dignity. If someone has not been treated nicely or does not have a voice, Logan will stand up for them. Last night, I also had the pleasure of attending the Hillcrest Primary School AGM, where we heard about the high achievements of the students who attend that school.

Lily Stewart was awarded the Vale Park 2019 School Spirit Award for making a significant contribution to the culture of Vale Park Primary School. In class, Lily has been known to regularly help her classmates who are finding learning a challenge in a way that is kind, helpful and inclusive. During her time at Vale Park, Lily has always participated fully in school life. She has been a member of many sporting teams and has been selected for SAPSASA events. She works in the school canteen and has assisted with the School Extravaganza.

Alfred Bropleh from Hampstead Primary School was nominated for the Torrens Spirit Award for reflecting the three values of Hampstead Primary: respect, care and personal growth. His teachers described him as a student who cares for others, demonstrates respect for all staff and students and uses his feedback to strive to do his best.

Raj Yadav was awarded the Klemzig Primary STEM Award. As a keen mathematician and persistent problem solver, his teachers told me that he is meticulous in checking calculations and is always open to new ways of thinking and problem solving. Raj is also a collaborative problem solver and enjoys working in teams. Most STEM projects require high-level team skills, and Raj has the necessary qualities to work successfully as a team member or leader.

Roma Mitchell Secondary College is just outside my electorate, but a lot of the students from my electorate attend there. They had their year 12 graduation at Bonython Hall, and I was pleased to be able to present the Torrens Innovation Award to Zhengmu Li.

I would also like to acknowledge Wiltja College students. Their boarding house is just outside my electorate—in fact, it falls in the member for Enfield's electorate now—but some of the students attend my local high school. It is a school for Indigenous secondary students from remote communities in South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. I would like to congratulate Leshaye Swan, Clifton Finlay and Isiah Bridley on reaching their wonderful milestone of completing year 12.

From Dernancourt R-7 School, year 7 students Jay and Twisha both received Aili Awards, and 2019 was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aili Award. It is a perpetual trophy donated by Mr W. Finger as a memorial to his late wife, Aili, who was a much-loved teacher at the school. This trophy is presented to a student at Dernancourt School who displays qualities of excellence. Of course, this year it was to Jay and Twisha, so it was presented to two students.

I have to say that at the Dernancourt R-7 I saw many tears because the students were leaving the school. It was amazing. It was not the parents, it was the students; there were so many hugs and tears. They said they were happy to leave and to be going on to school but they were also very sad to be leaving the school they loved.

The Avenues College year 12 graduation at the Golden Grove Arts Theatre had many students with a special mention, including valedictorians CJ and Taynan, ATSI award winner Keleia, and Dux Samantha. Peer awards went to Taynan and Reagan, the sporting excellence award to Joshua, the Principal's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement to Samantha and Taynan, the VET award to Kaylah, the Caltex All Rounder award to CJ, the Excellence in Music award to Jimmy, the Excellence in STEM to Calibre, the Excellence in Sports Education to Taynan again, the hospitality award to Matthew, the Principal's Award for Service to the School Community went to Rebecca and the Active Community Program award went to Colleen.

At Wandana Primary School, I was also pleased to be able to present students with their Premier's Reading Challenge medals and certificates at the end of the year. The program was initiated, of course, in 2004 by former Labor premier Mike Rann to encourage reading for enjoyment and to improve literacy levels.

#### **NEMER, MR E.**

**Mrs POWER (Elder) (15:36):** I rise today to acknowledge Mr Elias Nemer and his service to both our community and South Australia. Mr Nemer has served as the Honorary Consul for Lebanon, and on Saturday just past we gathered at the Maronite church in Westbourne Park to acknowledge and celebrate his 41 years of service. At the event, Mr Nemer was bestowed the Medal of Saint Maron by Bishop Tarabay, and former ambassador Milad Raad gifted Mr Nemer the Lebanese Embassy trophy—well-deserved accolades indeed, given that Mr Nemer's journey has certainly been one of dedication and passion.

At the age of 17, Mr Nemer left Lebanon and arrived by himself in Australia to join his eldest brother. It was at his brother's house that he met his wife, Violet, who I have heard was an incredible woman. Together they would go on to have seven children, 18 grandchildren and, more recently, two great-grandchildren.



Mr Nemer and his two brothers share the stories of so many hardworking migrants to Australia. With tenacity and determination, all three brothers succeeded in their business ventures in their new-found country. It was their passion and commitment to positively contributing to the community that led the three brothers to devote their time and energy to help establish the Lebanese Association and the Maronite Church in Adelaide.

In 1971, Mr Nemer became the first elected president and chairman of the Lebanese Maronite community in Adelaide. He also became president of the Lebanese Cultural Association. Mr and Mrs Nemer's love of the Lebanese community was always evident. Even prior to his becoming an honorary consul, they welcomed many guests to their house, which was described as being often full of people, music and food. That is very Lebanese, coming from someone who has a dad who is Lebanese.

On Saturday night, it was a delight to see the collection of photographs that captured part of Mr Nemer's journey, including Mr Nemer with former premiers such as Don Dunstan and John Olsen, and with many other leaders of our state and country. He and his wife assisted many Lebanese migrants, helping them to adapt to their new homeland in Australia, supporting them to gain employment, find housing and embrace the Australian way of life.

Mr Nemer was recognised on Saturday in front of his family and friends, Bishop Tarabay, Ambassador Milad Raad, Monsignor Emmanuel Sakr, Senator Alex Antic, heads of other religious communities and their committees, multicultural associations and members of the Lebanese community. I was also personally pleased to be there for such a special celebration.

Mr Nemer's daughter, Anne Awwad, delivered a beautiful and moving speech and acknowledged that, even though her father worked for many years as a successful businessman and for 41 years as an honorary consul, it is his family he is most proud of. She reflected on the way that he and their late mother, Violet, had instilled in their children and grandchildren the value of education, hard work and dedication. He has inspired them all to pursue their dreams and helped them to reach their greatest potential.

The following day, on Sunday just past, celebrations at the Maronite church continued with the Feast of Saint Maron celebrating the patron saint, and I was pleased to attend yet again. Special congratulations to the Maronite Youth Committee and the church for organising another great event over the weekend, and once again special congratulations to Mr Nemer.

To summarise the extraordinary impact Mr Nemer has had on his local community, religious community, family and friends, Anne said it best: 'Much like the enduring seeds of Lebanon, Elias George Nemer's legacy will remain steadfast and deep rooted.' Thank you and congratulations to Mr Nemer.

*Address in Reply*

#### **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

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

**Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (15:41):** I resume my remarks in my Address in Reply at the point when I was speaking about the broken promises by the Marshall Liberal government that impact on my electorate of Torrens. Another broken promise by the government was that, in recent years, we have seen great progress with women and girls playing football, and the Gaza Football Club is a great example of this. In the lead-up to the election, the Liberal candidate for Torrens made a promise to the Gaza Football Club to deliver the female change facilities. She said that they would match Labor's promise of change facilities.

The Gaza women's football team list is rapidly growing with a vision of adding another women's football team. They already have a junior girls' team. It is a club which is encouraging and which has seen a number of its players go on to play for the SANFL women's league. Having female change rooms and other facilities at our sporting clubs sends a really important message to women and girls that they are welcome in sport and that their club's culture is one that will facilitate this participation.

As I have previously said, the Liberal candidate met with Gaza's committee and made a commitment that a Liberal government would match Labor's commitments for women's change facilities at the Gaza Sports and Community Club, and I have a statutory declaration from committee members to this effect. Along with the Gaza club, the players and members, I am still waiting for the Minister for Sport to respond to my question asked in question time: when will the commitment made by the Liberal candidate to the Gaza Football Club be honoured?

Addressing inequality for girls and women in sport is important. The government cut the girls and women in sports facilities program, and I have to say that the minister, when I asked him this question, said, 'They can apply for a grant,' but they stand up on that side day in and day out and they say, 'We're delivering on our promises.' The Gaza Football Club want to know when you are going to deliver on the promise made by the Liberal candidate during the election. We are still waiting. I will send you the stat dec. I will send you, too, the Liberal material that was put out and the Facebook post by the Liberal candidate about their promises.

I mention another broken promise by the Liberal candidate: the North East Road-Fosters Road intersection remains a nightmare to navigate, and the department has stated that the promise made by the Liberal candidate of installing traffic signals will not be happening. Those opposite knew it would not happen when they made the promise because they committed only \$1.4 million for the fixing up Fosters Road campaign with traffic signals, but they were happy to put it on Facebook, they were happy to have materials printed. It was a joke!

The locals and the commuters who use it will not forget. I can assure members of the Liberal government sitting opposite that I have spoken to many constituents who voted for you, opposite, last time, 'to give them a go', they said. Well, they have told me that they will not be hollering for a Marshall government at the next state election.

As many members in this place have heard me talk about before, North East Community Assistance Project (NECAP) are yet to secure a site to relocate to after the amalgamation of the Avenues College despite again the government—first, the Liberal candidate and the two members who are now ministers—assuring them that they would assist them with funding and finding a new home. Once again, I urge the government to take this matter seriously and find suitable a location as soon as possible. This important organisation services the most vulnerable in our community and I do not want to see this as yet another broken promise that is going to impact so many.

This brings me back to the cuts and closures. Following the election, the Marshall Liberal government cut the Klemzig O-Bahn interchange upgrade and the additional car parks. I know how much Klemzig residents and other locals were looking forward to the additional 250 car parks and the upgrades Labor had budgeted and planned for at the Klemzig O-Bahn interchange. In this place, and in letters to the minister, I am continuing to advocate for the urgent reinstatement of the car park upgrade at the Klemzig interchange. I often speak to residents who have had their driveways blocked by cars or find it difficult to enter or exit the driveway of the home because of this congestion.

Another closure by the Marshall Liberal government was the Strathmont swimming pool, without consultation with the families of the 1,500 children and adults who used that pool. They closed it. It has gone with nothing to replace it. We live in Australia. Our beaches and our outdoor swimming for exercise and recreation form a significant part of our lifestyle. Access to swimming lessons for our young, water therapy for those with a disability, and water therapy and recreation for our seniors is so important, but we have one less swimming pool. It is not important according to the Marshall Liberal government. The Minister for Education and the Minister for Human Services said they would find alternative pools for the people who were accessing the pool.

I am standing here today to tell you that there are still hundreds who have not been able to access the same quality or number of swimming lessons. Children with special needs have had the number of swimming and water therapy lessons reduced because of the additional cost of travelling a longer distance to the pool, and additional costs for the lessons. Others do not have the same access to the swimming pool, there is less lane space, too many people and too much noise in the vicinity. This is particularly concerning for children on the autism spectrum and, regrettably, some are missing out altogether.

Only a couple of weeks ago, I received a Facebook message from a resident whose child attends Dernancourt School R-7 telling me that they will not be having swimming lessons this term because of the enormous cost of travelling to the pool where lessons were organised. The children from Dernancourt used to have swimming lessons and water therapy at Strathmont swimming pool, the one the government closed down. The school has applied and is waiting on a grant to assist with the additional costs.

Are you listening over there, minister? They have applied for a grant so that they can travel to a swimming centre so that their special needs students are able to access swimming lessons. I hope, minister, that grant is given serious consideration and that the children will again have access to the swimming lessons that both the Minister for Education and the Minister for Human Services said they would have. The lessons are so important for their personal development.

This brings me back now to some of the things that have actually gone well over the past 12 months. Since the election, we have seen the opening of some amazing new facilities for the community in Torrens. They were delivered by the Labor government. We are not the ones cutting the ribbons. We know that we listen to the community, and we delivered not just in Torrens but across the state, including all the electorates held by Liberal members.

The STEM facilities at Hillcrest Primary School, Hampstead Primary School and Wandana Primary School were just two of the things delivered under the Labor government. I know that schools across the state benefited from the Labor government's STEM program. Also in Torrens was a synthetic soccer pitch and the lighting upgrade at Metro Stars. While we are talking about Metro Stars, this is another club that needs female change facilities because when the Metro United women play at the Metro Stars grounds, they have to bring in transportables. It is not good enough.

Of course, we have those that were delivered by the Labor government's Fund My Neighbourhood program, which was savagely axed by the Marshall Liberal government. Again, that delivered projects to communities across the state, not just projects in the Labor electorates but projects in all the electorates.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order, member for Reynell and Minister for Sport, please!

**Ms WORTLEY:** Three projects just in Torrens include the Northgate Oakden Residents Association Men's Shed project, known as the Regency Community Men's Shed, which is now in the member for Enfield's seat; the Gilles Plains and Hampstead RSL weather shelter, which has already provided shelter from the heat on Remembrance Day and from the rain at the ANZAC Day service; and the Greenacres Community Garden. These Fund My Neighbourhood projects go right across the state. They are projects that have been put out there by the community. They are not projects that the government decided on. The community put them up and the community voted on them, and this government axed them.

There are many other things I wanted to speak about today, but I am not sure I will have the time to do them justice. One is the Lights Community and Sports Centre. It is a great example of the former state Labor government and the Port Adelaide Enfield local council working together to achieve a positive result for our community. The centre is really state of the art. It has amazing facilities, with five basketball courts and retractable seating that will seat approximately 1,000 people. It is a welcoming and inclusive indoor community place for all people, regardless of age, cultural background, socio-economic status or ability. There are multipurpose spaces for groups, including social clubs, local schools and other educational institutions. There is the Delightful Cafe and Pushing Performance in the commercial spaces.

Again, through boundary changes, it now falls in the member for Enfield's electorate, but the whole community gets to use it. That is what is so great about the projects that Labor has delivered: they are community projects and communities benefit, and that is what we want to see into the future. In addition to these great features, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield has engaged Play Sight, a technology company that enables live streaming of the North Adelaide Rockets basketball matches because, of course, that is the new home of the North Adelaide Rockets.

**Mr TRELOAR (Flinders) (15:53):** It gives me great pleasure to rise today to contribute to the Address in Reply to the Governor's speech, which occurred on the opening day of this Fifty-Fourth Parliament, and what a day it was. I love the pomp and ceremony. Parliament, of course, was prorogued over the summer period, hence we begin a new parliament and an important part of that is the official opening. It was a grand day.

Of course, as members of the House of Assembly, we all marched up to the Legislative Council in good order, where we heard the Governor's speech. It was quite a long speech, as has been mentioned, but a critically important and broad-ranging one. It is always a pleasure to see some of the state's judges present on the floor.

It has been mentioned before but I will mention again that we are so extraordinarily lucky in this state to have a man such as Hieu Van Le as our Governor. Like many others here, I have heard his story firsthand. He visited Port Lincoln a few years ago and took the opportunity to tell a relatively small group of us his story about how his life began in war-torn Vietnam and how he and his family and a small group of others escaped that country.

After the end of the war, if my memory serves me correctly, and ultimately through good fortune, bravery and good management, they arrived into Darwin Harbour not knowing what they would find. I recollect him talking about it being a foggy morning when their boat, filled with refugees from Vietnam, arrived into Darwin Harbour. Not really knowing what sort of reception they would receive once they arrived, they heard a boat approaching. Out of the misty morning came two Australian fishermen in their boat off for a day's fishing and as the two Australians went past they said, 'G'day mate. Welcome to Australia.' What a wonderful way to be accepted into this country.

After acknowledging the traditional owners of this land, the Governor spoke at some length about the bushfires that have ravaged this state and the nation more generally over this past summer. We trust and pray that the worst is over, but of course we are still in the summer period, although it strikes me that the weather has changed. The weather patterns have changed and certainly it is feeling more autumnal already in South Australia. I have watched the weather for my entire working life, being a farmer for much of that time, and my sense is that once the cyclones arrive in the top end of Australia our weather settles down here in the south.

The Governor talked about the bushfires and we need to talk about them—many of us have during this Address in Reply—because it has had such an impact here in this state and, as I said, on the nation more broadly. Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills have taken much of the focus. They were the biggest fires and had the most impact. I think the Kangaroo Island fire burnt for some 50 days, which is quite extraordinary, and almost half (around 48 per cent) of the island was burnt.

Much of the western half of the island is heavily wooded, either through native vegetation in the national parks or through plantations, being blue gum or pine. The blue gum plantations have been a vexed issue over many years. Unfortunately, much of that acreage was burnt. It will be interesting to see what the outcome is for the blue gum forest. The Adelaide Hills was, of course, a much smaller fire but it impacted equally because properties are much smaller and settlements are much closer. It is always devastating.

We almost forget that there were fires on Yorke Peninsula and in the South-East, significant fires in their own right. I know the one on Yorke Peninsula was on a day of horrific fire danger and burnt all the way to the coast, as fires have before. The South-East fire at Keilira burnt a significant acreage as well and also many head of stock were lost. In the end, I think the numbers on Kangaroo Island were around 50,000 head of sheep and some cattle. Of course, those that were not burnt to death in the fire—and I am sorry to be gruesome but this is the reality of it—suffered significant injuries and had to be destroyed.

There were a couple of other fires of note. On the outskirts of Port Lincoln, way back on Remembrance Day, 11 November, a fire burnt very close to the city of Port Lincoln and destroyed only one home, thanks to the good work of the SES, the CFS, the MFS, I believe, and the Department for Water and Environment. Also, the Aerotech fire-bombers were significant in helping to contain and control that fire ultimately, as they have been throughout all these fires.

Interestingly, within a few days of that (I am racking my memory here, but I think it was probably within 10 days) there was a day of significant fire danger. In fact, the power supply was

turned off to Lower Eyre Peninsula. I think that was the right decision because we could not take the risk of having electricity wires down and another fire starting. Of course, with that come unintended consequences, and that invariably is the loss of communication, particularly if the power is off for some time. Batteries run down at the mobile phone towers and the landlines do not seem to work like they used to since the rollout of the NBN.

They are significant unintended consequences that we need to address when there are power outages in a modern world that relies so much on electricity for all things but particularly for communication. Ironically, just a few weeks ago there was also a flood in Port Lincoln. For those who can recall, I think the measurement was around 90 millimetres or thereabouts. It was directly over the city of Port Lincoln. The highest tally I heard was 180 millimetres just outside town, at Green Patch.

Port Lincoln is a beautiful city. It has the geographic advantage of giving everybody who owns a house there a beautiful view. What that means, though, is that all the water runs to the front and to the foreshore. Significant flooding occurred, and it has occurred before. The council are taking steps to ensure that the impact is minimised, although that has not been all that successful this last time. Having said that, I think that the amount of rain, and the time it fell in, was such that not much could have prevented the flooding that occurred.

There was also another fire, on the Western Australian side of the Nullarbor Plain. I mention this particular fire because it impacted my electorate in the sense that the border was closed for a period of a week or so. Much transport, of course, goes across National Highway 1 from east to west and west to east. All those trucks were stranded on one side of the border or the other. Certainly, a lot of tourists were stranded on one side of the border or the other. That put pressure on both Western Australian and South Australian towns such as Ceduna, Streaky Bay and Penong, which really had to manage that situation for a week or more.

I want to talk a little about roads because it is important that I do, and they have been very topical in the seat of Flinders, particularly on the back of the closure of our rail system. I am going to tell the house that I was as disappointed and as sad as anyone to see that Genesee & Wyoming and Viterra were unable to reach a commercial agreement through which grain would continue to be hauled on an ageing narrow-gauge network that was really short haul with a variable tonnage. I understand all the logistical challenges, but what it did, even to the very end, was keep about three-quarters of a million tonnes of grain off our roads and on that railway line.

In hindsight, the end of the railway line had been coming for a long time. The first of the railway sidings on Eyre Peninsula closed in the early 1950s. That is nearly 70 years ago. In a way, that was the beginning of the end, as I see it now. There was a time when the railways employed 650 people on Eyre Peninsula. In the end, about 30-odd people lost jobs. My understanding is that most of them have either taken a package or have been able to relocate, so that is a reasonable outcome.

It means that we have many more trucks on our roads. Our export ports are at both Thevenard and Port Lincoln. The grain into Thevenard for the last—I am going to guess—eight or 10 years has been delivered entirely by road, so nothing much is going to change at the top end. At this stage, of course, the train line continues to haul gypsum in from Penong to the Port of Thevenard—three trains a day—and that is loaded onto a ship and delivered mostly to the building industry on the east coast.

On the back of the closure of our railway, the state and federal governments cobbled together \$32 million specifically for roads on the southern half of Eyre Peninsula. That is very welcome, of course. Part of my job as the local member is to ensure that funding continues to come to upgrade our roads, but it is particularly important that the state contributes to this because much of that grain freight I was talking about is hauled into Port Lincoln on our three state highways that run north-south on Eyre Peninsula, those being the Lincoln Highway, the Tod Highway and the Flinders Highway.

I have been banging on about the Tod Highway for as long as I have been in this place with the aim of having the length between Kyancutta and Karkoo shoulder sealed—the sealing of the shoulders done for that distance; I think it is just over 100 kilometres—because, quite simply, I think

it is money well spent. It is good value for governments to put money into shoulder sealing, as it makes our state highways both wider and safer. Quite simply, a wider road is a safer road.

Shoulder sealing began on the corners of this road three or four years ago. I will not say that it has continued at pace, but it has been continuing. Many of the corners, particularly the more dangerous corners, between Karkoo and Kyancutta have had work done on them, and now we are beginning to see shoulder sealing extend to the straighter parts of that road. I think that is critical work that will continue. There are also passing lanes that have been talked about.

Another real challenge of this will be how we manage the traffic in downtown Port Lincoln, given that most of the grain that comes from the eastern side of the peninsula and into Port Lincoln needs to come by truck. Many of these trucks, if they are not road trains, may even be triples. Just as an aside, the first truckload of wheat I ever delivered to my local silo came in at seven tonnes of wheat—it might even have been 7.1 tonnes. These trucks now are carrying 70 tonnes. So in one generation—it might be a bit more than a generation; 40 years is probably two generations—the capacity, flexibility and efficiency of road transport have increased significantly.

Downtown Port Lincoln, particularly the shopping precinct through Liverpool Street, sees the passage of these trucks, and the drivers do an extraordinarily good job at this stage. Traffic is managed with roundabouts. There are three roundabouts through Liverpool Street, a T-road at the other end and stop lights going to the silo. It is effective, but it may not be as efficient as it possibly can be, so the challenge will be to come up with a design whereby these trucks, other traffic and pedestrians can be safely accommodated through the Liverpool Street and CBD area of Port Lincoln.

The Western Approach Road of course carries the other significant number of trucks—that is, the grain coming down from the centre, down the Tod Highway that I mentioned earlier, and also from the Flinders Highway (as in the western side) grain is coming in from Elliston, Witera and sometimes even as far away as Streaky Bay.

We had a meeting with DPTI a few weeks ago, and myself and the councils were involved, when representatives of DPTI came over and presented to us a priority list for works on Eyre Peninsula, which we were all pleased to see because people were starting to wonder when something was going to happen. To be fair, the good people of Eyre Peninsula have not seen any physical activity as yet, but I can assure them that I know now that the assessments and audits have been done and that it is a matter of prioritising the roadworks. The prioritisation is critically important because we have at this stage \$32 million, and we need to ensure that that money is directed in the best way possible. It will include downtown Port Lincoln, passing lanes and shoulder sealing. We look forward to that work continuing.

Featuring in this conversation are the two port proposals for Eastern Eyre Peninsula. Peninsula Ports are proposing a port development at what used to be called Sheep Hill and then became Port Spencer. It is located near Lipson Cove. They are progressing with their development and fundraising activities. Just north of that—both these sites are in between Tumby Bay and Port Neill—is the Cape Hardy proposal, which from the very early days was an Iron Road proposal when it was thought that the iron ore mine at Warramboe might be developed. It could well still be. At this stage it has not been, but there is a group of farmers who were certainly looking to piggyback on that and develop a grain export port facility at Cape Hardy, just south of port Neill.

There has been much conversation around those ports. I am not going to get too involved with that here other than to say that they are both progressing. The state government has been involved to the extent that it provides approvals, licensing and such things. I mention them here today because if one of those ports were to develop it would potentially change the way freight flowed across Eyre Peninsula. Rather than having all the grain going to Port Lincoln, we would quite likely see some of the grain go across the peninsula to one of the new sites—or a new site between Tumby Bay and Port Neill.

Further to that, T-Ports, which is a third company, have already developed a bunker receival site at Cowell and also a barge facility to export grain out of Lucky Bay. Receivals did occur during the last harvest. To the best of my knowledge no exports have been made. I think the barge is still on its way, so we look forward with interest to that.

In the time remaining, I would like to talk about other key responsibilities of the state government. I have talked about roads. The other two key responsibilities—and combined they take up about 50 per cent of the state's budget—are education and health. There have been some really significant and worthwhile upgrades to school facilities on Eyre Peninsula. I have had the pleasure of opening STEM projects (science, technology, engineering and maths) at Port Lincoln High School, Cummins Area School and Ceduna Area School. Those three schools are really the only three schools on Eyre Peninsula or in the seat of Flinders that were able to qualify because of student numbers and enrolments.

To qualify fully for a STEM project, the enrolment needed to be in excess of 300 students. Streaky Bay are feeling a bit disappointed because I think their enrolments are sitting at about 297, but hopefully they get an opportunity at some time in the future. Further building works are about to begin both at Ceduna Area School and Port Lincoln High School. Certainly, on a personal level, I have been lobbying on behalf of the Port Lincoln High School whose previous principal, Mr Tony Green, came to me some years ago when the previous government were in power and we began our lobbying efforts. It all takes time, but it comes to fruition in the end. One thing I have learnt in this job is to be persistent, so congratulations to those schools for winning projects.

Other works have been going on at other area schools. I think there are 24, 25 or 26 schools within the seat of Flinders, many of them quite small but equally as important as the other because of course education is a priority. Part of that priority is demonstrated by the fact that we are now delivering NBN to all state government schools. It is being rolled out to the schools in Port Lincoln, and over the next 18 months or so I know it will be rolled out as well to all the area schools on Eyre Peninsula.

It is critically important because good fast internet these days is imperative to a good education. I often think that the smaller the school, the more important it is because, as we get to those senior years in small country schools, particularly area schools, it is really quite challenging to offer a broad range of subjects. We often find students in their senior years having to either go away to finalise their education or take up other options, but good NBN broadens their options and that is a good thing.

Health care on Eyre Peninsula is challenging in the sense that we are struggling to attract doctors. The state government has put in place a rural doctor workforce plan. We are contributing \$20 million to that, which is a significant amount of money. It is not going to be an overnight fix and the solution will have many prongs to it, I am sure. Streaky Bay is an example that comes to mind, and Wudinna has been operating with Dr Scott Lewis in town. It is even the case in bigger towns, like Port Lincoln. The anecdotal evidence is that we are up to 10 doctors short in Port Lincoln, so it is a problem.

I understand that it is a problem not just on Eyre Peninsula; it is right across country South Australia and, in fact, right across regional Australia. They are challenges that we need to address both at a state and a federal level. I think we will get to a solution. As I said, it is not going to be an overnight fix. Obviously, it is going to take a little while for solutions to flow through the system and for general practitioners to be attracted to country placement.

It is not just doctors; it is other allied health professionals as well, but I am of the view that, if we solve the doctor problem, we will go a long way to solving our other problems in relation to health professionals. Unfortunately, birthing services at Ceduna hospital have ceased at the moment. There is not a problem with the facility; it is simply a lack of staff. That is a work in progress.

As recently as last week, the Premier visited Eyre Peninsula as part of his drought tour. The Premier, the Hon. Steven Marshall, flew into Cleve with the acting minister for agriculture, the Hon. Dan van Holst Pellekaan, and we convened a meeting in the brand-new Cleve sporting facility, to which the state government had contributed \$630,000. It was nice to see that project finished. I understand that the official opening is coming up soon. I know the people of the eastern Eyre Peninsula were appreciative of the fact that the Premier and the acting minister were there. There was relatively late notice, but we had a group of about 60 people.

Eastern Eyre Peninsula has been having a tough time of it. Cleve, which is normally a good and reliable area, has had three dry years in a row. If you extend it to Cowell and down to Arno Bay

and north through Darke Peak into Kimba, there is a significant part of eastern Eyre Peninsula that has had unfavourable seasonal conditions, let's put it that way. Not only has rainfall been scarce but many farmers have been impacted by frost as well. Much hay has been cut. Much frosted grain has been cut. Fortunately, the market for hay has been good because there has been a drought situation in the Eastern States and obviously those fire-affected farmers have been looking for supplementary feeding.

I understand the Premier and acting minister continued on from Cleve to Orroroo, Hawker and Marree. I am not sure which order that occurred in, but they did the full circuit. Certainly at Cleve, and I am sure in other areas as well, the issue of mental health and mental wellbeing came up and how we manage, address and service individuals and families, etc., who are struggling through difficult seasonal and financial times.

It is not just farmers, of course; the flow-on affects all businesses in small towns. Sometimes whole families leave districts, which leaves a hole in the school, and services become increasingly difficult to provide. I guess the best solution of all is that we have good seasonal rainfall this coming year. Unfortunately governments cannot make it rain—I wish we could—but fingers crossed that the seasonal conditions will turn around. While on the subject of rainfall, an ongoing issue on Eyre Peninsula has always been the provision of a public water supply.

If we go back to the train line, one of the tasks of the early train service was to provide water to the settlements; there was simply not enough surface water and very little groundwater to supply the settlements on Eyre Peninsula. It evolved rather quickly through the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We built a reservoir, known as the Tod Reservoir, just out of Port Lincoln. That allowed a reticulated water system to be established all the way from the Tod Reservoir as far north as Ceduna. It was the longest reticulated water system in the world at the time, quite an engineering feat, in fact.

Just after the war years it became apparent that we would need to supplement that supply. We began extracting water from a number of underground lenses or basins at Poldia as well as a couple of others west and south of Lincoln, the Uley Basin, the Lincoln Basin and the Uley South Basin. After years of extraction, and very little recharge through these dry years, these basins are under some stress.

At a governmental level we have talked about supplementing the domestic water supply to the desal plant. Consultation is underway at the moment, working towards building that desal plant. Personally, I think it is imperative that we build a desal plant that will supplement our water supply, because it is a possibility that the way we are managing things now cannot continue.

I have talked about farming and some of the bigger projects. Of course, the other two significant inputs in relation to our regional economy are fishing and aquaculture—seafood, if you like—and tourism. The tuna boats are out now, attempting to catch their quota. I am hearing that the tuna are a bit hard to find this year. They are out there, and the fishermen know they are out there; but they just have to find them.

*The Hon. A. Koutsantonis interjecting:*

**Mr TRELOAR:** How are you going to find them, yes. I am sure they will find them. I am sure they will catch their quota, and it is really important they do catch their quota because Port Lincoln as a city relies so much on the tuna industry. It is a fishing town and there are other fisheries—there is rock lobster, abalone, sardines, the marine scale fishery—but, ultimately, at this point in time it is a tuna town. I wish them well in that.

The most important market for tuna fish is into Japan, and the most important market for the cray fishermen is into China. Of course, the coronavirus has meant those borders have effectively closed, and that has meant that the rock lobster fishermen have essentially lost their market. They are looking at options at the moment. I know they are developing a few options to put to government and the minister for fisheries, so we will see how that goes. I wish them well with that.

I have not even got onto space. I know the Governor mentioned space in his speech, and it is a possibility that Eyre Peninsula may play a part in the state's future involvement in the space industry.



**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens) (16:22):** It is always an honour and privilege to follow the member for Flinders. He always gives a wonderfully polite and sincere contribution to the house in his Address in Reply. He is an example for us all on the good advocacy of a local member of parliament, and I thank him for his contribution. I would also like to thank the Governor for his contribution and his remarks at the beginning of this new 'reset' (which I say with inverted commas). The Governor's speech detailed the government's agenda—I was nearly going to say 'new agenda' but, of course, we know it is not.

I want to talk about a few things in particular in my Address in Reply. Again, I thank His Excellency for opening the parliament and giving us direction for the next two years leading up to the election, unless, of course, the government prorogue the parliament again.

The topics I want to touch on are, of course, electricity and energy in this state; infrastructure; the member for Waite; the leadership of the Premier, pairs and leave arrangements for the parliament, which I think are an integral part of the behind-the-scenes running of the parliament in order for good governance in the Westminster tradition to operate in this state; Kangaroo Island, the Adelaide Hills, the fire victims and the recovery efforts; and regional South Australia. I saw in today's ANZ's Stateometer that there are some concerns about the level of output that might be coming from harvest, which I think a lot of people are very concerned about given what is going on with climate change. However, I will start with the interconnector.

For those people who are not overtly literate in the National Electricity Market, it is a very complex beast, and interconnection is what the government has pinned its hopes on for energy security in South Australia. I will admit that interconnection makes the job of the Australian Energy Market Operator very easy. It is much easier to have an integrated national market with interconnectors operating because it makes their job so much easier. It is not necessarily in the interests of the individual jurisdictions, but it certainly is in the interests of the market operator.

The question we have to ask ourselves as parliamentarians is: is it in our interests? Ultimately, in the long term the interconnector is in our interests. The question is, as always in politics, about timing. The most recent report released from the Australian Energy Regulator and by its Chair, Clare Savage, a former member of the Liberal Party and an expert in this field, is that if the interconnector in New South Wales is to be built it will likely see the closure of three of the largest gas-fired powered stations in South Australia: Torrens Island B, Osborne and Pelican Point. I cannot stress enough the danger for the state's economic sovereignty to lose the capacity of those generators.

**The Hon. T.J. Whetstone:** What about Port Augusta?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** The member for the Riverland interjects, 'What about Port Augusta?' That is a very, very good point. Port Augusta had commercial coal reserves until 2028 and no further. Pelican Point and Osborne are relatively new generators and have a life well beyond 2028, and Torrens Island can be refitted and is the largest gas-fired power station in South Australia. It is the engine room, the horsepower, that South Australia relies upon.

Gas, in my opinion, is the transition fuel to a zero net carbon emissions future, which we must hurtle towards, and quickly. The entire strategy to diversify through a hydrogen road map, or a green steel all relies on one assumption: an overabundance of renewable energy. Members opposite have not contemplated what interconnection will do to that overabundance. It will immediately create scarcity in the market here for renewables.

It will have two impacts: the overabundance will be gone because we will be exporting our renewables into New South Wales, which may have a benefit for investment in renewables in South Australia. The price you pay for that is a displacement effect by losing three generators, which are probably over 1,000 megawatts in generation capacity in the state, making us technically then completely reliant on interconnection for our day-to-day needs. Let that sink in.

The only way a hydrogen road map works, Mr Acting Speaker, as you would be well aware, is for cheap renewable energy to be able to run the electrolyzers and, of course, the desalination to get to the water to convert water into hydrogen. You need cheap, free power, otherwise the economics do not stand up. The first thing interconnection will do after it closes three power stations

is to create a scarcity of renewable energy and put immense pressure on Whyalla for its energy reserves, because of its green steel strategy. They are my concerns.

I also have concerns about the costs stated. I understand that if you read the report that was published by the Australian Energy Regulator this interconnector to New South Wales only stacks up if the costs in New South Wales of building the interconnector remain as stated. If they are larger than stated, the regulatory approval and the cost-benefit analysis falls over. To explain that in layman's terms, the two proponents, ElectraNet and Ausgrid, have said, 'This is what it will cost to build interconnection to New South Wales. This is what they think the benefit will be.' The regulator took a whole lot of the benefit off it saying, 'You are overestimating the benefits of the market, but your costs better not be any larger because if they are larger your project is not commercial.'

I understand that the AER's fears are accurate, that the cost of the interconnector in New South Wales has already blown out to well above a billion dollars just in New South Wales, not the cost to South Australia. This entire strategy is one on which the government has pinned its entire hopes to bring about their \$302 per year annual saving in electricity prices that the member for Colton, the member for Elder, the member for King and the member for Newland all promised the people of South Australia that they would deliver.

We will hold them to account for those promises as they watch the government attempt to try and get prices down by that much because it is not going to be through an interconnector. We know what the benefits are going to be, and they are nowhere near \$302 per year. That is the measure that they must meet and they must meet it by building an interconnector and closing three generators in South Australia. That is how they think they will create lower power prices. I have news for them: it will not work—but we will see.

In terms of infrastructure, I am very concerned about what the Leader of the Opposition has warned South Australians of—that is, a valley of death in terms of infrastructure work. The government claims to be spending four point something billion dollars on infrastructure per annum, on forward works. The government spend about that anyway each and every year. They have yet to begin Regency to Pym. They have completed projects initiated under the previous Labor government—Torrens to Torrens, Darlington, Northern Connector—and I concede that some of those projects were co-funded by a commonwealth Liberal government, but this Marshall Liberal government have not commenced any large-scale infrastructure projects of its own.

The Joy Baluch Bridge was something we funded. The infrastructure being spent in our schools of over \$870 million was something we committed to in 2017. I am yet to see large-scale infrastructure. To their credit, some individual intersections are being upgraded along Portrush Road in the marginal seat of Sturt, and the marginal seats of Norwood and Morialta, but I am yet to see large-scale infrastructure works elsewhere. Golden Grove Road, again, yes, an important project funded under Labor but not on the scale of the billions of dollars that create the thousands and thousands of jobs that the large-scale north-south corridor created.

Most disappointingly, of course, is the lie we were told about GlobeLink. I think members are hoping that South Australians will forget GlobeLink. I do not think they will, and we will remind them. We will remind the people of Murray Bridge that the member representing the area of Murray Bridge promised them a 24-hour export freight-only airport.

**Mr Pederick:** No he didn't. He promised \$20 million research.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Yes, and we will play the ads with the words of the Premier about how he will transform South Australia with GlobeLink. We will play the ads showing the member for Elder, and the members along the freight line promising to have the freight line removed from the Adelaide Hills, to sweep behind the Adelaide Hills with a brand-new road and rail line to connect to Outer Harbor at Port Adelaide.

Of course, none of that is going to happen. I would like to see members explain to their constituents during the election campaign, 'Oh, no, we only ever promised a feasibility study. It was never actually promised that we would build a road, a freight line and an airport.' I do not think anyone will believe them, but I look forward to them attempting to convince people of that lie.

I think the worst part about spruiking GlobeLink is its shortsightedness. Remember, before GlobeLink there was '2036'. The opposition leader at the time, the member for Dunstan, wanted to portray to South Australians that he had a long-term vision for the people of South Australia; instead, what he did was he duped them. He duped them into thinking, 'I am offering long-term solutions.' They were really tactical promises to try to combat insurgent third parties, like the Xenophon group, in vulnerable marginal seats or in vulnerable safe seats where they were subject to third-party contests.

I will give the Premier this due: that strategy worked. But the thing about politics is that it is not draughts: it is chess, and you have to think more than two moves in advance. So, when you promise to remove a billion-dollar freight line through someone's backyard, increasing their amenity, reducing their noise, improving their travel times to and from work and then do not deliver on it, people will remember. When you promise exporters that you will build them a 24-hour freight-only airport, they will remember.

The reason we know it was a lie is that no-one in South Australia, including the Premier, believed that they were ever going to do it. It was simply a tactical promise (1) to give the people of South Australia a sense that the Premier had a long-term bold vision and (2) as something for his candidates to talk about in response to the insurgent Xenophon group. They will pay for that short-term thinking in seats they probably would have won anyway at the next election when they are explaining to their constituents why none of it had been built. That goes to the Premier's leadership.

The Premier's leadership can be defined in a number of ways. I could talk about it in terms of land tax and the hit to confidence in South Australia, whether it be business confidence, consumer confidence or just sentiment about how the state is travelling. I can talk about it in terms of his judgement in attempting to conceal that he was sacking the Hon. David Ridgway as tourism minister and taking it himself because he used the example himself that the trade and investment minister needs to travel, yet the Premier needed to be here as tourism minister to sustain the fire recovery and then he tried to take a secret trip. Of course, the inevitable flowed out, which was that he was caught and the Premier was embarrassed.

Then we get to the events in this building on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of 2019. I have grave concerns about the handling of this by the Premier. Obviously, there is a culture of drinking in the Liberal Party, a culture of drinking that is out of control. I saw it on the first floor when officers were being moved where there were bottles and bottles—empty bottles—of wine. There is a problem at the core of the Liberal Party in terms of its parliamentarians about how they treat people who have a problem with alcohol. That problem with alcohol then exacerbates into misogyny, homophobia and racism.

How do you deal with that? Well, the Premier told us that what the member for Waite did was unacceptable, yet he stood by him. He stood by him through the sexual harassment, he stood by him during the sexual assault, he stood by him during the homophobia and he stood by him during the racism. Apparently there is now some new secret allegation that trumps all those. We do not know what it is. There are rumours. Members opposite are quite helpfully telling us what they think it might be. Some claim to have knowledge of it. They are not telling us what it is.

It is hard to know who is telling the truth and who is just being mischievous. From what I have been able to ascertain, the member for Waite was something of a wheeler and dealer factionally. I do not know how accurate that is, how powerful he was or is, but it seems he had a lot of friends and a lot of enemies. The friends are defending him and the enemies are talking to us. That is politics, I suppose.

What concerns me the most about that is I found out last weekend that, despite the Premier making public statements of sympathy towards the victims, he had not called anyone to see how they were doing. I do not know if that was deliberate or just an oversight. I will give the Premier the benefit of the doubt. Maybe the Premier thought it inappropriate to call a victim and say, 'I understand my member of parliament assaulted you or sexually harassed you or made homophobic remarks towards you or racist remarks towards you.' Maybe he thought it was not his place to apologise for the member for Waite. But the function of leadership means that you actually do step up and do

reach out: 'Are you okay? This is not acceptable. Do not feel guilty about making a complaint. You have done nothing wrong. It is the member for Waite at fault.'

When I heard the tape from the Waite SEC meeting, what horrified me the most was not that there were two sitting Liberal MPs at that meeting clapping the member for Waite, it was not that they passed a unanimous resolution in direct defiance of the Premier, despite being warned by a former cabinet minister no less that it was folly to do so, it was that all of them—all of them—thought that the member for Waite was the victim here. Poor old Sam. The media are camped out front. That is what happens when you get drunk in Parliament House and assault someone.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Point of order: I have just about had enough of the member for West Torrens reflecting on members in this place.

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

**Mr PEDERICK:** Yes, accusations, and I want you to act accordingly.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Cowdrey):** I direct the member to ensure that he abides by standing order 127 and restrains from making personal reflections on any members.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I am making no reflection on any member of this house this year. What is interesting is that to this day they still defend him. Right now, we have a point of order in his defence—loyal to the bitter end. I have to say that stuns me because I know how one of the victims is feeling: the isolation and the guilt. The sense that somehow the member for Waite is a victim as opposed to the actual victims, I find offensive and I would have thought that members opposite would, too. Maybe they do but they just do not want to speak out, which is fair enough. But, I think sometimes it is important to speak out, and I think the Hon. Connie Bonaros deserves to have us speak out for her.

I do not feel sorry for Sam. I liked Sam. I liked him a lot. I thought he had great potential in this parliament. I thought he was a thinker in the Liberal Party. I thought he was here for the right reasons. I thought that he was a conservative warrior for his side and that he was here on the basis of what he thought were conservative principles. I have to say that I like people who are here because of the beliefs they hold rather than a career. But, what I discovered was that was all rubbish. If he was principled and he was a true conservative, none of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> would have occurred, in my mind.

Then we get to pairs and leave. I feel very sorry for the member for Morialta, who was unceremoniously dumped as leader of government business or manager of government business, whatever you want to call it. He had the corner office upstairs, a very nice office, my old office. It is a very nice office, I can say. It is very hard losing that office, very difficult. I saw him unceremoniously moved out of that office downstairs because I am assuming the government wanted to send us a message that they were punishing him for not honouring pairs. Okay, we entered into a new arrangement with the member for Schubert, the new Leader of Government Business. We talked. I gave my word. He gave his.

It did not last 24 hours. I suppose there are two excuses for this: either it was deliberate or the government are a rabble. Senior ministers do not know that the Manager of Government Business and the manager of opposition business have engaged in negotiations to return these arrangements and, not more than 24 hours later, when it is inconvenient to the government, they break the deal and then say, 'Sorry. I know you got thrown out of parliament. I know leave wasn't granted. Can we have it back, please, because now it is convenient for us.'

What happens 12 months from now when it is not convenient again, one of our members is having surgery and cannot get here and you break another pair arrangement because you might lose some vote on suspending standing orders, or one of your members is going to cross the floor on some bill, exercising this famous independence Liberals have? What happens then? This building only works on trust and goodwill behind the scenes; otherwise, it does not work and it grinds to a halt.

I would have thought that the government would want to reinstate this process so that people who are legitimately ill do not have to be here and feel guilty about missing out on treatment to be here. It gives me no pleasure to deny pairs for people who want to spend time with their families or

who are ill, but if we cannot honour them what is the use? What is the use if every time we enter into a deal you are going to break it? Cross this line; okay. Cross this line; okay. Cross this line—at what point do we just say, 'You're untrustworthy'?

The truth is I do not think you are untrustworthy. I think most members opposite want to do a deal but, every now and then, your ministers blow their brains out in public because they are a rabble. Discipline: part of being a cabinet is being disciplined, following instructions, cabinet solidarity, understanding what the day-to-day operation of government is. If they cannot do it, trust me, there are members on the backbench who are far more qualified than the ones on the front bench, who can follow instruction, understand deals and understand the practice, precedents and traditions of the parliament.

Why do we have pairs? I will explain it one more time: so the will of the election is reflected in every vote in this parliament, so members who cannot be here do not leave their communities unrepresented because of illness or because they are doing important work on behalf of the state interstate or overseas, so that those communities are not valueless all of a sudden. If the government wins 24 seats, the opposition wins 23 and two government members are doing Her Majesty's work abroad, does that mean we can just overturn the election result? No.

We have pairing arrangements to make sure that the will of the election is carried out for the term of the parliament—stable Westminster responsible government—but it seems to be beyond members opposite to deliver that despite their majority. Now they are in a situation where they have 23 votes on the floor of the house and they have an ex suspended member away at Liberal Party functions, and when they reinstate pairs we do the deal and they break it.

**The Hon. T.J. Whetstone:** Where's the member for Lee? Where's he?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Do you want to enforce the same standing orders about members not being here? No, of course not.

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

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Of course not. Hypocrisy is—

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Cowdrey):** Member for West Torrens, you are entitled to raise a point of order. If you wish to do so, you should do so. You should not reflect.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you. Reflect on what, sir?

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Cowdrey):** Continue your remarks or raise a point of order, please, member for West Torrens.

**The Hon. T.J. Whetstone:** Where's the member for Lee?

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Thank you very much for interrupting. I want to get to Kangaroo Island and the Adelaide Hills. The difficulty with Kangaroo Island, in particular, is the costs associated with operating infrastructure and enterprise because of freight costs. It is not so much the tyranny of distance but the tyranny of the ferry. It is a big problem. When I was treasurer, I instituted an ESCOSA inquiry into the costs of the ferry service, and, in my opinion, the corporate overheads allocated towards the cost of that service here in Adelaide and on that ferry service were excessive. I think there is plenty of room to move in SeaLink's ability to lower costs, not just in an emergency but on an ongoing basis.

I will tell you something anecdotal. When I went to Kangaroo Island with the shadow cabinet, my wife said to me that it would be lovely to bring back some Kangaroo Island lamb. So I thought, 'Great idea. I'll go over, spend a bit of money and bring it back to the mainland.' I went to every butcher shop I could find and none of them sold butchered Kangaroo Island produce. One of the reasons for that, they told me, is the cost of operating any facility to butcher meat on the island, which I thought they could have done with some premium.

However, it all gets back to the central theme that everything on the island is more expensive; it costs a lot more. That is why every major island anywhere in the world operated by Western democracies has a higher level of subsidy in place than the rest of the mainland. It is important that we maintain that level of subsidy.

The Adelaide Hills are also a very important part of the South Australian economy, whether it is agriculture, wine or tourism. They have been hit pretty hard: twice now they have had hailstorms that did a lot of damage to produce—cherries, apples and other fruits—and of course they have had the fires. Again, I think the government needs to step up and show a greater level of interest in making sure that those regional economies can get back on their feet quickly.

The last thing I will finish with, in the short time available, is to thank members very much for their generous and kind words to me over the last week or so regarding the unfortunate event that occurred in my personal life. It is a sign that there is still goodwill in this parliament and that we are all people who wish to do better. I was touched by the many messages and cards that I received from political opponents and old friends. On behalf of my family, thank you to all members who reached out, stopped and said hello and passed on their condolences.

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.

### *Bills*

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

### *Second Reading*

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL (Schubert—Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, Minister for Planning) (16:54):** I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The government is committed to delivering a modern planning system for South Australia. This new system consists of two major elements:

- an exciting new electronic e-planning system which will dramatically alter the way planning rules are stored, retrieved and maintained in South Australia, making planning more accessible for everyone; and
- the Planning and Design Code which will consolidate all 72 council development plans into one single source of planning policies for assessing development applications across the state.

The new planning system is being introduced in three phases, with phase 1 for outback South Australia already operational. Phase 2 for rural council areas is currently planned to go live in April 2020, whilst phase 3 for metropolitan council areas and large regional towns is due to go live in July 2020.

To date, there have been over 350 phase 2 and phase 3 submissions, with more than 200 community, council and industry engagement events conducted. Phase 3 remains on consultation until the end of February. During the past five months of consultation, I have consistently heard from councils and the community that more time is needed to understand the code and become familiar with the new e-planning system. Our engagement and consultation on South Australia's new planning system is genuine. The government has openly listened and heard the concerns regarding the time frames around implementation.

I have taken advice from the State Planning Commission on the need to grant councils, industry and the community more time to understand, prepare and become business ready before the new system comes into full effect. I am restoring this bill, which has already passed the other place, to provide more time to ensure all South Australians feel comfortable and confident with our new planning system.

This bill makes amendment to the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 to remove the deadline of 1 July 2020 for full implementation of the Planning and Design Code, and enable the time frame to be set by proclamation. This will enable time for an additional step in this public process to provide an opportunity for people to see and experience the approved code and e-planning system before the new planning system is implemented. It will also facilitate more time for testing and potentially more enhancements to be made to the e-planning system, should they be

required. It will not include further consultation, as the code has already had an extensive five-month period of public consultation.

As consultation on the draft phase 2 code is complete, we can now put in place a comprehensive readiness program to assist council, community and industry preparations. We expect phase 2 will now be implemented by July 2020.

As phase 3 code consultation is still open until Monday 28 February 2020, the range of matters and potential for change is not yet fully known; however, we expect a similar request for an extension of time and, as such, anticipate phase 3 will be implemented in September 2020, with a supporting proclamation enabling this time frame. I commend the bill to the house.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Cowdrey):** Minister, do you have an explanation of clauses that you wish to insert into *Hansard*?

**The Hon. S.K. KNOLL:** This bill is merely being restored from the other place, so I assume those documents were all provided at that point. What we are merely doing today is restoring the second reading.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Cowdrey):** Correct.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. A. Koutsantonis.

*Address in Reply*

#### ADDRESS IN REPLY

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

**The Hon. T.J. WHETSTONE (Chaffey—Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development) (16:59):** I rise to make a contribution to the Address in Reply. Very proudly coming into government, I was able to give some election commitments to the great electorate of Chaffey. I am very proud that some of those initiatives were newly developed initiatives and that some were reinstating what a cruel previous Labor government took away from a regional centre that had relied on some of those services and policies for many years. To the detriment of those services, they cruelly had the rug pulled out from underneath them.

One of the first to be reinstated was the community legal service in the Riverland and Mallee. It was not just about providing a legal service for the good people; it was providing a service for those who were less privileged. It was also an outreach service for those less fortunate. In December 2018, the Riverland community legal service was reinstated, and it is now the Riverland Community Justice Centre. That came about with a \$600,000 commitment from the Marshall government that allowed for the reinstatement of those services.

To show the importance of that service, particularly in the Riverland and Mallee area, we have seen more than 230 separate pieces of legal advice given since the opening in December 2018. It was a great initiative to bring that service back into play so that people did not have to go south of Adelaide. To give some clarity, the previous Labor government had taken away the service and reinstated it at Christies Beach, which is a long way from the Riverland. Those people either had to travel or try to get that legal service over the phone.

For those of you who have had to get legal support, doing it over the phone is not an option. Having a person come into the Riverland for a very limited time was just outrageous. As I said, the rug was pulled out from underneath the good people of the Riverland and Mallee for the betterment of those areas within South Australia that seemed to fit underneath the Labor banner. They were Labor seats and Labor people, and it gave them the advantage that it had taken away from people in the seat of Chaffey.

Moving along, we also saw the sad cases caused by the scourge of ice in many regional centres, as well as in metropolitan Adelaide. What we have seen over a long period of time is that crystal methamphetamine is one of the great scourges of modern-day society. It continues to come into society, and it is having a huge impact particularly in small regional communities, where we see the vulnerability of those small country towns.

Over a long period of time, I have witnessed increased traffic into my office of families who had been impacted and by friends who had been impacted by ice. It was evident that we needed to have a very good and robust supportive rehab facility. In my travels along the way, I have spoken to many organisations that claim they had the answer, that they had the services and the rehab facilities. I went out far and wide to look at those services.

Along the way, I was at the Karoonda field day and ran into Dr Quentin Black. He heads up PsychMed. PsychMed has the runs on the board and had been running some pilot programs in the south and north of Adelaide. When I did my research, I found that the programs were proving very successful. Under the great leadership of Dr Quentin Black, the MATRIX drug rehabilitation program is what I consider to be a very good option.

Working with minister Stephen Wade in another place, we met with Dr Quentin Black. We looked at and assessed the rehab facility. We were able to fund a two-year program in the Riverland, and this rehabilitation program was the first of its kind in regional South Australia. I know that many other regional MPs in this chamber and in the other place are watching very carefully how successful this rehab program can be, could be, will be and is being.

The first program has now rolled out. Clients have 16 weeks of mentoring sessions to help them recover from crystal methamphetamine addiction. I have been to the facility in Berri, and we have presented awards and certificates, as well as the teddy bear reward program, to those who have been through the program and have been successful. It is life changing, not only for those who have been directly impacted by the scourge of ice but also for their family and friends because of the complete disarray that comes with addiction to ice, what that means not only to friends and family but also to small regional communities.

It is far reaching. It digs deep, and it digs very, very deep into those small communities. When addicts run out of money and steal from not only their family and friends. They have to find money for their addiction, and that impacts on all those they steal, beg or borrow from to keep their habit going. It is a great initiative, and the Riverland is very proud of the PsychMed facility in Berri. I am very proud that I was able to work with the then shadow health minister, the now very worthy health minister here in South Australia to have this MATRIX drug rehabilitation program implemented in the Riverland. I hope we see more and more of this PsychMed program.

Moving on to some of the other promises we made up in the Riverland, there is nothing more important in horticulture than biosecurity. There were some questions asked earlier today in question time about fines that have been imposed on people bringing fruit and vegetables into the Riverland area, a fruit fly free area, and South Australia stands proud to be one of the last remaining mainland states to be fruit fly free.

The promise was that we would install extra bins on those arterial roads coming into the Riverland so that people could declare their fruit and vegetables, put them into those bins to reduce the risk of fruit fly. What we had seen previously was a build-up of fruit fly detections in the Riverland through the previous government, and I guess that happened through lack of action. Yes, they were reactive—when there was a fruit fly outbreak they went out and cleaned it up—but we continue to see an increase in detections. There were more than 70, when we came into government, experienced in the Riverland.

There was nothing surer than that we were going to have more outbreaks, and that happened. We saw the outbreak of 5 December in Loxton, and we saw another huge clean-up. However, what comes with a clean-up is that we have to have declarations, and that impacts on our markets, on those growers and on the taxpayer to clean up the Queensland fruit fly detected. That really was the straw that broke the camel's back.

During my time as a citrus grower, horticulturalist and irrigator in a previous life, I had experienced a Queensland fruit fly outbreak, and I thought there was no point in kicking the can down the road and continuing to do more of the same. We had to implement a zero tolerance. We have done that. It had some growing pains, but it is now going along. We are seeing far, far fewer detections of Queensland fruit fly. We are seeing now that we have had two outbreaks: one, as I said, at Loxton but also one at Lizzie Point, which is in Victoria. However, with the exclusion zones, it impacted on Riverland horticulturalists, it impacted on the outer skirts of Renmark—the Murtho



area—and it impacted on the Pike River area, so this zero tolerance approach is having a working impact on horticulture.

We are now giving on-the-spot fines. We are issuing those fines, and to do that we have had to not only make significant investment at the Yamba roadblock but also implement more random roadblocks—any roads coming into South Australia and roads coming into the Riverland—and I can proudly say that this is having an absolute impact on the amount of fruit being confiscated. There is more fruit being put into bins, but I would hope that what we will see is less fruit put into bins and less fruit being taken at the random roadblocks at Yamba, at Ceduna, out at Oodla Wirra and out at Pinnaroo, which would mean that the message is getting through.

We are putting more resources into education. We are making people aware. We are putting extra signage right around the country so that people are aware that, if they are coming into South Australia, they will do the right thing and they will abide by the new zero tolerance approach. The signage has been significant. The presence of our biosecurity officers has been significant with the introduction of zero tolerance. We are continuing to monitor. We have trained up an extra 14 staff for the Yamba roadblock. I think that is a successful eradication program, and it is in collaboration. It is not only done by the government but we are working with industry and we are working with the communities so that we are all beneficiaries and taxpayers' money is best spent.

What we now see is that those fines that are being collected through people doing the wrong thing is being reinvested back into that zero tolerance approach, and I think that is a great thing. We are also utilising the SIT (sterile insect technology) facility at Port Augusta. When we have had the outbreaks we are releasing the sterile flies. That, again, is breaking the life cycle of the fly, and that is very important in combating the fly.

We have increased pressure on our borders, and that increased pressure on our borders continues to flow. It has flowed into the Riverland, it has flowed into Ceduna, it has flowed into Thevenard with Medfly and Qfly detections and declared outbreaks, and we will break that cycle. We are committed as a government to breaking that cycle, to support our horticulturalists, to support our irrigators so that we can export more, and we can have that clean, green safe image, and we move forward. What I also must say is that the upgrades at Yamba, the extra staff, the training of staff and the extra entry and exit lanes are having an impact. Yes, those who are doing the wrong thing are paying the price, but it is there to safeguard a very valuable horticulture sector.

If we talk about blackspots, and if we talk about digital connection in regional South Australia, sadly the previous Labor government ignored the call-out for digital connection, the call-out for mobile phone coverage in our regions. It is an absolute crime that that government continued to never represent regional South Australia in any way shape or form when it came to blackspot towers. We saw the first two rounds of commonwealth funding looking for the states to be engaged, and we saw every other state bar South Australia being engaged, and sadly we are paying the price now. There are over 500 blackspots in South Australia, and we are looking to remedy that.

We have taken advantage of the further rounds 4 and 5 to install small cell and large macro cell towers, making sure that we can utilise some of the NBN. We want to make sure that we can have that connection to put us on a level footing with other regional centres around the nation so that we can be just as competitive when we are dealing with our markets, our salespeople and the logistics chain: ordering trucks, whether you are carting a truckload of grain or whether you are teeing up a load of bins in the horticulture sector or a load of wine grapes.

These are our major exporters and our major economic drivers whether it be grain, wine grapes, a load of citrus, a load of horticulture or a load of cattle or sheep. These are our main drivers and to be more globally competitive we have to have that digital connection. The \$10 million commitment coming into government is now being rolled out in collaboration with the commonwealth government and our telcos so that we can give that competitive nature to our regions in South Australia, making sure that we can harness an opportunity that has been long ignored by a previous government and is now being adopted and supported by the Marshall government.

The five towers in my electorate—Murtho, Murtho South, Mount Mary, Bower and Wunkar—will soon be switched on. Today, Murtho South and Wunkar towers were switched on. Hip, hip hooray! They are screaming for joy in those areas, but there are more. As I have said, the Murtho

North tower adjacent to the Woolshed Brewery is also adjacent to the ancient forest at Chowilla, which means it is good news not only for the local horticulturalists, those landowners, but good news for tourism.

It is good news for the safety of those people traversing those roads, the river, out there camping in the ancient forest or on a houseboat, or for those looking to use the telemetry or to ring for an ambulance if there has been an accident on farm. These are the sorts of initiatives that this government is putting in place to support regions particularly in Chaffey.

If we look at the GM moratorium, that was also a commitment given to our grain growing sector. We have headwinds from a Labor opposition in disarray. No-one over there can make a decision. We have the spokesperson for agriculture wanting to lift the moratorium and yet we have a few other troublemakers in the opposition who will not allow that to happen, and so the spokesperson is beside himself trying to get the moratorium lifted and unable get any consensus in his party.

Yet we have people who have opinions, who live in the city, who have no qualifications when it comes to putting a credible argument as to why the moratorium should be lifted. The moratorium should be lifted so that we are in line with every other mainland state in Australia. There is no economic benefit in having the moratorium here in South Australia. That has been proven. An independent audit done in South Australia showed that the South Australian grain industry is losing money while this moratorium is in place.

There is no economic advantage or benefit in having a GM moratorium in South Australia. The industry is screaming out for the moratorium to be lifted, the grain growers are screaming out for it to be lifted, the regional communities want it lifted and yet we have these obstructionists who have no interest in regional South Australia—none at all—bar the spokesperson for agriculture, who tells me that he categorically wants the moratorium lifted, yet he cannot get consensus within his rabble opposition party.

We have had regulations disallowed by the Greens. They are no friends of the farmer. We had a bill defeated in the other place. We hear that SA-Best want to be friends of the farmers yet they are not prepared to lift the moratorium. We have the Labor opposition. They are no friends of the farmer, never have been and never will be. They do not want the moratorium lifted either, because they cannot decide which way to go. It really does beggar belief.

If we as a state are going to have the economic advantage of having that moratorium lifted, we need to support our grain industry. We need to support the largest export commodity in South Australia: the grain industry. We need to support the grain sector. It really does beggar belief. There has been a bill introduced in this place and I look forward to seeing if we can have some constructive debate and have the moratorium lifted in the very near future. I hope that all the crossbenchers are listening. I hope that all the Labor members are listening. If they are listening to their constituency in the regions of South Australia, then they will support the lifting of the moratorium.

I will now move on to education. We all know how important education is, and no more important than in the regions of South Australia. I commend the education minister who has now moved to amalgamate the middle campus and the senior campus at Glossop. It is a great initiative. Bringing those two campuses together, bringing year 7 eventually into high school in our regions, is a critical part of making sure that we offer the best education program and good education facilities and that is exactly what the Glossop community is looking for.

The wider Glossop community is supported by many of the small Riverland towns and the main towns where it will be located in Berri. It is supported by Glossop, it is supported by Barmera and it is supported by a number of other towns that bring their children into this great facility, soon to be a greater facility with a \$17.2 million investment. This is great news. The capacity will house up to 800 students from year 7 to year 12 and I think that it is a great initiative. I have worked with three principals through lobbying to have these campuses amalgamated. I have also been working with Sue Schultz, the governing council chair. I know that she has been a long-suffering governing council chair in making sure that this amalgamation comes through.

We talk about investing in infrastructure, in roads. For 16 long years, regional South Australia never really got much of a go with regional infrastructure, road infrastructure. We saw instead that

they reduced the speed limits. Rather than fix the roads, they just reduced the speed limits because that is the cheap way. It is much cheaper to change a sign than it is to fix a road.

At the same time, we saw the cessation of rail, particularly in the Mallee. Closing the two lines, Pinnaroo to Taillem Bend and Loxton to Taillem Bend, put more trucks on the road. Rather than fix the roads, they just reduced the speed limit. That makes economical sense—not. It does not improve safety on our roads. All it shows is the ignorance and arrogance of the previous Labor government and the contempt they showed for regional South Australia.

Again, we are now seeing the cessation of rail—it was coming a long, long time ago—on Eyre Peninsula. The member for Flinders is absolutely beside himself that this has been allowed to happen. While this is happening, it puts more pressure on our roads and that is why this government is putting a record amount of support and expenditure into maintaining and improving regional roads here in South Australia.

The Marshall government will continue to work with the commonwealth government, the Morrison Coalition, to make sure that we put a satisfactory amount of budgetary expenditure into regional roads to make them safer and more productive so that we can get our exports to port and to the airports and making sure that we are looking after our primary producers—the engine room of this state's economy.

While I am talking about the engine room of the state's economy, I want to talk about health. We need to keep health services, particularly in Chaffey, so that people do not have to travel a six-hour round trip for a doctor's appointment or for cancer treatment, chemotherapy treatment. They can now have much more of that service undertaken, particularly with a \$6.9 million state government health expansion.

We now have a licence for an MRI machine. The MRI machine will be installed in the Riverland very soon. We are now seeing that we can have lower level cancer treatment undertaken in the Riverland. That is saving people many, many hours by not having to travel to Adelaide or to major centres to have that treatment. It is not just about the cost and it is not just about the level of stress in having to do that, but it does come at a great cost of being away from your family and loved ones, in many instances having to stay down in Adelaide, and of being away from work.

We have seen fit to work with the health minister so we can have better health outcomes, better hospital services, making sure that the complexity will be narrowed down so that we can actually support people who are in medical need, people who are in dire situations. Having cancer treatment, particularly, can have much more scope—having that undertaken in the Riverland. That is great news. Patients now will have reduced travel time, no longer having to deal with the inconvenience, and I think it is great news. It has been widely applauded by everyone in the Riverland and Mallee.

As I say, the Marshall Liberal government is doing the best it can at this very moment. We have picked up the biggest sandwich in the health system that this state has ever experienced. We have had to fix up Transforming Health, we have had to reopen hospitals that had been closed and we have had to reinstate services that had been taken away from regional hospitals. It was a disgrace. The health system here was an absolute disgrace under the now Leader of the Opposition and the member for Kaurana, who were overseeing Transforming Health, overseeing hospital closures and reduced health services. It was an absolute dog's breakfast, and it is something that South Australians should long remember—what 16 years of a Labor government did to this state.

We also look at the \$3.6 million in annual funding for governing boards to allow decision-making closer to the regions. That has been a huge success and widely applauded in the Riverland and Mallee. What we are seeing now is some grassroots decisions being made. They are decisions that are not being made in a glass tower in Adelaide by a government that really did not care and was looking to save budget money rather than provide service. What we are seeing now is that we have a government that cares—that cares for the country, cares for the city. But we are having to fix up the mess that we were left with.

Again, there are the weather stations that have been promised and are about to be installed, the state-of-the-art localised automatic weather stations in the Riverland. At some point in time the

Ag Excellence Alliance, which is now installing these weather stations in the Riverland, will be linked up with the Mid North, and eventually we will have a set of weather stations statewide that will talk to one another, aid our farmers, aid those farmers who are out there spraying, making sure that we can understand what the wind shifts mean so that we do not have the issues of spray drift and so that we can have a more harmonious farming community, particularly with dryland farmers looking to spray out summer weeds while we have vineyards in the neighbouring paddocks. It will be making sure that horticulture and the dryland sector work better together, more harmoniously, through the use of these weather stations.

We have also seen the expansion of Almondco, a great, great South Australian business. It is a cooperative, and as the minister proudly working under the Marshall Liberal government, we have given them a cooperative loan, \$28½ million dollars, to double the capacity of one of the highest value commodities here in South Australia when it comes to horticulture. It is a great initiative, and I think it is going to employ 170 people—an extra 50 new jobs up at Renmark. Not only do they have their processing plant there but they also have their cracking plant across the river from where I live. It is a great South Australian cooperative business. It has been running for many years, and it is growing with the need of that industry. It is just a shining light in terms of what can be achieved within horticulture here in South Australia.

Chaffey has benefited under the government's regional focus: 20,800 new apprentices and trainees, and just recently we had our regional apprentice and trainee awards. They are the largest regional apprentice and trainee awards in the nation. I think it is an outstanding achievement by the Riverland. I think the Riverland stands proud because it has over 800 apprentices and trainees that currently come under minister Pisoni's portfolio. But we continue to be leaders in regional South Australia.

Increasing sports vouchers has been a huge success. We have the reform of PATS and the Rural Medical Workforce Plan has been outstanding. We are listening to the regions. We are supporting South Australians, because we are a government that care.

**Ms STINSON (Badcoe) (17:29):** I rise to respond to the Governor's address. Certainly the highlight of that address was the man giving it, the Governor, who does some absolutely magnificent work right across our community, including in my own electorate. I take this opportunity to thank him and Lan for the magnificent job they do of representing our community and also reflecting its values back to our community. The reason the Governor presented a speech earlier this month was because of the proroguing of parliament.

We were told by the government that the prorogation was necessary because of the government's need to hit the reset button. Not even two years in and the government is having to restart to attempt to wipe the slate clean and start again, to reboot the whole shebang. It is not a great reflection on its achievements or indeed its lack of achievement over the first half of its term if it wants us all to forget what it has or has not been doing and start afresh. It is possibly sadder that this grand reset we have been hearing about for month after month now is actually nowhere to be seen. It simply has not materialised. Maybe instead of hitting the start button someone sat on the pause button by mistake. Who knows? Probably not even the government itself.

The Governor's address barely touched on the electorate of Badcoe and there was pretty scant mention of anything new for the portfolio of child protection and little detail on the arts. It is of little surprise that this government has no agenda for this inner southern seat of Badcoe. But delivering nothing is actually an improvement on the damage this government is usually inflicting on people in my area. In almost two years, this government has clearly spelt out not just a disregard but a contempt for the people of Badcoe, the people I feel so lucky to represent.

When this government very suddenly announced it was reneging on its promise of the new city school zone boundaries, that showed a complete ignorance of local people's situations: their sacrifices, their investments and their life decisions. It was not just an ignorance. Once the impact of this decision was quickly, loudly and clearly articulated by people to the government, it did not express any understanding: it actually attacked them, painting them as elitist or entitled for simply wanting this government to stick to its promises.

The Liberals went to the last election with a few pretty clear education policies, and one of them of course was moving year 7 into high school. Not once did it tell parents that their support for that policy would mean crowding in their locally zoned schools and that they would be kicked out of their local school. It is a shocking way to treat people. Families in Black Forest, Kurralta Park, Glandore and Clarence Park have not forgotten how cruelly this government treated them. I hear it at the school gates every time I visit my local schools.

The decision on school zones also sent a wider message. It sent a clear message to the broader community of Badcoe, and indeed the inner southern suburbs, that this government's promises simply are not worth anything. They do not care about our area, which brings us to another failure of this government in the electorate of Badcoe: the use of Building Better Schools funding. This program was the brainchild of our excellent deputy leader and saw funding boosted for schools that are most in need to bring their facilities up to modern educational standards.

Shamefully, almost two years into this Liberal government's tenure, the Building Better Schools funding, totalling \$18 million for schools in my area, has barely been touched. Quite aside from failing to implement its own ideas, this government cannot even put into practice the ideas of the former government that were already fully funded. An amount of \$10 million was allocated for Springbank Secondary College. Appallingly, I understand that this government told that school that it would have to chip into that funding for maintenance, thus depriving it of being able to fully use the money for its intended purpose, which was to improve educational facilities for its students to take them to a new level.

Then there is \$3 million for Plympton International College. That money is yet to be spent. It was allocated for a performing arts centre with drama and visual art spaces, which are desperately needed, as well as additional general classrooms. The school has already chipped into its own funds to upgrade its previously parlous toilet facilities. I commend the school community for investing those funds. That school is in need of further funds for landscaping of its very dominant concrete spaces and other facilities. I am proud that this school, under the previous government, received a quite magnificent STEM centre, but further investment will be required as the school hits capacity next year.

Then there is \$5 million that was allocated to Black Forest Primary School, just around the corner from my house. Its well-developed plans were halted under this government pending the year 7 to high school plan. Why those students have to miss out on better quality educational resources because the Liberal government fails to properly fund its own policies is completely beyond me, and it is beyond the parents at Black Forest Primary School as well. According to the budget papers, this school will be waiting until after the next election for construction to start in earnest, and that is a terrible shame.

I want to see all children in our community receive top quality education. I do not want to see a system of haves and have-nots when it comes to public schooling—or any schooling, for that matter. I would warmly welcome this government ensuring that funding already owed to our local schools is spent, and spent promptly. I would also welcome this government building on Labor's infrastructure investments in our schools. Sadly, there was no mention of such investment in the Governor's speech.

Failing to deliver and breaking promises is something my constituents are fast becoming accustomed to from this Liberal government. We have also recently seen the GlobeLink election promise broken. The Liberal candidate for the 2018 election for the seat of Badcoe was, I have to say, pretty persuasive in our area, telling a lot of people—hundreds of people—on Cross Road in particular that GlobeLink would remove heavy trucks from Cross Road and that it would improve their property values and their quality of life.

I know that a lot of people took this promise very seriously, because when I doorknocked those homes and when I called people in the election campaign that commitment was raised with me, and it has been raised with me since. Who would not want heavy transport removed from their street? Who would not want noise reduced? Who would not want to live on a safer and calmer road and, of course, who would not want the value of their property increased?

There was already a lot of evidence at the time that GlobeLink was never going to happen. It was panned by key industry groups, and there was no serious planning or costings ever devised. Despite that, I am confident that the Liberals picked up a few votes in Badcoe for this policy. Those voters have told me they have now been left with a really sour taste in their mouths, to discover that GlobeLink, which they invested their faith in, was all a myth.

My community has also been impacted more than most by the broken promise about privatisation. 'We don't have a privatisation agenda,' the now Premier claimed before the lead-up to the election, but that was clearly false. With the tramline and the train line crossing through the middle of the electorate of Badcoe, public transport is a key issue for local people. They want a safe, accessible and affordable public transport service, and it is indeed a big drawcard for people living, investing and setting up businesses in our area that there is a wealth of public transport options.

People did believe the no privatisation guarantee that the Premier gave, and they are now furious that their services will be privatised without them even having the opportunity to cast their vote on such a huge decision. One would think that any government that is interested in the views of its citizens would take such a critical policy decision to an election but, sadly, not this government, and we know why.

We have also seen the government's pledge of better services spectacularly broken, with the news that the ultimate place for constituents to access government services—the Service SA offices—will be closed. Not only is the Mitcham office closing down but we have seen the city office diminished. Those are two Service SA centres that look after a large number of residents of Badcoe.

Even though the government may not take their promises to the people of the inner south seriously, Labor certainly does. As the local MP, I have done my best over these nearly two years to ensure that the things Labor committed to prior to the election are delivered. I am pleased to report not only that Badcoe benefited in many ways from the work and decisions of the former government but that much of the investment the former government decided on has come to fruition since the election.

The old clubhouse at Goodwood Oval is now no more. The new one will be delivered by the end of this year. This is a project that our community started agitating for many years ago, but they got no love from the then mayor. I am pleased that my campaign for \$2.5 million for the new clubhouse was answered by our former premier, Jay Weatherill, and that the money was committed under the former Labor government. That initial investment enabled me, with strong community support, to persuade the local council to chip in and also the Goodwood Saints Football Club and the Goodwood Cricket Club to invest in the project as well.

It is now underway, and I absolutely could not be more delighted that this fantastic facility is going to be provided to our community. When it is completed, women and girls for the first time at that oval will have their own dedicated change rooms. The facility will be brought into the modern age, including having disability access. It will provide a fantastic sporting resource but also a great venue for the community too.

The other major developments under construction in Badcoe right now are the second and third phases of the Weigall Oval redevelopment at Plympton. I have already been really pleased to unveil the plaque on the first stage, which saw an amazing Nature Play playground built at the site. It is already wildly popular. The next stage sees the playing ovals upgraded to avoid flooding, the tennis courts completed and a new clubhouse for the use of the Adelaide Angels Baseball Club—of which I am very proudly the number one ticket holder—and the Cobras Omonia soccer club as well as our broader community.

The City of West Torrens has co-funded and shepherded that work, and I applaud their investment in this project and the work of their council officers in guiding this project so smoothly. Labor's investment in sport has also been realised by another soccer club, the mighty Cumberland Park football club, with a synthetic pitch installed at AA Bailey reserve at Clarence Gardens. That was opened in May last year. It was a pleasure to be there to open that, where \$1.2 million was invested to ensure a more consistent and reliable playing surface but also to save ratepayers some serious coin on water bills at the site.

I am also looking forward to seeing the realisation of the plans for the Women's Memorial Playing Fields. That facility is not in my electorate, but I was part of the campaign to get Labor to commit funds to that project. I know that the Liberals also joined us on that pledge, which was very welcome. That facility will become the new home for the Forestville Hockey Club, among other clubs. That club has existed in my electorate for 100 years. It is a real shame to see the Forestville Hockey Club leave, but it is wonderful that they will have more expansive and tailored facilities in partnership with other clubs that will use that site. About \$9 million is being invested in that site. I wish the local members for Elder and, I think, Davenport all the best for delivering that project.

I have also been lucky to be able to deliver on the former Labor government's investment of new women's change rooms at the Millswood Bowling Club. Investing in women's change rooms was a cornerstone of the former Labor government's community infrastructure investment and one that very sadly has not been continued under this Liberal government. Those facilities are used by both the pennants teams and also the ever-growing night owls competition, of which I am an occasional participant, though I have to say that, on my first visit to the Millswood Bowling Club, I managed to miraculously score a resting toucher, but it has been all downhill since then.

One thing I was hoping to hear in His Excellency's speech earlier this month was that this government had reinstated the very popular and completely worthwhile Fund My Neighbourhood initiative. Sadly, there was no funding for community infrastructure through a democratised approach like Fund My Neighbourhood. My electorate of Badcoe, as did all others across the state, received funding through that program and it has been a delight to see those projects built. These are projects that members of the community thought up themselves, invested their time and effort in devising, went and spoke to their friends, neighbours and local businesses about, got people to vote for and really did all the hard yards to get their ideas and projects up off the ground for the benefit of their neighbourhoods.

It was an absolute joy to attend the Ascot Park Primary School and open its two Fund My Neighbourhood projects last year: a multicultural community garden, which was very generously also supported by Bunnings, so the school got even more bang for its buck; and their new Nature Play playground, which has some very important and moving Indigenous elements to pay respect to our First Nations people, to celebrate Aboriginal students at the school and to encourage learning among the school community about Indigenous culture.

Parents, teachers and students went door to door, getting people to vote for their projects, and I was with them knocking on the doors. Ultimately, they were very successful in getting the support of their local community and they won the funds for both of those projects. I think that school deserves more attention from this government and I would like to see this government build on the Fund My Neighbourhood investments and other investments by the former Labor government, including new flagpoles, which have also enabled the school to acknowledge the diverse cultural backgrounds of its students.

Edwardstown Primary School has also seen a new Nature Play playground unveiled under Fund My Neighbourhood. Again, that school is just outside my electorate—just a block outside—but it is the local school for many Badcoe families. The Edwardstown school community staged a very sophisticated campaign to seek community votes to win their funding under Fund My Neighbourhood. The school was plastered in very colourful chalk messages and drawings, encouraging people to vote in the lead-up, and at the annual Strawberry Fair, which is a fantastic event, you could not escape the chance to vote, with people coming around with iPads and encouraging everyone to vote for the Edwardstown Primary School project.

They won their money and the Nature Play playground that has since been built is, I think, one of the best I have seen. It is very well utilised by students but is also accessible to local families on the weekends, even if their children do not go to Edwardstown Primary. That has been a great investment. At Goodwood Oval, the Fund My Neighbourhood project delivered new cricket sightscreens, a barbecue and a new electronic scoreboard after the cricket and footy clubs banded together with their very strong membership and with the communities of Millswood, Clarence Park, Black Forest and Forestville to get the votes to win funding for those new facilities. That was a very successful community-led campaign as well.

Lastly from the Fund My Neighbourhood fund for Badcoe is the soon to be opened Nature Play playground at AA Bailey reserve. This project came about when local mums in Clarence Gardens, including the irreplaceable Dana Bell, banded together to secure this funding. I was doorknocking in the area in the weeks and months beforehand and local parents raised with me the condition of the play facilities in the area and the kinds of things that they would like to see.

I suppose it was only natural that someone would come up with an idea as part of the Fund My Neighbourhood round to put forward a proposal for a Nature Play playground, but there was no sort of club or organisation that they linked with; they just did it themselves as local neighbourhood residents. They did all the hard yards to put together a proposal, to go and doorknock and to persuade people in the community that this was worth support. They did such a fantastic job that they managed to secure the funding. That is what the Clarence Gardens mums did and, for their effort, they now have a beautiful new Nature Play playground for themselves, for their children and for families throughout our area.

In the time remaining, I would just like to make mention of a few more little projects—not a lot of dollars in these ones, but they made a lot of difference to the people who were involved. I worked with the Army Museum of South Australia, based at the Keswick Barracks, to secure \$8,000 for the restoration of a World War I 18-pounder gun. I am certainly no military boffin, but this piece of kit is a beauty. Best of all, it gives us all, including the little ones who visit the museum, an idea of the trials of World War I. It is a huge gun that would have been pulled along by a number of horses in a war.

If you think about the World War I conditions—the mud and the weather that the gun would have been pulled through, and the effort that goes into loading and firing it—I think it gives you a really good insight into the difficulty of warfare at that time and place and what our fellow Australians went through in the early part of the century in order to defend our nation, our values and our way of life, all the way over in Europe. It now sits in pride of place at the entry of the museum. I really encourage members to visit it themselves, or indeed to encourage their schools or local communities to visit, because it is well worth a trip there. There is also a new display about Peter Badcoe VC, after whom my seat is named, and that is well worth a look as well.

Another small but worthwhile project was getting two air conditioners for the Ascot Park Active Elders group. That may not sound like much, but the shed where the op shop is (it is filled with some amazing second-hand goodies) is boiling hot in summer. Volunteers, some of whom are quite elderly, were working in those conditions in order to sell a few trinkets and make sure that they can run their club, which provides recreational and social opportunities for older people in our community.

I was delighted that the former Labor government, Jay Weatherill in particular, contributed those two air conditioners that enable this group to fund its great work with local people in our community. That investment came after an earlier investment in solar panels for that organisation, which was awarded before I came on the scene. Those panels make the supply of electricity and the running of the air conditioners so much more affordable for them.

As this government plainly has no ideas for the state, let alone Badcoe, I hope that my detailing of the variety of great work in our area that has been delivered over the past two years due to the investment decisions of the former Labor government provides some instruction and even inspiration to those opposite about what can be achieved. It simply is not good enough to take office and then fail to deliver. It is not good enough to stand still, and it certainly is not good enough to break the promises that you have made to South Australians, no matter which electorate they live in.

**The Hon. V.A. CHAPMAN:** Deputy Speaker, I draw your attention to the state of the house.

*A quorum having been formed:*

Debate adjourned on motion of Dr Harvey.



*Bills***EVIDENCE (REPORTING ON SEXUAL OFFENCES) AMENDMENT BILL***Final Stages*

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

No. 1. Clause 4, page 2, after line 16—Insert:

(2a) Section 71A—after subsection (2) insert:

(2a) A police officer or any other person acting in a public official capacity who is responsible for conducting the criminal investigation in respect of a person who has been, or is about to be, charged with a sexual offence must, before the relevant time, ensure that all reasonable efforts are made to notify the victim about the expiry of the prohibition applying in respect of publication of the accused person's identity under subsection (2).

At 17:55 the house adjourned until Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 11:00.